

CHRISTMAS IS...

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Richardson

Please silence cell phones as we prepare our hearts for worship.

**indicates the people standing*

Prelude

Veni, Veni Emmanuel arr. John Englert

Chancel Choir Women’s Ensemble: Katie Barron, Andra Cash, Rohini Drake,
Diane Grandey, Wanda Heaton, Rosa Howell, Debbie Maxwell, Kim O’Neil, Melissa Young

Greeting

Dr. Clayton Oliphint

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***Hymn 211**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1, 4, 6 & 7)

For those who enjoy singing from hymnals, they are located under the pews.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Steven and Pamela Hughes, Dillon & AJ

Pamela is the co-director of Advent Workshop 2017

Musical Response

Light One Candle for Hope Natalie Sleeth

Susie McCoy, solo

Time of Prayer

JB Bryant

The Lord’s Prayer

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Offering Our Gifts to God (Remember the Extra Dollar)

Offertory Music

Christmas is Coming Joel Raney

The Journey Youth Choir; Beckie Moody, director

Rev. Nicki Lyford, accompanist

Handbells: Amanda and Georgia Micknal, Cindy and Mara Haley

Refrain

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring! People celebratin’ the birth of a King.

Shoutin’ Hosanna till the heavens ring. Christmas is comin’ let the church bells ring!

Christmas is comin’, Mary’s baby boy, bringin’ us a message of comfort and joy.

Glory Hallelujah, what a wonderful thing. Christmas is comin’ let the church bells ring!

Glory filled the heavens. Music filled the night. Shepherds heard the angels sing. Wisemen saw the light. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here,

until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Children’s Time

Cheryl Bishop

Scripture

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Rev. Joy Anderson

Sermon

Christmas Is... Empty and Full

Dr. Oliphint

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

***Hymn 196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Reception of New Members

***Sending Forth**

Dr. Oliphint

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God Sigfried Karg-Elert

Rev. Nicki Lyford, organ

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There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir, Michael Lightfoot, director

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up.
And dash in pieces Princes and Nations. There shall a star from Jacob come forth.
How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden radiance from afar,
with light and comfort glowing! Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing, praise, oh praise such love o'er-flowing!

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Clay and Linda Yearsley (9:45)

Clay will serve as Chair of Mission Work Area beginning in 2018

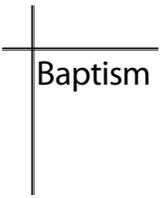
Scott and Julie Furr, and Hanna (11:00)

Julie is a Children's Sunday School teacher for Kindergarten and First Grade

Musical Response

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Susie McCoy, solo



Baptism (11:00)

Dr. Oliphint and Rev. April Johnson Bristow

Gwendolyn May Aguiano
daughter of Raphael and Misty Aguiano

Elle B Groves
daughter of Aaron and Meredith Groves

Time of Prayer

Rev. Scot Bontrager (9:45)

Rev. Pavielle Jenkins (11:00)

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory Music

Angels from the Realms of Glory Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; piano, four hands: Mary Lightfoot and Rev. Nicki Lyford

Children's Time

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Special Music

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Dr. Dan Flanagan (11:00)

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Gordon Young
Mary Lightfoot, organ

Did you notice the color in the sanctuary changed to purple this week? Purple is the color of royalty and also signifies a time of preparation. This Sunday we enter into the season of Advent. During Advent, we prepare for the birth of Christ, and we look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ.

There are **two ways offered to become a member** of this congregation:

- Fill out the *Join Our Church Community* card found in the pew back and bring it forward to the pastor during the singing of the closing hymn.
- Meet JB Bryant at the close of the 8:45, 9:45 or 11:00 worship hour in the Joining Room (on the north hallway of the Sanctuary near the Shawver Welcome Center).

Acolytes:

Catherine Ann Mathis (8:45)

Drew Barron and Bennett Balzac (9:45)

Communion is available in Ogden Fellowship Hall East at 12 (noon)
Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, minister; assisted by a Stephen Minister

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Elsie Whitmarsh by her family

Flowers in the Shawver Welcome Center are given in celebration of Joan and Jonesy McConnell's 50th wedding anniversary by their family.

