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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Merry Christmas! Thank you for choosing to worship at First United Methodist Church McKinney, where the Love of Christ is shared and all are welcome! We are so glad you are here.

I invite you to worship with us on Sundays at any of our four Sanctuary services and two Wellspring Contemporary Services. Our Melissa location, Melissa UMC, offers two Sunday worship services in their new building!

Scan the code to visit SharingtheHeart.org and explore the opportunities to worship, grow, give, and serve together with us from the heart of McKinney, Texas.

May God's love fill you this day as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Wishing you a Merry Christmas!



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Christmas Eve 2023

3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 pm
Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

First United Methodist Church
315 N. Church Street, McKinney, TX 75069
Visit us online at SharingTheHeart.org
"Sharing the heart of Christ from the heart of McKinney"

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm

WELCOME

PRELUDE "O Holy Night" by Adolfe Adam

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Unto us a child is born.
O come, let us adore Him.
Unto us a Son is given.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

***HYMN** No. 234 vv. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; *Refrain*

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light a candle for hope. We light a candle for love. We light a candle for joy. We light a candle for peace. We light a candle for Jesus, the baby born in a manger, the light of the world. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never overcome it.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth, good will to all.

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

Tonight's offering will support the mission and ministry of our church in McKinney, Melissa, and beyond.

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

"A Babe is Born"
By William Mathias
Chancel Choir

***HYMN** No. 218 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the wary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

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

SERMON

"This Holy Night" Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Page 15 in the red hymnal
Communion Guidelines: 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 God, now and for ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Please join in singing.*

HYMN No. 217 "Away in a Manger"
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

HYMN

No. 219 "What Child Is This?"
What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? *Refrain*

Refrain
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

HYMN

No. 242
"Love Came Down at Christmas"
Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

HYMN

No. 230
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the

angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN No. 239 "Silent Night"

For your safety, please keep your lit candle upright and tilt only the unlit candle to receive the light.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our king; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*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.

*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.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on
"Joy to the World"
by John Emory Bush, organist

Remember, as we leave the service tonight, we carry the light of Christ into the world!

Please deposit candles in the baskets at the exits.

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

SCHREVE

Christmas Eve 2023
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Welcome to our guests! How did you hear about us? _____
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