

December 7, 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 am

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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.
Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN No. 218 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.

CHORAL RESPONSE (please sing 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.

BAPTISM (11:10) John Craig Davidson

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.

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 "Rejoice in the Lord always" (16th cent)
 Chancel Choir

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
 Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is even at hand.
 Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
 let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
 shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.*

*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

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 ANTHEM "Come, Jesus, Come"
 by Alfred V. Fedak
 Chancel Choir; Sarah Grubbs, flute

COMMUNION HYMNS
 Please, join the choir in singing hymns 206, 219 & 230.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Persons desiring to join First United Methodist Church are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn and meet with a pastor to be received into membership.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 242 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** (please sing)
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

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of the First UMC McKinney Staff
 by Jim and Jean Morefield. We are thankful for you!*

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



Scan with
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.

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

TODAY!! Bring the whole family for crafts, activities, a petting zoo, and more as our Children's Ministry turns the church into a bustling marketplace in Bible-era Bethlehem. **4-6pm**, right after the **Children's Choir concert at 3pm** in the Sanctuary.

POINSETTIAS

You can purchase a poinsettia for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one. Fill out the form at www.sharingtheheart.org/advent or at the Welcome desk. Forms due by **Dec. 11** to have names printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

IN THE HALLWAY

Caldwell Christmas: Gifts and pantry items due NOW!

Meal Kits: We are still collecting meal kits. 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 at sharingtheheart.org/Christmas

GUEST WIFI: Network: FUMC Guest Password: Sharingtheheart

GENEROSITY

DID YOU KNOW?

Today's Communion Rail Offering will go to support First UMC's mission work in downtown McKinney. Thank you for your support and faithfulness to the missions of First UMC.

WAYS TO GIVE



www.sharingtheheart.org/give

Text "sharingtheheart" to 73256
Secure online portal
Offering boxes at the doors
Credit card kiosk in the hallway

Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Please *Sign In*
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

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? _____ Relationship _____ (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

† Jill Richardson and family on the passing of her father, Harold Robertson
† Alice Halsor and family on the passing of her father, Bob Yeo
* Birth Sawyer Dawn Gentry to proud parents Kelvin & Megan Gentry

- Anita Stephens
- Ash
- Ben Clifton
- Carol Crampton
- Caroline Sahn
- Chuck Pearce & family
- Cindy Moreland
- Clay & Suzanna Robertson
- Debbie Stone
- Eva Ream
- Everleigh Landrum
- Frank Waggoner
- Gabriella Maldonado
- Gale Simpson
- Inez Willard
- Jan Johnson
- Jan Phillips
- John Burkhardt
- John Faulk
- Jonny McCoy
- Judy Cox
- Judy Davis
- Karen Linstrum
- Karla Connally
- Linda Crabtree
- Lisa Cox
- Mark & Debbie Moseley
- Melody Riley
- Mike Davis
- Perry Waller

- Quetta Morton
- Scotty Davis
- Shauntina Batiste
- Shayan Korde
- Sherri Love
- Stachia Hicks
- Stephanie Gomez
- Tara Jackson
- 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.