



Sharing  
the heart  
of Christ  
from  
the heart  
of McKinney



## SUNDAYS

- **Sanctuary Traditional** 8, 9, 10:05 & 11:10 am
  - **Wellspring Contemporary** 10:05 & 11:10 am
  - **Nursery** 9, 10:05 & 11:10 am
  - **Children** 9 & 10:05 am, Children's Choir at 9
  - **Youth** 9 & 10:05 am & 5 pm at the Hub
  - **Adult Groups** 9:00, 10:05 & 11:10 am
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- **Midweek Communion** Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Chapel

## 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
- **Shuttle bus** for remote parking

*Welcome!*

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

Our passion is simple—we love God and love people.

We are a community where everyone is welcome, accepted, and encouraged to discover the fullness of life in Jesus Christ.

If you are new here, please feel free to look around, ask questions, be yourself, and meet some of the great people at First United Methodist Church!

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.

**Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.**

Bring us your gifts of peace and love.

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**\*OPENING HYMN** No 219 "What Child Is This"

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES****READING**

Isaiah 40:3-5

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Dear God, with expectant hearts we await Christ's coming. Into our lives, bring light. Into our hearts, bring love. Into our world, bring peace. O Come, O come Emmanuel.

**CHORAL RESPONSE (please sing)**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

**CHORAL RESPONSE** Chancel Choir

**OFFERING**

You may place your offering in the offering boxes at the exits, give online at [sharingtheheart.org](http://sharingtheheart.org), text **Sharingtheheart** to 73256, or mail a check to First UMC, 315 N. Church St., McKinney, TX 75069.

**ANTHEM** "Every Valley" and "And the Glory of the Lord"  
from *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel  
Spencer Simpson, soloist, and Chancel Choir

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

**\*DOXOLOGY** No 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 1:26-38

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The Servant of the Lord"  
Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

\* You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** Pg 15 (red hymnal)

You may stay seated and use a prepared wafer and juice packet available from the ushers, or you may go to a station where you will be served a piece of bread and a small cup of juice. After receiving Communion, please return to your seat for singing and reflection. Gluten-free wafers are available at the stands on both ends of the front rail.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Please, join the choir in singing hymns 206, 217, 218, and 230.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** No 213  
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**  
*Peace, peace, peace on earth and goodwill to all.*  
*This is a time for joy.*  
*This is a time for love.*  
*Now let us all sing together of peace, peace,  
peace on earth.*

**\*BENEDICTION**  
**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**  
**May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.**  
**May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** "Behold, A Rose Breaks into Bloom"  
by Johannes Brahms  
John Emory Bush, Organist



*Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our Senior Pastor Tommy, my father, on his birthday,  
by Caitlin Seeligson.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### CHRISTMAS HELP NEEDED

Many hands are needed during the Advent season: the Heifer table on Sunday morning, Caldwell Christmas party, and ushers, greeters, and Communion servers for our nine Christmas Eve services! Sign up at [tinyurl.com/AdventVolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/AdventVolunteer)

### BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, **Dec. 19, 3 pm** in the Sanctuary. Pastor Ed will lead this reflective worship service for those who find the holidays difficult. The service offers peace through prayer, reflection, a message of comfort, music, and candlelight.

### A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM TONIGHT!

3 pm - Children's Choir sings  
4 pm - Hands-on adventure through Bethlehem with a Live Nativity  
Everyone is welcome!

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Children's service: 1 pm in the Sanctuary  
Sanctuary services: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, and 11pm  
Wellspring services: 3pm, 5pm, and 7pm

### HEALTH & SAFETY

We are still encouraging people to wear masks, maintain distance, and get vaccinated if possible. Online worship and classes are available if you feel ill and need to stay home.

**NEW WIFI** Network: FUMC Guest Password: sharingtheheart

### NATIVITY NIGHTS, Dec 17-23

Experience a drive-by Nativity! Listen to the Christmas story as you drive to find the angel, shepherd, wisemen, and manger. You may bring gifts of diapers, wipes, & formula to the manger for Baby Booties Diaper Bank. See [SharingtheHeart.org/Advent](http://SharingtheHeart.org/Advent)

### FAMILY CAROLING

We are going Christmas caroling around the church on **Dec. 19, 5 pm**. Bring your strollers, wagons, friends, and family! For info, contact Kimmie at [knelson@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:knelson@sharingtheheart.org)  
All are invited!

### COMING UP

Annual Charge Conference Dec. 6 at 5:30 pm, via Zoom. Register at [SharingtheHeart.org/annual-charge-conference](http://SharingtheHeart.org/annual-charge-conference)

### ONLINE RESOURCES

- Attendance
- Giving
- Prayer Request
- Newsletter
- Join the church



Scan with your phone camera ↴

## GENEROSITY

### DID YOU KNOW

Today's Communion Rail Offering will go to support the General Missions Fund. Thank you for your support and faithfulness.

### CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE



Online Giving  
Text **FIRSTUMC** to **73256**  
Offering Boxes at Exits  
Automatic Payments  
Automatic Withdrawals

[SharingTheHeart.org/Give](http://SharingTheHeart.org/Give)

Please Sign In  
We're glad you are here!

