



*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



Confirmation
**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



Sunday, December 15 | 9:30 am | Justin Youth Building

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





INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR
**COSTA RICA
MISSION TRIP**



Sunday, December 15 | 12:15 pm | Room 350



**POLAR
EXPRESS
PARTY**



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

*Service of
Remembrance*



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



STABLE
INFLUENCE

Traditional Worship Service
December 8, 2024 | 11:00 am

“Stable Influence”

Matthew 1: 18-25

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Organ Voluntary: “Veni Emmanuel” (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)
Aaron David Miller, 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-Brandon family
Prayer
All sing: Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel.

***Call to Worship**
One: One: Are you waiting for God’s promises to be fulfilled? Are you listening?
All: We are ready to welcome the One who comes to save.
One: God called Joseph to protect and provide for the Christ-child, to step into his role with faith and courage despite his doubts.
All: In faith, he trusted and obeyed.
One: We are invited to follow his example, to walk in courage and trust, and to say “yes” to God’s call in our own lives.
All: We are here. We are waiting. We are listening. Amen.

***Hymn 234: “O Come, All Ye Faithful Vs. 1, 2,& 3**

***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**
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

Choral Anthem: “Journey into Light”
Taylor Scott Davis, arranger
Choral Union
Thomas Williams, director

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 NRSVUE
Joseph Councilman, 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: “Angels Watching Over Me”
Joel Raney, 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: “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: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”**
David Cherwien, arranger

Musicians
Strings-Ciara Hager, Sara Lam, Wanlin Cui, Esther Seitz
Flute-Pam Adams Horn-Jacquelyn Adams
Harp-Laura Brandenburg
Percussion- Bill Klymus

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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