

# Wellspring

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



# THE LIGHT SHINES

December 10, 2023  
10:05 & 11:10

[SharingTheHeart.org/Wellspring](https://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

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## Welcome to Wellspring!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Whether the holiday season has you feeling excited, nostalgic, stressed, sad, or broke, we are glad that you have joined us for our Advent series, *The Light Shines!*

The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit." Our Advent season begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent we prepare for the birth of Jesus. As we anticipate Christmas, *The Light Shines* series will enlighten and brighten unique aspects of the birth of Christ that will light up our season and lives.

Amid all that is happening in the world it can feel a bit dark. We know, however, that light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not extinguish the light. Jesus is the light of the world and when we live for Christ, we shine bright!

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: Emmanuel – Love is with us!  
Scripture: Matthew 1:18–23

Sermon Notes

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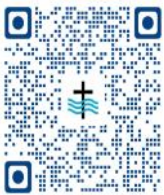
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Stay up to date with Wellspring events, news, resources, and more. Scan the QR code to the left with your smart phone and click on the link that appears on your phone screen. Provide your name and email and you're all set. You may also visit us online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



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning!  
Please use the tear-off form to let us know you are here

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

- Attendance
- Giving
- Join the Church
- Prayer Request
- Newsletter sign up
- Bulletins



Scan with your phone camera



Please *Sign In*  
We're glad you are here!

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## What's Happening

### THE LIGHT SHINES: ADVENT 2023

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!  
We are excited to worship together throughout Advent and Christmas, both in person and online. Check out [sharingtheheart.org/advent](http://sharingtheheart.org/advent) for ways to volunteer, events, devotionals, and more. Visit [sharingtheheart.org/Christmas](http://sharingtheheart.org/Christmas) for our Christmas Eve Schedule. There are postcards to share at the Welcome Desk.

### 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!

### POINSETTIAS

**TODAY** is the last day to order a poinsettia and have your name printed in the bulletin for Christmas Eve. Visit the table in the hallway or [sharingtheheart.org/advent](http://sharingtheheart.org/advent) to get yours asap!

### CALDWELL CHRISTMAS

CALDWELL CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS: We have so many volunteers! Thanks for the support! Please go by the table in the hallway to get your shirt and instructions for the event. Email Pam with any questions.

[pparmley@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:pparmley@sharingtheheart.org)

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

The Children's Choir will perform "Bethlehem Blessings" on **TODAY** at **3pm** in the Sanctuary and online. This will be followed by a short reception. Everyone is then invited to attend Night in Bethlehem after.

### A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

**TODAY from 4-6pm.** Experience the light of the season!  
Join us for a hands-on experience creating special keepsakes from a marketplace of Bethlehem! We will have fun activities for everyone and a petting zoo for all ages. Invite friends and neighbors!  
We also need volunteers. Learn more on the Children's page or email Ms. Cheridy [cdodd@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:cdodd@sharingtheheart.org)

GUEST WIFI: Network: FUMC Guest    Password: sharingtheheart

## GENEROSITY

### DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2017, our average attendance on Christmas Eve has been over 3,500 people. Thank you to the 100+ volunteers who will be here to greet, serve communion, usher, etc.

## Ways to Give

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



Text "sharingtheheart" to 73256  
Give online through our secure portal  
Give at the offering boxes at the door  
Give by credit card in the hallway

Your Gift Makes a Difference!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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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.

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**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



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**Worship Online**

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these names in your prayers

- Allen and Shaun Jones
- Amandia
- Amy Sievers
- Baby Blake and parents Priscila & David McCoy
- Barbara Crowdus
- Barbara Wesson
- Bill Connelly
- Bill Michel
- Bob Lindley
- Bob Marion
- Brenda Freund
- Carol and Gera Crampton
- Carol Sedberry
- Cathy Christensen
- Cathy Wiser
- Cathy Zaccarello
- Chris Harper
- Chuck Bray
- Danny Alferes
- Debbie Stone
- Dick Schlough
- Doylene Bryant
- Eric Allen
- Etta Campbell
- Gail
- Hannah
- Jason
- Jeff
- Jessica Hill
- Jill Didyk
- Joey Patchen
- John Burkhardt
- Josh Cassada
- Jude Wilson
- Judy Cox
- Karen Linstrum
- Karla Connally
- Kayden
- Kenneth Hammon
- Koku and Efoua Amega
- Leslie Fitzgerald
- Linda Slater
- Lori
- Margaret Davis
- Marti Kale
- Michelle Van Deventer
- Mike Malek
- Monica Manzo
- Perry Waller
- Ryder
- Sandra Irish
- Seth McAdams
- Shauntina Batista
- Sidney Riley
- Stephen Lynch
- Tom Chandler
- Peace for all
- Israel and Palestine
- Ukraine and Russia
- Families affected by shootings in the USA
- People struggling to cope day to day
- 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, Marc Belo, CPL Matthew Broker, CTI2 Abigail Burns, CPT Aaron Bush, CPL Bradley Bush, AFC Drew Causey, Chaplain 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, PFC Mac Foulk, 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 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, Lt. Jr. Grade Anderson Sumner Camp, SR Caelan Matthews, 2LT AnnMarie Kessler, 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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