

eleven:eleven, downtown

december 10 • 2023



gathering and registration

please register your attendance on the cards in your seats or scan the **qr code**. cards may be left in the seat or brought with your offering during the gathering song.

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gathering song

“unpack your heart”

by phillip phillips

performed by eleven:eleven revolution band

the advent candle

read by deandrea dare

gift of song

“angels we have heard on high”

trad hymn (adapted)

performed by eleven:eleven revolution band

sharing signs of peace and welcome

gift of song & story

“christmas blues”

by dean martin

performed by eleven:eleven revolution band

gift of story

by tom mcdermott

performed by actress, comedienne winn larue

gift of story

read by john mark taylor

mark 1: 1-8 (the message)

watch closely: i'm sending my preacher ahead of you;

he'll make the road smooth for you.

like thunder in the desert!

prepare the way of god!

so john the baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a

baptism of life... people thronged to him and were

baptized by him in the jordan river into a changed life.

he wore a camel-hair robe, tied at the waist with a long strip of leather, and ate locusts and field honey for food.

and he preached, “the real action comes next: the star in this drama. i'm a mere stagehand. he will change your life. i'm baptizing you here in the river. his baptism - by the holy spirit - will change you from the inside out.”

kairos

rev. deandrea dare

gift of story

tom mcdermott

“finding wild paths through uncertainty”

gift of song

“born to be wild”

by steppenwolf

performed by tom mcdermott, the eleven:eleven revolution band,
and special guests

benediction

let's make good news as riveting as bad.

pay attention!

be astonished!

tell the world about it!

thoughts for further reflection

*god ripened me. so i see it is true: all objects in existence are
wildly in love. - meister eckhart*

if you want to become full, let yourself be empty. - lao tzu

*one does not discover new lands without consenting
to lose sight, for a very long time, of the shore. - andre
lourde*

*to sit down, like a weed among weeds, and rustle in the
wind! listen, are you breathing just a little,
and calling it a life? - mary oliver*

the eleven:eleven revolution band is...

- brad thompson - music/band leader, vocalist, guitarist •
- justin pate - keyboard, vocalist • jon mosig - drums •
- kevin grove - lead guitar • lee allen - bass, vocals •
- alaina gunter - vocals

FSMM needs **CANNED FOODS** this month.

Food insecurity is a frightening reality for many families in our community. Donations may be left in the collection box in Wesley Hall on Sundays.



If you would like to make a donation for groceries, emergency rent and utility funding, please designate "First Street Methodist Mission" on your check/online giving or contact Bernie Scheffler, Director bscheffler@firststreetmission.org



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subscribe to tom's blog:
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"there's an app for that!"

on the apple/android app store for phone or tablet



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First Church

opportunities and small groups



Pick up a box at the back table and fill it for **local first responders** to say, "Thank You." Leave boxes in Wesley Hall Sun thru Dec 17, 9 am-12 pm

wine and wishful thinking

tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm

- in-person @ winehaus

[Winehaus 1628 Park Pl Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76110](#)

wine, beer, light bites, and great conversation

contact tom for info: tmcdermott@myfumc.org

Happening soon!

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Dec 17 Winter Solstice/Pre-Christmas Eve Celebration!
(special guests: Hillary Tipps, brass and others)

Dec 24 (no eleven:eleven) Merry Christmas!
Please join us at one of the Christmas Eve services
in the Sanctuary

Dec 31 (no eleven:eleven)
One All-Church Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Other First Church Happenings!

Polar Express Party & Prayer Bear Drive

Dec 13, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Cocoa, movie & special guest.

Blessing Our First Responders

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sanctuary at Noon, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm
Light refreshments in Wesley Hall before services

For Details, & All Upcoming
Opportunities & Events, Scan Code
or <https://fumcfw.org/events/>

