

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 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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ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your place, your community, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the First Church groups or ministries of special interest to you! Finding your community 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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I N F L U E N C E

Traditional Worship Service
December 24, 2024 | 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm

“Christmas Eve”

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander
preaching at 11:00

Pre Service Music (7:00, 9:00)

DFW Brass
Peggy Graff, organist

Welcome

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

Choral Introit: “Carol of the Bells” (7:00)

Willhouski, arranger
Cornerstone Youth Choir, alumni, and parents
Mark Burrows, director

Organ and Trumpet Voluntary: “Bring a Torch” (11:00)

Lani Smith, arranger
Taylor White, trumpet
Peggy Graff, organ

Advent Wreath Lighting

Rev. Tom McDermott, Associate Pastor (7:00)
Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor (9:00)
Matt Britt, Youth Ministries Director (11:00)
All sing: 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!

*Call to Worship

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (7:00)
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)

Announcements

Offertory: “Almost There” (7:00)

Heather Sorenson, arranger

“How Quietly” (9:00)

Joel Raney, arranger
Choral Union
Thomas Williams, director

“But Who May Abide” (from Messiah)(11:00)

G.F. Handel, arranger
Jayme Vaughn-Linebarger, mezzo soprano



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

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. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (11:00)

Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

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

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”, Peggy Graff, organ (11:00)
219 What Child Is This (verses 1 and 3)
217 Away in a Manger
245 The First Noel

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

DFW Brass

Lacey Phelps, Adam Miller, Taylor White, Trumpets
Heather Suchodolski, Horn
Steven Peterson, Trombone
Carl Kleinsteuber, Tuba
Jaime Esposito, Percussion