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**ATTENDANCE CARD** Please complete, tear off, and place in the box at the exit. Thank you!

Service attended:  8:00  9:00  10:05  11:10 | Location:  Sanctuary  Wellspring  First Time Guest  Returning Guest  Member

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  cell  home

Children Attending (names & ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Update my info  Send weekly email newsletter | Preferred Contact:  Email  Phone | Adult age group:  18-24  25-34  35-44  45-54  55-64  65+

Welcome to our guests! How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_ Guest/Relative of \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ (over)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers requested for (name) \_\_\_\_\_

This person is:  self  friend  relative  other \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer need (include info as needed) \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastors only |  Add to published prayer list | Would you like a pastor to contact you?  Yes  No

I would like information about: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery  Faith, being a Christian

Children's Ministry  Generosity / Stewardship

Youth Ministry  Advent Reader

Adult groups  Christmas Eve Greeter

Music Ministry  Christmas Eve Usher

Becoming a member  Christmas Eve Communion

Other  Server \_\_\_\_\_ (over)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers requested for (name) \_\_\_\_\_

This person is:  self  friend  relative  other \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer need (include info as needed) \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastors only |  Add to published prayer list | Would you like a pastor to contact you?  Yes  No

STAY CONNECTED

For the latest news and events, subscribe to the weekly church newsletter, "The Echo," online at [SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter](http://SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter)

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these names in your prayers

- † Tom Lewis and Family on the loss of his Wife, Mary Lewis
- † Don Stixrood and Family on the loss of his Wife, Pat Stixrood
- † Carolyn Ewing and Family on the loss of her Husband, Ray Ewing
- † Pam Paschall and Family on the loss of her Mother, Betsy Garner
- † Family of Judy and Jack Vaughn on the loss of her Father, Ralph Ginn
- April Lawson
- Barbara Heth
- Becky Whitley
- Bennie Scott
- Bob Alfors
- Braxton Pinero
- Carolyn Hardebeck
- Carrie Rogers
- Charlie Noack
- Cindy Halderman
- Danielle, Stephen Tyler & Children
- David Dierks
- Don Childs
- Doris J. Clark
- Dustin Bade and family
- Emmitt Mikusch
- Eunice Pflug
- Ford Family
- Fred Baker
- Fred Wilkins
- Guillermina Alverio
- Heather Finnie
- Henry Lee Collins
- Henry Myrick
- Jack and Gera Crampton
- Jennifer Niuman-Sawey
- Jennifer Zeavin
- Jill Richardson
- Jim Hodde
- Jo Bender
- Joe Colburn
- Judy Cox
- Lee Elam
- Mark Tettleton
- Mary Southwell
- Marti Kale
- Matt
- Michael Stenger
- Minerva Fernandez
- Peggy Rima
- Rick Splawn
- Rick Witmer
- Ruby Rene Marts
- Samuel Lindley
- Seth McAdams
- Shauntina Batiste
- Sherry and Tom Kirwin
- Sonny Hackett
- Steven Harris
- Tina Cristino
- Thomas R. Storey
- Tyler Family
- Rev. David & Cindy Ceballos, Missionaries in Panama
- Friends in care facilities
- Everyone affected by the Coronavirus and Variants
- Families experiencing job loss
- Church families in transition
- Those experiencing homelessness
- Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti
- Melissa United Methodist Church
- Caldwell Elementary School
- Military service members including: Capt Scott Adler, Capt Libby Adler, Sofia Lerma Alarcon, Jose Almaguer, Marc Belo, CPL Matthew Broker, CT12 Abigail Burns, CPT Aaron Bush, CPL Bradley Bush, AFC Drew Causey, Rev. Dr. Capt Adam Cavalier, 2nd Lt Vincent Chavez, Capt Ryan Clark, PFC Paul Confalone, Sgt Martin Damian DeLeon, GY Sgt Jim Ellsworth, Kevin English, Patrick English, James Evans, Lt Col David Faulk, MSG Brian Franck, PFC Cody Furstenberg, Charlie Gilbert, LC CPL Robert Gray, ETN2 Cory Halberstadt, Pvt John Wesley Holder Jr., LT Mark Jbeily, Lt Col Jim Johnston, Ryan Kidd, Avery Montana Krast, Lt Ryan Lubin, Alec Mack, Capt John Martin, Lt Logan McQuerry, Maj. Richard Milam, Maj Chuck Miller, AFC Kevin G. Persons, Jr., MSGT, SFC Tyler Renshaw, 2nd Lt Austin Rine, SPC Blake Robertson, Bobby Sanders, SR4 Nick Schofield, Colby Seamster II, Chap MAJ Tim Shepherd, Jonathan Spiegall, CW2 Ryan Thurgood, Mark Townson, Specialist Zach Vernier

Please submit updates and new prayer requests to [www.sharingtheheart.org/pray](http://www.sharingtheheart.org/pray) Thank you.