

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



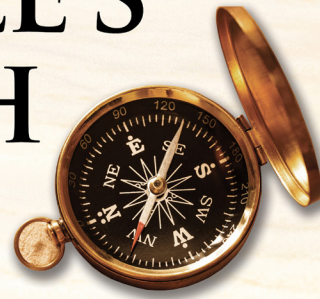
Wednesday, December 24
Sanctuary

Family
Candlelight Services
3:30 & 5:00 pm

Traditional
Candlelight Services
Noon, 7:00 & 11:00 pm

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

A GUIDE FOR
UNITED METHODISTS



Sundays | January 11 – 25 | Joining Day | February 8 | 9:30 am | Room 350

Sign up to serve our family and friends
on Christmas Eve as we celebrate
the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Volunteers
Wednesday, December 24
11:30 am – 11:30 pm



SAFE TO SHORE

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REVOLUTION WEEKEND



January 23 – 25 | Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center | \$200

UMW JANUARY LUNCHEON

THE UNITED METHODIST CHAUTAUQUA MOVEMENT



Tuesday, January 6 | 11:30 am | Wesley Hall | \$20 | Register by noon on December 30

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MOVIE DAY

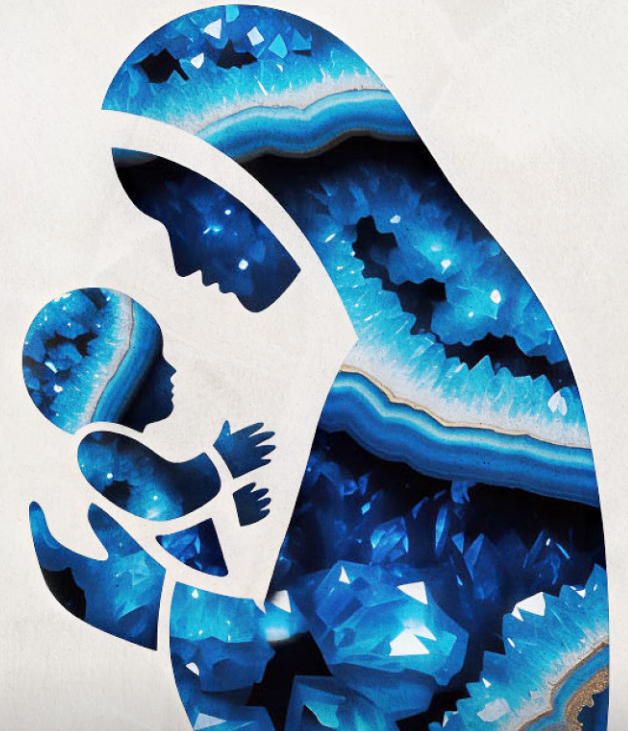
featuring

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL



Mondays, July 26 – August 30 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm | Room 333

Unexpected Advent 2025



Traditional Worship Service
December 21, 2025 | 11:00 am

Unexpected

Revelation 11:15 and Isaiah 9:7

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

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Welcome

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

Choral Voluntary: “Patapan” (A Christmas Carol)

Reginald Jacques, arranger

Flute: Katie Dupree, Drum: Zach Haygood, Piano: Peggy Graff

Adoramus Chamber Choir

Allison Haygood, director

*Call to Worship

One: The heavens declare: the Kingdom has come!

All: And earth responds: love reigns forever.

One: What began in hidden places now blazes with glory.

All: The child in the manger is Lord of all creation.

One: From dust to starlight, we join the eternal song.

All: Christ, our Everlasting Light, shine through us without end.

Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn 220: “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Choral Response: “Love Came Down at Christmas”

Edwin Fissinger, arranger

*Affirmation of Faith 881

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor

*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.

Faith Like a Child

“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

*Hymn: “Hark! The Sound of Angel-Voices”

Sung to “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1 Hark! the sound of angel-voices

Over Bethlehem, starlit plain;

Hark! the heavenly host rejoices,

Jesus comes to earth to reign.

See celestial radiance beaming,

Lighting up the midnight sky;

‘Tis the promised daystar gleaming,

‘Tis the day-spring from on high,

2 Westward, all along the ages,

Trace its pathway clear and bright;

Star of hope to eastern sages,

Radiant now with Gospel light.

Angels from the realms of glory,

Peace on earth, delight to sing,

Christian, tell the wondrous story,

Go, proclaim the Savior King!

Scripture: Revelation 11:15 and Isaiah 9:7

Jeanne Cochran, 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

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: “Adeste Fideles” (O Come, All Ye Faithful)

Norman Luboff, 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 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: “People, Look East!”

Kristina Langlois, 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 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 December will support the food bank at First Street Methodist Mission.

The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Smith.

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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