



Sharing  
the heart  
of Christ  
from  
the heart  
of McKinney



January 4, 2026

Advent 2025



[sharingtheheart.org/advent](http://sharingtheheart.org/advent)

## 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
  
- **Chapel Communion** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
  
- **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!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 The risen Christ is with us.  
**Praise the Lord!**

## \*OPENING HYMN No. 254, vv. 1, 2 &amp; 5 "We Three Kings"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we praise you for the gift of Christmas. We thank you for Jesus Christ. We confess that we are often blinded to his light. We confess that we often fail to live his love. We confess that we often stand in darkness instead of dancing in his light. Forgive us. Heal us. Bless us to your holy service in Jesus name. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Hear the good news: God is love. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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](http://sharingtheheart.org/give), text "sharingtheheart" to 73256, or mail a check to First UMC, 315 N. Church St., McKinney, TX 75069.

## ANTHEM "His Light In Us"

by Kim Andre Arnesen  
 Chancel Choir

*God's distant call flares in the night So long expected, so longed for;  
 And all my life, Christ called my name And now at last, I'll answer Him  
 Renewed, his hope, his light in us Incarnate, fragile, our Lord appears  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Eternal, so perfect, his cry of changeless love*

*Alive, awake, his call is here: It is the crying of the Child;  
 I know Christ's call Its hidden flame It makes my spirit flare with hope!*

*This root, this stem, this flowering Love This mustard seed  
 It grows to the greatest tree The birds of souls have nested there  
 The light of the night Now blazes at dawn!*

## \*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

Matthew 2:1-12

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

## SERMON "Another Way" Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Pg 15 (in 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 Nos. 242, 230, 217, 218, 219

## \*CLOSING HYMN No. 251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

## CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Choir: You have heard my word proclaimed. Millions yearn to know my name. Hear me as I call again. Whom shall I send?

**\*Congregation: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

## \*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

"Swiss Noel"  
 by Louis-Claude Daquin  
 John Emory Bush, organist

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

# 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](http://SharingtheHeart.org/Resources)

## Online resources:

- Attendance
- Giving
- Bulletins
- Prayer Request
- Newsletter sign up
- 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](mailto:caitlin@sharingtheheart.org) to sign up.

### ADVENT CLEAN UP

We need your help to UN-decorate the church! We will gather on **January 6th at 10am** to take down all the beautiful decorations and safely store them for next year. For more info, email Kathy at [kparent@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:kparent@sharingtheheart.org)

### KIDS & YOUTH

Check out our Kids and Youth pages for the NEW upcoming events! We have missions, small groups, music, and more planned all year. There are some important dates to save—like Vacation Bible School! We have a place for you!

### MEAL KITS

We will continue to collect and distribute meal kits as long as there is a need! Need a meal or know someone who does? We have plenty available! For the shopping list and recipe cards, visit the table in the hall or the *Volunteer Opportunities* page.

### NEW STUDY

#### Pastor Courtney's Study Hour

Reading: *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Meetings begin 1/21 at 7pm and will be in person or via Zoom. Sign up on the New + Upcoming page.

### MISSION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[www.sharingtheheart.org/give](http://www.sharingtheheart.org/give)

There are so many ways to give, connect, and serve in the new year! From volunteering at the emergency warming shelter to going on a mission trip to Panama, you can share the Heart of Christ! For more information on volunteering and supporting missions, visit the *Volunteer Opportunities* or *Missions* pages or email Pam at [pparmley@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:pparmley@sharingtheheart.org)

**GUEST WIFI:** Network: FUMC Guest Password: Sharingtheheart

### GENEROSITY

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Today's Communion Rail Offering will support our local cold weather ministries: *Emmanuel Labor* and *Samaritan Inn*. Thank you for your faithfulness to the missions of First UMC.

#### WAYS TO GIVE

[www.sharingtheheart.org/give](http://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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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Time Guest  Returning Guest  Member

cell  home

65+  
(over)

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

City/St \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Relative of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Preferred Contact:  Email  Phone  Adult age group:  18-24  25-34  35-44  45-54  55-64  65+

Update my info  Send weekly email newsletter

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

 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, sign up for the weekly church newsletter, "The Echo," at [SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter](http://SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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



[Facebook.com/FUMCMcKinney](https://Facebook.com/FUMCMcKinney)  
[Instagram.com/FUMCMcKinney](https://Instagram.com/FUMCMcKinney)

## Worship Online

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

[www.sharingtheheart.org/media](http://www.sharingtheheart.org/media)

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

† Melissa Cook and family on the passing of Anthony Nazzal  
† Attridge and Horne families on the loss of Shalyn Burgamy  
† Tony Hill and family on the loss of his mother  
† The family of Fred Canales on his passing  
† The Nderitu family on the passing of their son  
• Abigail & Charlotte Wolf  
• Allison Hogan  
• Ash  
• Canales family  
• Carol Bellard  
• Carol Crampton  
• Carol Grimes  
• Cecilee & Lawrence Havercamp  
• Charles Haverman  
• Chuck Pierce and family  
• Cindy Bailey  
• Cortnae Wynia  
• Debbie Stone  
• Dustin Bade  
• Family & friends of Wendy Rines  
• Jan Phillips  
• Jay De La Cruz  
• Jennifer Grey  
• John Burkhardt  
• Josh  
• Judy Cox  
• Judy Davis  
• Kara Brinley  
• Karen Linstrum  
• Karla Connally  
• Kathy Reynolds  
• Lisa Cox  
• Nderitu family

## Please remember these names in your prayers

- Pat Johnston
- Perry Waller
- Phil Bazell
- Rachel
- Sean Z
- Shauntina Batiste
- Shelly Coons
- Sherri Love
- Sue Kenny
- Thomas Rud
- Tom Woodard
- Trent Borchardt
- Tyler Morris
- Hospitalized children & their families
- Equality for all
- 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 CDR 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 Townsend, Lt Zach Vernier, A1C Preston Walker

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

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Faith, being a Christian  
 Generosity / Stewardship

Bible Study  
 Melissa UMC Campus

Help with personal issues  
 Finding a place to serve (over)

I would like information about:

Nursery  
 Children's Ministry  
 Youth Ministry  
 Adult groups  
 Music Ministry  
 Becoming a member  
 Other

Please do not tear here.