

WELCOME

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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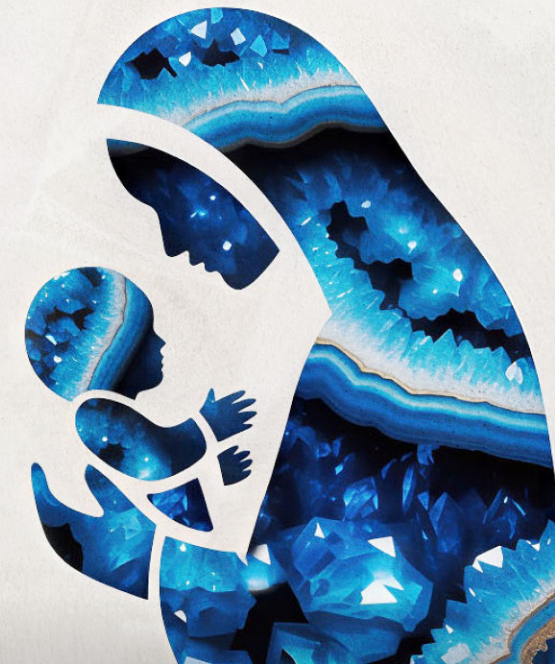
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Unexpected

Advent 2025



Traditional Service
December 24, 2025 | 11:00 pm

“Christmas Eve”

Lessons and Carols

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jenn Pick, Associate Pastor. preaching

Pre Service Music

Peggy Graff, organist

Welcome

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Voluntary: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Piano Guys, arranger

Peggy Graff, organ

Nathan Hoang, cello

*Call to Worship

One: Can one night make a difference?

All: Yes, a thousand times yes!

One: Can one star make a difference?

All: Yes, a thousand times yes!

One: Can the birth of one child change the world?

All: Yes, a thousand times yes!

One: Can one candle shining in the darkness provide hope?

All: Yes, a thousand times yes!

One: As hope gives way to joy, as we sing down the stars, as dawn invades midnight, as we light candles and sing and pray, as our souls are ignited by the presence of God-with-us... Can one candle light our path?

All: Yes, a thousand times yes! We come seeking Light from Light Eternal! We come to witness the light!

*Hymn 234: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verses 1-3)

Advent Wreath Lighting

Thomas Williams, staff

Sung Response

We are called to ponder mystery and await the coming of 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.

A Light is Coming: Genesis 1:1-5, John 1:1-5, 9, 14

Hymn 234: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verses 5-6)

The Light is Announced: Luke 1:26-33

Elaine Johnson, staff

Hymn 230: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 1-3)

Light Dawns: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn 217: “Away in a Manger”

A Light to the Shepherds: Luke 2:9-18

*Hymn 240: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Announcements

Offertory: “What Child is This”

The Piano Guys, arranger

Light Shines in the Darkness: Isaiah 9:2, 6, 1 John 1:1-7

Rev. Dr. Jenn Pick, Associate Pastor

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation: Bearers of the Light

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

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

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Hymn 246: ”Joy to the World”

*Postlude: “Joy to the World”

setting by Paul Fey

Peggy Graff, organ