

December 14, 2025

Advent 2025

Sharing
the heart
of Christ
from
the heart
of McKinney



With Expectant Hearts



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SUNDAYS

- **Sanctuary Traditional** 8, 9, 10:05 & 11:10 am
 - **Wellspring Contemporary** 10:05 & 11:10 am
 - **Contemplative Prayer** 9 am in Room B205
 - **Nursery** 9, 10:05 & 11:10 am
 - **Children** 9 & 10:05 am, Children's Choir at 9
 - **Youth** 10:05 am & 5 pm at the Hub, Choir at 4 pm
 - **Adult Groups** 9, 10:05 & 11:10 am
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- **Chapel Communion** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
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- **Melissa UMC** 10:00 am (3851 McKinney St in Melissa)

INFORMATION

- **Information Desk** 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
- **HEART Special Needs Ministry** accommodations information at the Information Desk

Welcome!

Welcome to First United Methodist Church!
God loves you and so do we!

We are a church where everyone is loved, accepted, and welcomed. Our mission is to share the heart of Christ from the heart of McKinney.

Please use this bulletin and our website to learn more about worship, groups, events, and ways to connect in faith. Ushers, greeters, and the team at the welcome desk are here to assist with any needs you may have.

We are glad you're here!

8:00, 9:00, 10:05 & 11:10 a.m.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (9:00, 10:05 & 11:10)

"Infant Holy in a Manger"

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Carillon Ringers

Lynn Alfors, director

*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.

Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN No. 240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

READING

Isaiah 2:2-5

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. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

CHORAL RESPONSE (please sing using Hymn No. 246)

Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

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 boxes at the exits, give online at sharingtheheart.org/give, text "sharingtheheart" to 73256, or mail a check to First UMC, 315 N. Church St., McKinney, TX 75069.

ANTHEM "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"

arr. Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Analyse Melendez and Bella Zitzelberger, soloists

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside. And I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son. I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone? Be with me now, be with me now. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness for You are holy, Breath of Heaven. Do you wonder, as You watch my face, if another should have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan. Help me to be strong, help me. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.

*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!

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 217

"Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

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

SERMON

"Mary's Song"

Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

*CLOSING HYMN No. 238

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

*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 "Saviour of the Nations Come"

by Johann Sebastian Bach

John Emory Bush, organist



* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of all Sunday school, Bible study, and small group leaders by Scottie Tisdell.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today!

Please use the tear-off form to let us know you are here
or sign in online at SharingtheHeart.org/Resources



Online resources:

- Attendance
- Prayer Request
- Giving
- Newsletter sign up
- Bulletins
- How to Join



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your phone
camera

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

Welcome! We want to get to know you! Stop by the Information Desk or fill out the attendance form so that we can reach out and help you get connected. Are you receiving the newsletters you want? We have our main newsletter, *The Echo*, plus Children's, Youth, and Melissa UMC. Stay in the loop with all the great stuff that's happening. Email caitlin@sharingtheheart.org to sign up.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

TODAY at 3pm in the Sanctuary and online. Led by Pastor Ed, this quiet and prayerful service is for those who are having a difficult time during the Christmas season. Visit our *Care + Support* webpage to learn about Grief Support and Stephen Ministry.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

TONIGHT! Rejoice and Be Merry: A Christmas Concert featuring Flutes of the Spirit, Carillon Ringers, Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, the Wellspring music team, and you! Invite your friends and neighbors. **7:00 pm in the Sanctuary or online.**

IN THE HALLWAY

Caldwell Christmas: Pantry items due now!

Meal Kits: We are collecting meal kits. Please take if you need food. Info on Volunteer page.

Christmas Eve Crew: Volunteer to help on Christmas Eve! Start a new family tradition!

YEAR END GIVING

We are thankful for your generosity! You make the missions and ministry of this church happen. Please consider a year end gift. Also, make sure you have filled out your pledge card for 2026 at sharingtheheart.org/good

WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS: ADVENT 2025

www.sharingtheheart.org/advent

This Advent season, we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ *with expectant hearts*. That's not just waiting around! Expectation means taking action. Maybe that means coming to worship, volunteering, making a special gift to the missions of the church, joining a new group, or praying over a devotional. Find activities, studies, devotionals, and more on our Advent page!

Christmas Eve schedule available at sharingtheheart.org/Christmas

GUEST WIFI: Network: FUMC Guest Password: Sharingtheheart

GENEROSITY

DID YOU KNOW?

