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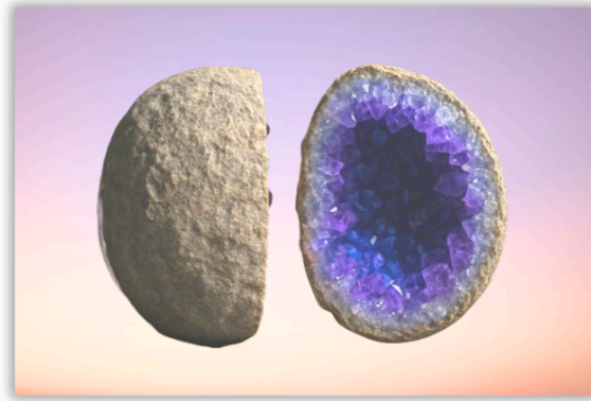
# Eleven:Eleven

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### Arrival Song

### My Favorite Things

Music & Lyrics: The Sound Of Music  
Oscar Hammerstein II & Richard Rogers

### Welcome Candle (Rumi)

### Margaret Sutton

### Gathering Song

### Joy to the World

Music & Lyrics: George Fredrick Handel, Isaac Watts

### Sharing Signs of Peace and Welcome

### Lighting the Advent Candle

### Wes Stevens and

The Candle of Peace

Kelly Reeves

Today we light the Candle of Joy. True joy lives beneath sorrow, waiting to be revealed in love. The world may overlook what is precious— the unnoticed, the broken, the cast aside— yet within every crack of pain glows the shimmer of sacred joy. It is joy born in rejection, joy that blooms in the depths, joy that no darkness can contain. Spirit of Joy, shine within us— turn our mourning to wonder, and our wounds into wells of praise.

### Gift of Song

### There's Still My Joy

Music & Lyrics: M. Manchester, M. Rollings, & B. Nielsen Chapman

### Kairos

### Sacred Text

### George Sutton

Isaiah 53:1-3( NRSVUE)

Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

### Observations and Considerations

### Kagan Parker

Unexpected Pt. 3 Rejected

### Closing Song

### Here Comes The Sun

Music & Lyrics: George Harrison | The Beatles

### Benediction

### Kagan Parker

### The Eleven:Eleven Revolution Band Is

Brad Thompson - Music/Band Leader, Vocalist, Guitarist

Justin Pate - Keyboard, Vocalist | Jon Mosig - Drums

Kevin Grove - Lead Guitar | Lee Allen - Bass, Vocals

Alaina Gunter - Vocalist | Lydia Smith-Osborne - Vocalist

### For info about Eleven:Eleven

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## Thoughts for Future Reflection

“Joy is a form of suffering, too. Joy is a sort of elevated feeling that fully understands the nature of what it is to be human. We are creatures of loss. That is what we are. Joy is the momentary leap that we make beyond that.”

— Nick Cave

“In each of us, there is an innate ability to create joy out of suffering, to find hope in the most hopeless of situations, and to heal any relationship in need of healing.”

— Desmond Tutu

“Joy is a mystery because it can happen anywhere, anytime, even under the most unpromising circumstances, even in the midst of suffering, with tears in its eyes.”

— Frederick Buechner

“Authentic joy is not a euphoric state or a feeling of being high. Rather, it is a state of appreciation that allows us to participate fully in our lives.”

— Pema Chödrön

### Opportunities and Small Groups

#### Conspiracy Opportunities

#### Core Practice: Tell the Bigger Sacred Story

#### Gather as One Church on December 28

##### No Eleven:eleven in the Garden on Dec. 28

Join us at the main campus, 800 W. 5th Street, FW

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services December 24

Noon Candlelight Service Noon- 1:00

Family Candlelight Services 3:30 and 5:00

Traditional Candlelight Services 7, 9, and 11:00

#### Wine and Wishful Thinking & Book Club: Folded Pages

... resume in 2026! Enjoy the busy-ness of the season

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### Core Practice: Show Up for Others

**Thanks to your giving,** our ministries continue illuminating our service in this community. Your generosity keeps our mission moving — from local outreach to global partnerships.

#### You guys are the Best!

Thank you for your wonderful response for Christmas decorations! They evoke delight and wonder every week. Feel free to take any with you following next week's (Dec. 21) gathering or email Kagan [kparker@myfumc.org](mailto:kparker@myfumc.org) for other arrangements.

**First Street Methodist Mission** needs **Blankets** this month. December brings the Red Bag Scavenger Hunt for **Canned Goods** to help with food insecurity. **Men's shoes**, especially sizes 9-12 are always appreciated. Gently used items are accepted. Leave donations in the bin on Refreshment Table.

#### Care Team is Ready to Support Our Community

We're excited to implement a way to support each other through life's surprises and stay in touch with those unable to be with us in the Garden. Send requests for Care Team support to [kparker@myfumc.org](mailto:kparker@myfumc.org).