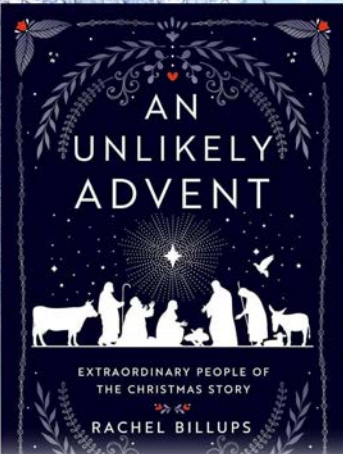




MONDAY MUSERS
ADVENT
Study



Mondays | December 2 – 23 | 1:00 pm | Room 350 | \$12 for the book

FORT WORTH CHORALE
CHRISTMAS
Concert



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

TEXAS WESLEYAN
CHORALE CONCERT
PRESENTS

*Unity
in
Harmony*




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

Youth
CHRISTMAS
PARTY



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

WESLEYAN
ADVENTURERS

THE *Gift* OF
CHRISTMAS
FEATURING
THE LIVING NATIVITY



Saturday, December 7 | \$70 | Prestonwood Church in Plano



**POLAR
EXPRESS
PARTY**



Wednesday, December 11 | 5:30 pm | Wesley Hall | Prayer Bear Drive



STABLE
INFLUENCE

Traditional Worship Service
December 1, 2024 | 11:00 am

“Stable Influence”

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Voluntary: “What Child is This”

John Benke, arranger
Fifth Street Bells
Thomas Williams, director

Welcome

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

Advent Wreath Lighting

Choral Call: O come, O come Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer

Choral response: Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel

***Call to Worship**

One: Are you waiting for God’s promises to be fulfilled?
All: We are ready to welcome the One who comes to save.
One: From prophets who spoke words of truth, to humble shepherds who shared the good news, God has worked through ordinary people.
All: In faith, they prepared the way for Emmanuel, God with us!
One: We, too, are invited to play our part in the quiet of the stable and the chaos of the world.
All: We are here. We are waiting. Amen.

***Hymn 196: “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

***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° church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
°universal

***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.

****Please be seated**

Sacrament of Baptism

Meredith Claire Wheeler, daughter of Kathryn and Barrett Wheeler
Baptismal Hymn 191: “Jesus Loves Me” (vs. 1)

Congregational Response

With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Meredith Claire, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Faith Like a Child

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

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Kevin Walters, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Stable Influence

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Hymnal pages 12-13

Offertory: “How Quietly”

Joel Raney, arranger
Fifth Street Bells and Choral Union

***Doxology 95**

***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: “Love Has Come”**

***Postlude: “Prepare the Way”**

James Mansfield
Peggy Graff, organ

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 December will support the First Street Methodist 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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