Our *English as a Second Language* (ESL) program served 160 students this semester. Your generosity supports our neighbors as they grow and succeed.

Registration for January is open now!
sharingtheheart.org/ministries/esl

WAYS TO GIVE

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Offering boxes at the doors
Credit card kiosk in the hallway

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We're glad you are here!

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ATTENDANCE CARD Please complete, tear off, and place in the offering plate or box. Thank you!

DATE:

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

Name

Email

Phone

☐ cell ☐ home

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+

Relationship

Welcome to our guests! How did you hear about us?

Guest/Relative of

(over)

Your Name _____ Today's Date _____

Prayers requested for (name) _____

This person is: ☐ self ☐ friend ☐ relative ☐ other _____

Prayer need (include info as needed) _____

☐ 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 ☐ Bible Study

☐ Adult groups ☐ Melissa UMC Campus

☐ Music Ministry ☐ Help with personal issues

☐ Becoming a member ☐ Finding a place to serve

☐ Other _____ (over)

Please do not tear here.

STAY CONNECTED

For the latest news and events, sign up for the weekly church newsletter, "The Echo," at **SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



Facebook.com/FUMCMcKinney
Instagram.com/FUMCMcKinney

Worship Online

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

www.sharingtheheart.org/media

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these names in your prayers

† The Family of Ben Clifton on his passing
† The Potter and Biel families on the passing of Jennifer Potter's mother, Vaughn (Bonnie) Gale Biel
• Anita Stephens
• Ash
• Carol Crampton
• Caroline Sahni
• Charles Haverman
• Chuck Pearce & family
• Clay & Suzanna Robertson
• David Sergeant
• Debbie Stone
• Eva Ream
• Frank Waggoner
• Gabriella Maldonado
• Gale Simpson
• Inez Willard
• Jan Johnson
• Jan Phillips
• Jesse Center
• Jessica Proctor
• John Burkhardt
• Jonny McCoy
• Judy Cox
• Judy Davis
• Karen Linstrum
• Karla Connally
• Kerry Spaight
• Linda Crabtree
• Mark & Debbie Moseley
• Melody Riley
• Mike Davis
• Perry Waller
• Quetta Morton

• Scotty Davis
• Shauntina Batiste
• Shayan Korde
• Stachia Hicks
• Stephanie Gomez
• Sue Kenny
• Tom Woodard
• Trent Borchardt
• Wyatt
• All veterans
• Immigrants and families
• Those who are food insecure
• Politicians
• LGBTQ community
• Public education
• Natural resources
• Protection of marriage equality in the USA and Texas
• City of McKinney
• Our country
• All children
• World peace
• Israel and Palestine
• Ukraine and Russia
• People struggling to cope day to day
• Prison Ministries
• Rev. David & Cindy Ceballos, Missionaries in Panama
• Friends in care facilities
• 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, Pvt Austin Andre, Marc Belo, CPL Matthew Broker, CTI2 Abigail Burns, AFC Drew Causey, Chaplain Capt Adam Cavalier, Capt Vincent Chavez II, Capt Ryan Clark, Nikolai Clayton, PFC Paul Confalone, Sgt Martin Damian DeLeon, GY Sgt Jim Ellsworth, Kevin English, Patrick English, James Evans, Lt Col David Faulk, PFC Mac Foulk, MSG Brian Franck, PFC Cody Furstenberg, Charlie Gilbert, LC CPL Robert Gray, Pvt John Wesley Holder Jr., Lt CMDR Mark Jbeily, Lt Col Jim Johnston, 1LT AnnMarie Kessler, Ryan Kidd, Avery Montana Krast, Lt Ryan Lubin, Sgt Alec Mack, Capt John Martin, SR Caelan Matthews, Caleb McIntire, Maj. Richard Milam, Maj Chuck Miller, AFC Kevin G. Persons, Jr., MSGT Tyler Renshaw, 2nd Lt Austin Rine, SPC Blake Robertson, Bobby Sanders, SR4 Nick Schofield, Chap MAJ Tim Shepherd, Brian Smith, Jonathan Spiegel, CW2 Ryan Thurgood, Mark Townson, Lt Zach Vernier, A1C Preston Walker

Please submit updates and new prayer requests to
www.sharingtheheart.org/pray
Thank you.