

WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth — we are glad you're here to worship with us today!

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Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able.

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate for the month of December will support the First Street Mission food bank.

The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Smith.

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ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your Worship Plus One, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the First Church groups or ministries of special interest to you! Finding your Worship Plus One will help you meet others, build relationships, and grow stronger in your faith.

For details, please email Angie Parish (aparish@myfumc.org), Director of Welcoming Ministries or Dr. Mike Marshall (mmarshall@myfumc.org), Associate Pastor of Leadership Development — and be sure to include your phone number in your email!

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Traditional Worship Service
December 24, 2023 | 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 pm

“I Can’t Wait”

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Pre Service Music

DFW Brass (7:00 and 9:00)
Peggy Graff, organist (7:00, 9:00, 11:00)
Taylor White, trumpet (11:00)

Welcome

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (7:00)
Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, Associate Pastor (9:00, 11:00)

*Call to Worship

Rev. Samuel Macias, Associate Pastor (7:00)
Rev. Tom McDermott, Associate Pastor (9:00)
One: Welcome to a celebration like no other!
All: Our wait is over!
One: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!
All: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift.
One: Rejoice, the Good News is here!
All: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.

*Hymn 234: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verses 1, 3, 6)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Matt Britt, Director of Youth Ministries (11:00)

*Hymn 240: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Announcements

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor (7:00)
Rev. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor (9:00, 11:00)

Offertory: “Come and See the Child” (7:00)

Greg Gilpin, arranger
Cornerstone Youth Choir, alumni, and parents
Mark Burrows, director

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (9:00)

Robert Lau, arranger
Choral Union
Thomas Williams, director

“O Holy Night” (11:00)

Adolphe Adam, composer
Andy Zapata, soloist

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.



Sermon

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor (7:00 & 9:00)
Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor (11:00)

Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. *(Matthew 6:9-13)*
Serving the Bread and Cup

Congregational Carols During Communion
Almost There, Cornerstone Youth Choir (7:00)
Heather Sorensen, arranger
219 What Child Is This (verses 1 and 3)
230 O Little Town of Bethlehem
217 Away in a Manger

To light your candle, please hold it horizontally so that a vertically held lit candle can light yours. (Lit candles should always be held upright.) Candles will be extinguished before the benediction.

*Hymn 239: Silent Night

*Benediction
One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what will we do?
All: We will go out to be God’s people in the world.
One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Hymn 246: “Joy to the World” (11:00)

*Postlude: “Silent Night” reprise (7:00 9:00)
“Joy to the World” reprise (11:00)

DFW Brass

Trumpets: Lacey Phelps, Karl Sievers, Taylor White
Horn: Sarah Wilkinson
Trombone: Natalie Mannix
Tuba: Kevin Butler
Percussion: Jazper Saldana

