



**STABLE
INFLUENCE**

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Services*



Tuesday, December 24
Sanctuary

**Noon
Candlelight Service**
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**Family
Candlelight Services**
3:30 & 5:00 pm | Sanctuary

**Traditional
Candlelight Services**
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm | Sanctuary

**Come experience the familiar
sounds of the holidays with the
Concert Bells of Fort Worth.**

Take a moment to escape the holiday rush, breathe, and enjoy the serenity of A Little Night Music. Let the music lift your spirit and fill your heart with the warmth of the season.



“A Little Night Music”
Sunday, December 15 | 4:00 pm | Sanctuary
Free | Love Offering



Sign up to serve our family and friends on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Volunteers
Tuesday, December 24
10:30 am – 11:30 pm





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Tuesday, January 7 | 11:30 am | Wesley Hall | \$20

*Service of
Remembrance*



Sunday, December 15 | 6:00 pm | Chapel | Led by Rev. Phyllis Barren

WESLEYAN
ADVENTURERS

MOVIE DAY
..... featuring
**SOMEWHERE
IN TIME**




Thursday, January 9 | 10:30 am | Wesley Hall



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Traditional Worship Service
December 15, 2024 | 11:00 am

“Stable Influence”

Luke 1:46-55

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Organ Voluntary: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Dan Miller, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

Welcome

Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor

*Call to Worship

“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries
One: Are you waiting for God’s greatest gift?
All: We are here, ready to welcome Jesus!
One: God chose Mary to be His mother—to love, care for, and guide Jesus. Being a parent is not an easy job, but Mary did it with love and faith.
All: We will love and care for others, just like Mary did!
One: Let’s open our hearts to love others and share God’s joy with the world.
All: We are here. We are waiting. We are loving. Amen.

Children’s Pageant

Part 1 - Jesus is Born
#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem, verse 1

Part 2 - The Angels Announce the Good News
#240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, verse 1

Part 3 - The Shepherds and Sheep Run to the Manger
#234 O Come All Ye Faithful, verse 1

Part 4 - A Visit from the Wise Men
#254 We Three Kings, verse 1

Part 5 - Savior of the World
#217 Away in a Manger, verse 1

Advent Wreath Lighting

All sing: O come, O come Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.
Liturgy:Vigness family
Prayer
All sing: Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

*Hymn 220: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

Jeanne Cochran, 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

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: “Lo, How a Rose”

Mark Hayes, arranger
Katie Dupre, flute; Wendy Jenkins, piano

*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: “Love has Come”

Love has come, a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.
Hear how their song of joy a-rises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

*Postlude: Toccata on “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Jason D. Payne, arranger

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.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in memory of Gaye Fuller by Mary Fuller.

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