

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, 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** 9:00 and 11:00 am

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
- **HEART Special Needs Ministry** information for accommodations at the Welcome 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**PRELUDE** (9:00, 10:05 & 11:10)

“A Christmas Overture”
arr. Bill Holcombe
Flutes of the Spirit
Paul Stephen, director

***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. 240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**READING**

Isaiah 2:2-5

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 using 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.

BAPTISMS (10:05) Courtney Bouse, adult
Brycen Adam Bouse and Charlotte Elizabeth Bouse,
children of Brian and Courtney Bouse

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, text “sharingtheheart” to 73256, or mail a check to First UMC, 315 N. Church St., McKinney, TX 75069.

ANTHEM “Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)”

arr. Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside. And I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son. I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone? Be with me now, be with me now. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness for You are holy, Breath of Heaven. Do you wonder, as You watch my face, if another should have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan. Help me to be strong, help me. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.

***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. 217

“Away in a Manger”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

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

SERMON

“Mary's Song”
Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

***CLOSING HYMN** No. 238

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

***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 “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 and in honor of Gary Minshew's 92nd birthday.

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
- Giving
- Bulletins
- Prayer Request
- Newsletter sign up
- 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 welcome 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. We can also mail a print version. Email caitlin@sharingtheheart.org to get signed up.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

TODAY at 3pm A quiet, prayerful service for those who are grieving led by Pastor Ed with help from our Stephen Ministers (trained volunteers who provide care). We will ring bells and remember those we have lost.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Grab a card and invite someone to Christmas Eve! We have many services to choose from including Children's, Sanctuary, and Wellspring. sharingtheheart.org/Christmas

ADVENT EVENTS AND MORE!

Heaven and Nature Sing! Visit our advent page for devotionals, events, and more! There's also a volunteer sign-up for Christmas Eve. We will need your help to Share the Heart! Details at sharingtheheart.org/advent

SUNDAY 12/29 WORSHIP

Sanctuary worship will be at 9, 10:05, and 11:10 – no 8am service. Wellspring will hold a special *Praise and Pancakes* morning at 10:30 in Dyer Hall – join them for breakfast and Christmas songs! Children's & Youth Sunday School will be off.

VOLUNTEER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas at First United Methodist Church can't happen without you! Can you help us as an usher, greeter, communion server, or just a friendly face on Christmas Eve?

Sign up at sharingtheheart.org/advent or scan the QR code to volunteer!



GUEST WIFI: Network: FUMC Guest Password: sharingtheheart

GENEROSITY

DID YOU KNOW?

First UMC hosted over 1800 visitors during last weekend's Holiday Tour of Homes. Thank you to all who decorated, greeted, and more!

WAYS TO GIVE

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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Today's Date _____

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

Name _____ | Name _____

Email _____ | Email _____

Phone _____ | 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+ (over)

Welcome to our guests! How did you hear about us? _____ Guest/Relative of _____ Relationship _____

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) _____

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these names in your prayers

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Tom Breeding and family on the loss of his father, John Breeding † Jeri Laney and family on the loss of her father, Ronnie Thomason • Bev Holm • Brady Russell • Carlie Jo Johnson • Carol and Gera Crampton • Carolyn Pulos • Cathy Zaccarello • Chuck Bray • Darla Norris • Daryl Grounds • Dave Webb • Debbie Stone • Don Crabtree • Ethan Emerson • Glenda Williams • Gwen Porter • Harve Gibson • John Breeding • John Burkhardt • Juanita Manzo • Juanita Arceneaux • Judy Cox • Judy Davis • Judy Farrington • Karen Linstrom • Karla Connally • Kevin Simmons • Lauren Brennan • Lucy Street • Lynda Davis • Marti Kale • Mary Kay Hendrix | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Louise Wharton • Melanie Lohr Miller • Michael Wenger • Perry Waller • Richard Pflug • Roderick Davis • Ron Harper • Shauntina Batiste • First UMC pastors & staff • City of McKinney • Our country • All children • World peace • Victims of war • 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, CT12 Abigail Burns, AFC Drew Causey, Chaplain Capt | <p>Adam Cavalier, Capt Vincent Chavez II, 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, 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, Jonathan Spiegel, CW2 Ryan Thurgood, Mark Townson, Lt Zach Vernier, SR Caelan Matthews, 2LT AnnMarie Kessler, A1C Preston Walker</p> <p>Please submit updates and new prayer requests to www.sharingtheheart.org/pray
Thank you.</p> |
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