## Wellspring Contemporary Worship

# THE LIGHT SHINES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE December 24 2023 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

#### SharingTheHeart.org/Wellspring

#### INFORMATION

- Information Center in main foyer
- Nursery 1st floor south end of the building
- Children 2nd floor south end of building
- Refreshments in the Dyer hallways
- Elevator south end of the building
- Youth across the street at The Hub
- **Restrooms** in main foyer & Children's lobby
- Shuttle bus for remote parking

#### Follow us on social media @WellspringFUMC



#### Welcome to Wellspring!

Christmas Eve is often a busy day with last-minute things being bought, food being prepared, and the final gifts getting wrapped. Amid the excitement and preparation, we're grateful you have taken time to worship with us this Christmas. Welcome to Wellspring!

If you're new you may be wondering what we are all about. Our passion is simple – we love Jesus, and we love people! Our hope is that each person who enters our doors will find their unique purpose to fulfill on this earth while building relationships within the heart of our church family.

We want to make it clear that we are not ones who have the Bible perfectly "right" nor do we offer the five easy steps to a completely satisfying life. We are, however, drawn to the person of Jesus and how He lived. We are building a community that collectively seeks to follow Jesus' way of love and life.

At times we will get it right and sometimes we will fail, but we are hoping and trusting that the Wellspring community and the church will seed something beautiful and life-giving in the world. As we celebrate this season, we hope that the real, lasting, and life-changing things of Christmas will illuminate your heart and life.

Again, we're glad you are here! If you are new, please feel free to look around, ask questions, be yourself, and let us know if there is anything we can do to make your experience most memorable. Be sure to meet some of the great people here at Wellspring, and we look forward to *living well* alongside you. Merry Christmas!

#### First United Methodist Church 315 N. Church St., McKinney, TX 75069 972-562-8556

## Sermon: Glory Shone Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon Notes



Stay up to date with Wellspring events, news, resources, and more. Scan the QR code to the left with your smart phone and click on the link that appears on your phone screen. Provide your name and email and you're all set. You may also visit us online at **www.sharingtheheart.org/wellspring** to sign up.

"Like" our Facebook page and be sure to check-in online! For every new like and check-in we receive we will supply three meals to hungry kids! That's right, your simple check-in helps spread the word about Wellspring AND feeds kids. This is a simple click of the button that can have a big impact. You can scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone camera to be taken to our Facebook page.



Wellspring Pastor Rev. Dr. Abe Smith asmith@sharingtheheart.org Worship Leader Rev. Macie Liptoi mliptoi@sharingtheheart.org Welcome! Thank you for joining us today! Please use the tear-off form to let us know you are here

#### Online resources are also available at *SharingtheHeart.org/Resources*

- Attendance
- Prayer Request
- Scan with your phone camera

- Giving - Join the Church
- Newsletter sign up
- Bulletins

#### What's Happening

#### WELCOME, VISITORS!

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it! We invite you to visit our website **www.sharingtheheart.org** or our Welcome Desk to learn more about our missions and ministries, including ESL, youth, children, music, special needs, Bible studies, support groups, military fellowship, and more.

May God's love fill you this day as we celebrate the birth of Christ! All are welcome!

#### GIVING

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving! If you haven't filled out your Estimate of Giving card, there are some at the front desk. We would also appreciate an end-of-year gift to help end a great 2023!

#### **ESL REGISTRATION**

Our English as a Second Language ministry has begun registration for Spring 2024. We offer 6 levels of classes, and childcare. This is an amazing resource, so please share. You can learn more by emailing edvolfe@sharingtheheart.org, or visit sharingtheheart.org/ESL.

#### **BRING A GIFT FOR BABY**

Children's Ministry is collecting baby items! You can drop off onesies, blankets, diapers, wipes, or formula in the Children's Area by the manger. *We remember the child who was born in a manger and we bring gifts!* 

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

We have a special Service Schedule for New Year's Eve. Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:05\* and 11:10. Wellspring will worship at 10:05\*. Nursery will be provided for all services.

\*Livestreamed

#### HEART MINISTRY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Our special needs ministry strives to provide a supportive, loving, and safe environment for preschoolers through adolescents with special needs to experience the love of Christ.

SENSORY ROOM: available at the 10:05am, 1:30, 3, and 5pm services SENSORY BAGS: available from ushers at all services

Please let us know how we can help! We are here to support and love all.

#### NEW WELLSPRING SERIES FOR 2024



Embark on a transformative journey in the upcoming year with our empowering sermon series, "Meaningful." In a world often filled with noise and

distraction, let's journey together toward a life of focus and dedication. Join us as we explore the profound pursuit of authenticity, significance, and intentionality

in every facet of life. Discover the keys to unlocking a life that resonates with meaning and fulfillment. This new year, make a commitment to a life that truly matters. "Meaningful" – because life is meant to be lived with purpose.

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We're glad you are here!

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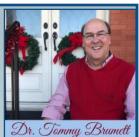
#### A Message from the Senior Pastor

Thank you for choosing to worship at First United Methodist Church on Christmas Eve! We are so glad you are here.

I invite you to worship with us on Sundays at any of our four Sanctuary services and two Wellspring Contemporary Services. Our Melissa location, Melissa UMC, offers two Sunday worship services in their new building!

Scan the code to visit SharingtheHeart.org and explore the opportunities to worship, grow, give, and serve together with us from the heart of McKinney, Texas.

May God's love fill you this day as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Wishing you a Merry Christmas!



SENIOR PASTOR



#### STAY CONNECTED

For the latest news and events. subscribe to the weekly church newsletter, "The Echo," online at SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Engage with us on social media for up to date information and deeper connections.



Facebook.com/FUMCMcKinney Instagram.com/FUMCMcKinney Twitter.com/FUMCMcKinney

### Worship Online

-LIVESTREAMED SERVICES--VIDEO DEVOTIONALS--SERMON LIBRARY-

www.sharingtheheart.org/media

#### CONNECT TO WIFI

Network: FUMC Guest Password: sharingtheheart

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#### CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE



**Online Giving** Text sharing the heart to 73256 **Offering Boxes at Exits Automatic Payments Automatic Withdrawals** 

SharingTheHeart.org/Give