Flowers in the Shawver Welcome Center are given in loving memory of Pat Kennedy by her family

Please welcome our new members who joined last week:

Tim & Jacquie Bilton, Richard Lentz, and Blake Schroeder

Prayer Blankets are a reminder of the love and warmth of God's presence for those who request them.

All are invited to tie knots in the blankets and offer prayers for each recipient. Blankets are located on tables on each side of the chancel and often at the back of the center aisle. Requests for blankets can be made at fumcr.com/blanket

Advent Offering 2017 will support 5 different ministries:

Karodzidzi Primary and Middle School in Ghana: A school that serves several hundred children and is in desperate need of repairs to remain functional. This is the home school of Sam Asmah, FUMCR member and employee.

Project Transformation: A ministry that utilizes the talents of college students in partnership with United Methodist churches to offer daily activities to children in low income neighborhoods.

Network of Community Ministries: An emergency social service agency of Richardson assisting Richardson residents with rental and utility help, as well as providing food pantry and clothing closet items.

Skuinskloof Primary School in South Africa: A ministry of FUMCR. We continue to send work teams to Africa to build and improve facilities at this school.

Go Camp: A North Texas Conference supported camp experience for children in urban and rural communities who may not have access to summer camps. FUMCR will host one of these camps in 2018. It will be an opportunity for children in our community to have a camp experience that otherwise would not have such an opportunity.

Advent Offering envelopes are in the pews or you may give online at fumcr.com/advent



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Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We are happy to have you with us and would love to get to know you. Please fill out the Attendance Sheet found at the end of each pew.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Retirees, young adults, children, singles, etc... we have something for everyone. Stop by the Welcome Desk in Coleman Family Hall to learn more about classes and programs being offered this year.

CONTACTS

Shandon Klein - Asst Director, Welcoming, sklein@fumcr.com, 972.996.0152
Jonathan "JB" Bryant - Welcoming Associate, jbryant@fumcr.com, 972.996.0158

Upcoming Opportunities

fumcr.com/events

POINSETTIAS

TODAY - December 10

Help to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas season with poinsettias in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Donations can be made online or using envelopes found in the pews.

UMW DRINK MIX SALE

December 3 & 10 8am-1pm Coleman Family Hall
Russian Tea, Mocha Mix & Cocoa Mix for sale to support United Methodist Women mission efforts. Packaged to give as gifts.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

December 8 6:30-9pm Nursery Rotunda Rooms
Need to do some Christmas shopping? Let The Journey Youth Choir watch the kids. \$20 for 1st child, \$5 for each additional child in family. Adult supervised. Details and registration online. fumcr.com/nightout

FINANCIAL PEACE

Sundays, beginning January 7 5-6:30pm Room 203
A 9 week course with practical, proven advice to help you deal with finances and the relationships it involves. Register online. fumcr.com/learn

Student Ministry

fumcr.com/youth

COLLEGE GATHERING AT CAFE

TODAY 9:45am Soul Purpose Cafe
College students are invited to gather on Sunday mornings during break for a free donut or coffee and to catch up with other students. Plan to join us on the following Sundays: Nov. 26, Dec. 10 & 17, Jan. 7 & 14.

YOUTH CAROLING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 17 5-8pm Bartula Family Life Center
All youth are invited to go with us caroling at a retirement community, make cards for members, and other fun activities. Parents needed to drive.

Caring Ministry

fumcr.com/caring

TAAM (TWELVE-STEP ALCOHOLISM/ADDICTION MINISTRY)

For many, the holidays are a time of struggle, depression, grief, loss and sadness. If you or a loved one struggles with addiction please contact us or use the resources on our website. fumcr.com/taam

Outreach Ministry

fumcr.com/outreach

MARKET SHARES

Buy a gift in honor of a friend or family member. 12 different organizations to support - find the one most meaningful to you. Shares available online until December 31. fumcr.com/shares

ANGEL TREE FOR WESLEY RANKIN

Help provide Christmas for a child by taking a tag from the tree in Shawver Welcome Center and return the purchased item *unwrapped* by December 3.

NETWORK NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

Each month, FUMCR collects high demand items to stock the shelves at Network of Community Ministries. December needs are baby diapers (size 1 & 2), boxes of cereal, and canned meats.

LOCAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Meals on Wheels is in need of people to deliver meals one morning a month. For details on this and other opportunities, visit fumcr.com/volunteer

Children's Ministry

fumcr.com/children

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

December 10 3pm Worship & Arts Center

This year's musical is *Baby Jesus, We Love You*. Come and experience the birth of Jesus told through the voices of children.

Family Life Ministry

fumcr.com/familylife

HOLIDAY DODGEBALL CAMP

December 18-21 9am-12noon Bartula Family Life Center Gym

For kids ages 5-12. Register online. fumcr.com/dodgeball



HOPE
IS ON THE WAY

ADVENT WORKSHOP - DECEMBER 3, 2-4PM

An afternoon of creating Advent and Christmas crafts. There will be crafts for a variety of ages and abilities. \$15/family



Joy to the World!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DECEMBER 15, 7:30PM

Richardson Symphony Orchestra joins FUMCR Chancel Choir and The Journey Youth Choir. Tickets available in Coleman Family Hall TODAY or tickets and dinner information online. fumcr.com/rso



Welcome the Season!

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Visit Coleman Family Hall on December 3, 8:30am-12:30pm, for special music, food & beverages, and a winter setting for a photo opportunity.

All Church Charge Conference

December 4 6:30pm Chapel

All members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting to vote on the business and visioning of the church. District Superintendent, Cammy Gaston, will preside.

Joys and Concerns

If you'd like to share a prayer request, complete the Prayer Card in the pew back and place in the offering plate or in the box at the Welcome Desk.

IN THE HOSPITAL (AS OF 11/15/17)

Jill Larsen, Susan Bynum, Stacy Reed, Ron Hargrove, Connie Toney, Tom Calvert, Emily Barber, Ashley Van Voorhis

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

Cindy and John Haley on the death of Cindy's father, Ron Harrel; Mara and Jack on the death of their grandfather David Bellavance on the death of his wife, Shirley Alexander
Vicki and Gary McDonald on the death of Vicki's mother

THOSE ESPECIALLY NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:

Izzy Smith's friend, Cletus Beights, Ashley Van Voorhis, Ron Hargrove, Emily Barber, Tom Calvert, Jennifer Rawlinson's friends, John Shipman's cousin and friend, Judy Campbell's grandson, Paul and Kit Mathes' friend, Millie Denham, Kris Stone's brother-in-law, Philip Hill, Connie Toney, Frank Clem's friend, Betty Stahl, Shandon Klein's grandmother, Leah Ochoa, Mary Mason, Tim Bilton, Jason Hayes, Marty and David Colley's son-in-law, Helen and Bob Davis' daughter, Peter Day's sister, Sue Hardin's cousin, Mark Lee, Nancy Drege's friends, Ann Green, Rick and Nat Davis' daughter, Linda McAlister's niece, Kathy Nauschutz's friends, Liz Masterson, Marianne French, Patsy Hammack, Patti Stewart, Susan Bynum, Ann Swann's friends, Beckie Moody and Eric Czechowski's friend, Sarah Ting's friend, Earnie Deadwyler, Kay Schafer, Viki Greenwell's grandson, The victims of the shooting in Sutherland Springs, TX, their friends and family, church members and the community, Melinda Smith's friend, Linda McAlister's friend, Jamie Lyons and Kat Sulak's friends, Marsha Mayo's mother, Molly Schrader's friend, Tom, Barbara and Lochlain Casey, Barbara Clary, Ann Swann's friends, Gary Burke's father, Glenn and Susie Straus' daughter, Carolyn Johnson, April Bristow, Lori Oliphint's mother, Dee Weaver's friends, Mary Deere's family member and friend, Joan Grigson, Ann Headlee's friend, Melanie Davis, Jean and Kent Harrington's son-in-law's father and sister, Dick Braucher, Barb Hodge's sister, Jon Breazeale's sister-in-law, Barbra and Gary Wagner, Janell and Owen Elrod's daughter, Mary Pilcher, Debbie Keller, Bill Clark, Freda Hanley, All of those impacted by the devastating effects of recent hurricanes, earthquakes and wild fires, Slate May, George Richards, Mike Lawson, Jane Williams, Dottie Zimmermann

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