



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



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




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

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



**UMW
SERVICE
ACTIVITY**



FRIENDS BREAKFAST CASSEROLES



Saturday, January 11 | 9:00 am | Wesley Hall



**UMW
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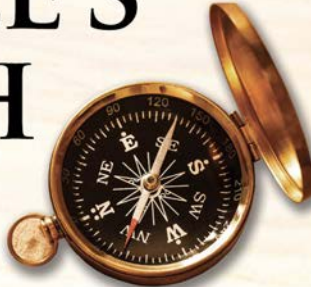
FIRM FOUNDATION
THE HISTORY OF VICTORIAN UNDERPINNINGS




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

**A
DISCIPLE'S
PATH**

A GUIDE FOR
UNITED METHODISTS




Sundays | January 12 – 26 | Joining Day | February 2 | 9:30 – 11:30 am | Room 350



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Traditional Worship Service
December 22, 2024 | 11:00 am

“Stable Influence”

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Organ Voluntary: “Sussex Carol”
Dale Wood, arranger
Laura Logan Brandenburg, harp
Peggy Graff, organ

Welcome
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Advent Wreath Lighting
All sing: O come, O come Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.
Liturgy- Shevin and Machalik family
Prayer
All sing: Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor
One: Are you waiting for God’s promises to be fulfilled? Are you watching?
All: We are here, ready to enter the presence of the King.
One: The Magi saw the star and began their journey, trusting in God’s guidance, even before they knew where it would lead.
All: We, too, are called to follow God’s light, even when the way is unclear.
One: The Magi prepared their hearts and gifts for the newborn King.
All: We are here. We are waiting. We are following the light that leads to Christ. Amen.

***Hymn 213: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

***Affirmation of Faith 881**
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**

Anthem: “Away in a Manger”
Neil Harmon arranger
Adoramus Chamber Choir
Alison Haygood, Director
Laura Logan Brandenburg, harp; Elise Belk, oboe

Sacrament of Baptism
Sofia Carolina Coronado daughter of Victoria and Jason Coronado

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 Sofia Carolina, 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

Anthem: “How Far is it to Bethlehem?”
Stephen Paulus arranger

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Thane Arther, 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

Offertory: “The Holly and the Ivy”
Stephen Paulus, arranger

***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”**
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 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**
Gilbert M. Martin, 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.

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