



THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SHINE GOD'S LOVE INTO EVERY LIFE

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

December 20, 2009

8:30 & 11:00 am

Ministers

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Associate Pastor

All Members of the Congregation

Rev. Matt Gaston

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Rev. Jessica Wright

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WE GATHER

Welcome

John Priddy

Prelude

O Come, Little Children
Children's Choirchimes
Carol Lynn Mizell, Conductor

J.Schulz /arr. Mizell

If you have prayers of joy or concern to share with the congregation and the Prayer Ministry Team, please write those on a blue Prayers of the People card located in the pew rack in front of you. These cards will be picked up during the first hymn.

***Call to Worship**

Lea Ann Griffin 8:30; Charles Wesley Crouch 11:00

One: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Many: Who is this King of glory?

One: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Many: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

One: Who is this King of glory?

Many: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Psalm 24

***Hymn 202**

People, Look East

The Prayers of the People will be picked up during the singing of this hymn.

The Children are invited to the front for Children's Time.

WE PROCLAIM

A Time for Our Children

Deana Ferguson

Hymn 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Lord's Prayer

the people praying

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.

Prayer Response (11:00)

Ukrainian Bell Carol
Youth Bells

Leontovych /arr. Thompson

Ministry Witness

Sara Croissant

New members are always welcome at First United Methodist Church of Denton.
For more information, call one of our pastors at 940.382.5478.

The new library hours are posted on the Library door.

One of your pastors is always available for after hours emergencies at 940.566.6500.

A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time. All you need to do is call one of our pastors, 940.382.5478.

Today . . .

9:40 am Sunday School Classes; Youth on the 3rd Floor in the Youth Loft

Christmas Eve Dinner, immediately following the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. **Today** is the **LAST DAY** to sign up for the Christmas Eve dinner following the 7:00 service on Christmas Eve. ALL are welcome to attend this catered meal so come and celebrate this FUMC Christmas Tradition. A love offering will be accepted to defray the cost of the meal. Please indicate on the registration pad if you plan to attend.

This Week . . .

December 23 Advent Communion Service, 6:30 pm, Flinn Hall.

Drew Marshall's message is inspired by the Christmas carol, "Silent Night." Musical selections will include Britten's "Spring Carol" and "Deo Gracias," featuring UNT harpist Jennifer Kubecka and the women of the FUMC-Denton Chancel Choir.

December 24 A Classic Christmas -- Christmas Eve Services

Traditional Services with Carols, Candles, & Communion –
3:00, 7:00, 11:00 pm

Family Service – *The Gifts of Christmas* –

for families with young children – 5:00 pm, also including candles and communion.

Poinsettias may be picked up following the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

December 24 & 25 Church offices closed for the holidays.

December 27 Worship Service Schedule as usual — 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 am

December 28 Church offices closed for the holidays

December 31 Main Church offices closed. Church Business Administrator, Joe Carbonaro, will be available at the Pre-School Hall receptionist desk to accept any **year-end contributions** you wish to make from 8:30a.m. until noon.

A New Year . . .

- January 1** Church offices closed for the holidays
- January 3** Communion Sunday
- January 4** Church offices re-open after the holidays, 9 am.

Family Mission Trip Sabine Pass, Texas

December 27, 2009 – January 2, 2010

**Providing hurricane relief to Sabine Pass UMC, damaged
by Hurricanes Rita & Ike.**

Requirements:

- A heart for God, the gospel, and service
- A \$25 deposit to hold one of the 30 available spots
- Total Cost: \$115/person or \$350/family
- Contact: Rev. Jessica Wright, jwright@fumc-denton.com or 940.382.5478.

Beginning Again – Life After a Relationship Ends, A new workshop comes to FUMC for those individuals who have lost someone they love through divorce, death, or with the end of a significant relationship. Spend a weekend learning how to renew your journey of life and look forward to what God has in store for your future. Space is extremely limited and the workshop will cost \$20 for this January 8 & 9 workshop. Childcare is available by reservation only. If interested please call Joe Carbonaro in the Church office.

Financial Peace University – once again FUMC will host the FPU workshop on Saturday mornings starting January 16th. Tired of dealing with debt and wondering why you can't seem to get ahead? Want to learn how to be the master of your money instead of your money directing what you do? Classes run from 9am through 11am and childcare is available by reservation only. The cost is \$100 for the kit. If interested please call Joe Carbonaro in the Church office.

\$ADD\$- Apportionment Designated Dollar\$

You are invited to help reach our church's goal of 100% pay-out of our Apportionments. Place \$1 bills in the offering plate each time you worship. Unless you direct those \$1 bills toward the General Budget, they will be designated toward our Apportionment goal of \$60,000 through the end of the year. So far we have raised \$27,000; only \$33,000 to finish out!

Sermons coming In January 2010

January 3 – Arise, Shine, For Your Abundance Has Come

January 10 – Footprints in the Sand

January 17 – Tears of Sadness; Tears of Joy

January 24 – Called?! Who's on the Line?

January 31 – Holy Help Them, Batman!

December Mission Corner Collection

Paper goods for the Salvation Army
