



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
  - **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
  - **Adult Groups** 9, 10:05 & 11:10 am
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- **Chapel Communion** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

## 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!*

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!

10:05 a.m.

December 24, 2023

**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. 230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE****READING**

Isaiah 9:6-7

**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 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**

"Gabriel's Message"

Arr. Tony Alonso

Chancel Choir; Sarah Grubbs, flute

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame.*

*"All hail," said he "O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*How blest among all women you shall be, whom ev'ry age will praise continually.  
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. "To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn.  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady."  
Gloria!

**\*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. 431

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 1:68-79

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

**SERMON**

"The Way of Peace"

Dr. James E. Woods

**\*CLOSING HYMN** No. 219

"What Child Is This"

**\*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**

"Swiss Noel"

by Louis-Claude Daquin  
John Emory Bush, organist

**Guest Organist: Chris Brunt**



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

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of those who are no longer with us by Juanita Arceneaux.

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



Scan with your phone camera

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WELCOME, VISITORS!

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it! We invite you to visit our website [www.sharingtheheart.org](http://www.sharingtheheart.org) or our Welcome Desk to learn more about our missions and ministries, including ESL, youth, children, music, special needs, Bible studies, support groups, military fellowship, and more.

May God's love fill you this day as we celebrate the birth of Christ! All are welcome!

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!

ESL REGISTRATION

Our English as a Second Language ministry has begun registration for Spring 2024. We offer 6 levels of classes, and childcare. This is an amazing resource, so please share. You can learn more by emailing [edvolfe@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:edvolfe@sharingtheheart.org), or visit [sharingtheheart.org/ESL](http://sharingtheheart.org/ESL).

BRING A GIFT FOR BABY

Children's Ministry is collecting baby items! You can drop off onesies, blankets, diapers, wipes, or formula in the Children's Area by the manger. We remember the child who was born in a manger and we bring gifts!

NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

We have a special Service Schedule for New Year's Eve. Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:05\* and 11:10. Wellspring will worship at 10:05\*. Nursery will be provided for all services.

\*Livestreamed

HEART MINISTRY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Our special needs ministry strives to provide a supportive, loving, and safe environment for preschoolers through adolescents with special needs to experience the love of Christ.

SENSORY ROOM: available at the 10:05am, 1:30, 3, and 5pm services

SENSORY BAGS: available from ushers at all services

Please let us know how we can help! We are here to support and love all.

GUEST WIFI: Network: FUMC Guest Password: sharingtheheart

GENEROSITY

DID YOU KNOW?

During Advent, First UMC provided Christmas gifts for 204 Caldwell Elementary children, and Melissa UMC provided Christmas for 111 children in ECI. Thank you for your generosity!

WAYS TO GIVE

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



- Text "sharingtheheart" to 73256
- Secure online portal
- Offering boxes at the doors

Your Gift Makes a Difference!

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 of \_\_\_\_\_ (over)

Please Sign In  
We're glad you are here!

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  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 "Echo," our church newsletter, at **SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



Facebook.com/FUMCMcKinney  
 Instagram.com/FUMCMcKinney  
 Twitter.com/FUMCMcKinney

**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

- † Cindy Alexander and family on the loss of her mother, Jean Chattin
- † The family of Alana Miccolis on her death
- Amanda
- Amy Bunting Storrie
- Amy Sievert
- Ben Paul
- Bernard
- Bert Delagarza
- Brenda Freund
- Carol and Gera Crampton
- Cathy Christensen
- Cathy Wiser
- Cathy Zaccarello
- Chuck Bray
- Debbie Stone
- Dick Schlough
- Dorothy Hargrave
- Edith Barton
- Etta Campbell
- Gail
- Hannah
- Haydee Gonzalez
- Heather
- Jeanne Elizabeth
- Jill Didyk
- Joe Colburn
- Joey Pachuta
- Joey Patchen
- John Beavers
- John Burkhardt
- Judy Cox
- Karen Linstrum
- Karla Connally
- Koku and Efova Amega
- Leslie Fitzgerald
- Linda Slater
- Marianne Lewis
- Marti Kale
- Michelle Van Deventer
- Norman Andersen
- Perry Waller
- Ron Paul and Marianne Lewis
- Ryder
- Shauntina Batiste
- Steve Bookout
- Steven Harris
- Tom Chandler
- Tony
- Winnie McWhirter
- 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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