



DECK THE HALLS

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we prepare our church for the Christmas season! Let's bring the holiday spirit into our sacred space together! Light bites and warm hot chocolate will be served to keep us energized.

Sunday, November 24
12:30 – 4:00 pm | Wesley Hall



TEXAS WESLEYAN CHORALE CONCERT

PRESENTS

Unity in Harmony




Tuesday, December 3 | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary | Free



Fill your box with goodies and deliver them to your neighborhood first responders.

The boxes can be picked up beginning December 1 in Wesley Hall, Children's Wing, and Welcome Center until they are gone. Get your boxes early!

Blessing our First Responders

Youth CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday, December 8 | 5:30 pm | Justin Youth Building

UMW DECEMBER LUNCHEON

THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS




Tuesday, December 3 | 11:30 am | Wesley Hall | \$20

FORT WORTH CHORALE CHRISTMAS Concert



Sunday, December 8 | 3:30 – 4:30 pm | Sanctuary



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Praise the Lord

SERMON SERIES

Traditional Worship Service
November 24, 2024 | 11:00 am

“Praise the Lord!”

Ezekiel 34:11-15

Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD,
Associate Pastor preaching

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Organ Voluntary: “We Gather Together”

Mary McDonald, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

Welcome

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

Choral Call to Worship: Salmo 150 (Psalm 150)

Ernani Aguiar, arranger
Adoramus Chamber Choir
Alison Haygood, director

*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship God and rejoice!
All: We have come to praise God for God’s steadfast love!
One: Let us bring the gift of praise and thanksgiving to God!
Sung response: Praise, praise God’s Holy name.
One: Let our praise be great!
All: Let our love of God be known to all!
One: Let us bring the gift of praise and thanksgiving to God!
Sung response: Praise, praise God’s Holy name.
One: AMEN!
All: AMEN!

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn 102: “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Affirmation of Faith 881

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic^o church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**
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*Gloria Patri 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**
Amen.

**Please be seated

Faith Like a Child

“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

*Hymn 131: “We Gather Together”

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-15

Aly Layman, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Praise the Lord!

Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

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)*

Offertory: “I Will Give Thanks”

Craig Courtney, arranger

*Doxology 95

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*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.

*Congregational Benediction: “To God Be The Glory”

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

*Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert, composer

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

Please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad as it
comes by or registering on-line,

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 November will support the First
Street Methodist Mission rental and utility assistance.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of George Ann
Carter Bahan, Amon G. Carter, Jr., George Riley Carter, and Mr. & Mrs.
George R. Brown, Jr by the family of George Ann Carter Bahan.

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