

Unexpected
Advent 2025




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A MEMORY
grows
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Monday, December 1 | 3:30 – 9:30 pm | The Brooks at Weatherford | Registration Required


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MATT RAWLE




THE GIFT OF THE NUTCRACKER
MONDAY MUSERS
ADVENT STUDY



Mondays, December 1 – 22 | 1:00 pm | Room 350 | \$14



Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch
ORGAN RECITAL



Monday, December 1 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary | Free Admission




Sunday, December 7 | 5:30 pm | Justin Youth Building

Traditional Worship Service
November 30, 2025 | 11:00 am

Unexpected

Matthew 11:29, Philippians 2:6-8

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Welcome

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

Musical Voluntary: “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Kevin McChesney, arranger
Fifth Street Bells and orchestra
Bradley Naylor, directing

*Call to Worship

One: We come, expecting grandeur -

All: and find God wrapped in gentleness.

One: We come seeking power and control -

All: and find a Savior who kneels to serve.

One: In the stillness of humility, hope takes root.

All: Christ, our unexpected King, reign in compassion and peace. Amen.

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

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Congregational Response

**We are called to ponder mystery
and awaiting the coming Christ,
to embody God’s compassion for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing, to bring healing to the earth,
while we watch with joy and wonder
for the promised Savior’s birth.**

*Affirmation of Faith 881

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

*Gloria Patri 70

Sacrament of Baptism

Colt Douglas Switzer, son of Emily and Stephen Switzer

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 Colt Douglas, 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

*Hymn 204: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” sing twice

Scripture: Matthew 11:29, Philippians 2:6-8

Kim Bird, lay reader

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Unexpected

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory: “Lo, How a Rose”

Cathy Moglebust, 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 is born! Come share in the wonder.

Love is God now asleep in the hay.

See the glow in the eyes of His mother.

What is the name her heart is saying?

Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.

Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

*Postlude: Postlude on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

Johann Gottfried Walther, arranger

Peggy Graff, organist

Why Blue for Advent?

During Advent, we use blue, a color drawn from one of the oldest Christian traditions. Blue carries the quiet depth of waiting—the shimmer beneath the surface that hints at light not yet revealed. It distinguishes Advent from Lent’s purple, shifting our focus from penitence to expectant hope. As we look deeper for the ways Christ’s light breaks open our world from within, blue reminds us that God’s promises often begin in places small, subtle, and quietly radiant.

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 online.

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 November will support the infant formula program at First Street Methodist Mission.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of George Ann Carter Bahan, Amon G. Carter, Jr., George Riley Carter, and Mrs. George R. Brown, Jr., by the family of George Ann Carter Bahan.

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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