

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 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.

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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Unexpected

Advent 2025



Traditional Worship Service
December 24, 2025 | Noon, 7:00, & 9:00 pm

“Christmas Eve”

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Pre-Service Music

DFW Brass (7:00 and 9:00)
Peggy Graff, organ (all)

Welcome

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor (Noon, 9:00)
Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (7:00)

Handbell Introit: “Carol of the Bells” (Noon)

Jason Krug, arranger
Fifth Street Bells
Peggy Graff, piano
Thomas Williams, director

Choral Introit: “Carol of the Bells” (7:00)

Leontovych/Wilhousky, arrangers
Cornerstone Youth Choir, Parents, and Alumni
Mark Burrows, director

Choral Introit: “Lift Up Your Heads” (9:00)

Hal Hopson, arranger
Choral Union
Thomas Williams, director

*Call to Worship

One: The waiting is over—the mystery breaks open like dawn.
All: In the roughness of our world, God’s glory shimmers from within.
One: Not in palaces or power, but in a manger’s hush, Love takes flesh.
All: Come, Christ of wonder—be born again in us tonight.
One: Come to the weary, the watchful, the hopeful, the afraid.
All: We come to worship the Light that cannot be contained. Amen.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Kylie Campbell, Director of Youth Discipleship (Noon)
Rev. Dr. Jenn Pick, Associate Pastor (7:00)
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor (9:00)

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.**

Announcements

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (Noon, 9:00)
Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor (7:00)

Offertory: “Christmas Joy” (Noon)

Jason Krug, arranger

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo” from “Gloria” (7:00)

Antonio Vivaldi

“Sussex Carol” (9:00)

Dan Forrest, arranger

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor (Noon, 7:00, 9:00)

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

Congregational Carols During Communion

“**Almost There**” by Heather Sorenson, Cornerstone Youth Choir (7:00)

Julie Dean, pianist

“**Peace, Peace**” by Fred Bock, Choral Union (9:00)

219 What Child Is This (verses 1 and 3)

217 Away in a Manger

245 The First Noel

<p><i>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.</i></p>

*Hymn 239: Silent Night

*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.

*Postlude: Joy to the World (Noon)

Paul Fey, arranger

Stille Nacht (7:00, 9:00)

arr. Dennis C. Klopheus