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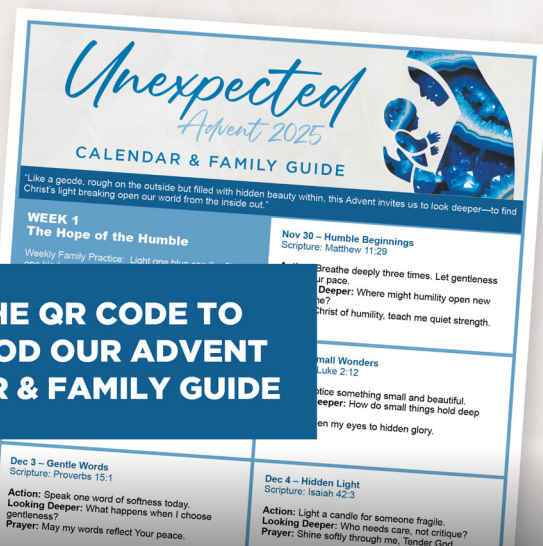
Advent 2025



Learn more about our Advent events at fumcfw.org/advent25.

POLAR EXPRESS PARTY

Wednesday, December 10 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Wesley Hall



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CALENDAR & FAMILY GUIDE



— WESLEYAN ADVENTURERS — CHRISTMAS AT MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER

Saturday, December 13 | \$70 | Meyerson Symphony Center



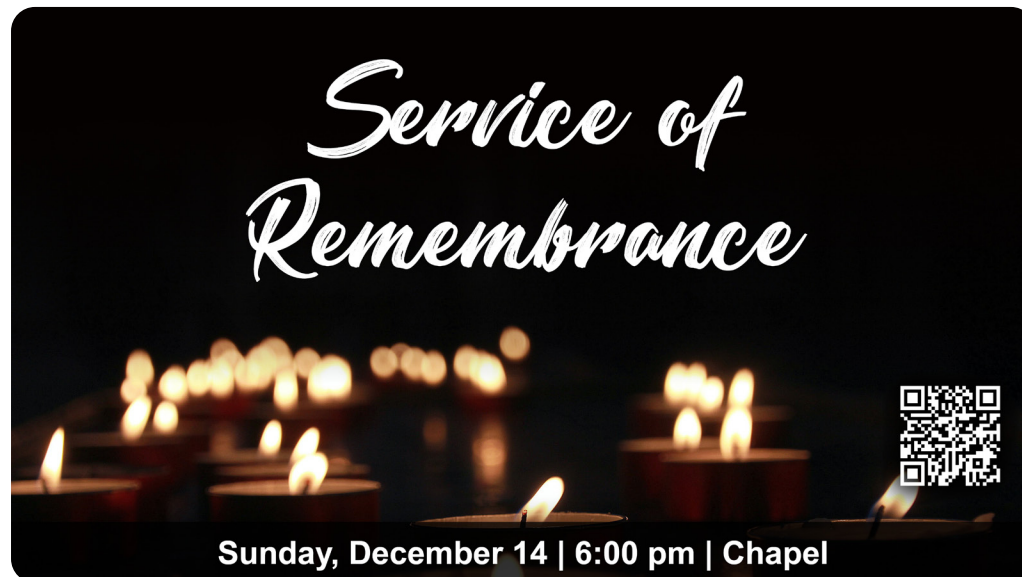
Sign up to serve our family and friends
on Christmas Eve as we celebrate
the birth of Christ.

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



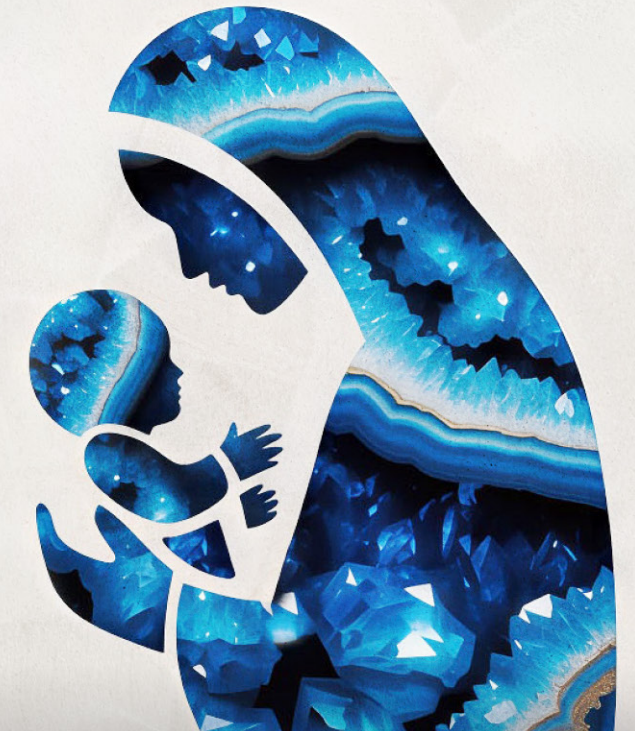
Service of Remembrance

Sunday, December 14 | 6:00 pm | Chapel



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Traditional Worship Service
December 7, 2025 | 11:00 am

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Mark 10:45 and Luke 22:27

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor



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Welcome

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

Choral Voluntary: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Dan Forrest, arranger

Choral Union

Wendy Jenkins and Peggy Graff, piano

Thomas Williams, director

*Call to Worship

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

One: The world teaches us to climb higher,

All: but Christ stoops lower in love.

One: The powerful grasp; the faithful give.

All: In serving, we glimpse the glory of God.

One: From the rough edges of the world, grace shines through.

All: Christ, our Servant King, make us vessels of peace. Amen.

*Hymn 238: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Affirmation of Faith 881

Rev. Jenn Pick, Associate Pastor

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic^o church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*Gloria Patri 70

Advent Wreath Lighting

Congregational 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.

Faith Like a Child

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

Scripture: Mark 10:45 and Luke 22:27

Thane Arther, 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

Service of Holy Communion

Hymnal pages 12-13

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Serving the Bread and Cup: “Night of Silence”, “Away in a Manger”

Offertory: “Sussex Carol”

Dan Forrest, 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 “Gloria”

Jason D. Payne, arranger

Peggy Graff, organ

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 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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