



SHINE GOD'S LOVE INTO EVERY LIFE

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

January 3, 2010

8:30 & 11:00 am

Ministers

All Members of the Congregation

Senior Pastor

Rev. Matt Gaston

Associate Pastor

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Associate Pastor

Rev. Jessica Wright

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WE GATHER

Welcome

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Prelude

Noel for the Flutes
Dale Peters, organist

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

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**

Dan Pace (8:30); Brian Allison (11:00)

One: O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all people him whose name is Emmanuel.

Many: **Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising,**

All: **Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Laurence Hull Stookey

***Hymn 103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Hymn 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Confession

Rev. Jessica Wright

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good, we gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Our Offering

We Three Kings
Men's Ensemble

arr. Juhl

Please register your attendance on the registration pads. After you have completed your information, pass it down the row, and then back up the row so that everyone can see who is sitting nearby.

***Doxology 204**

the people singing

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.***

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 690 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

Message

“Arise, Shine, for Your Abundance Has Come” Rev. Matt Gaston

WE RESPOND

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sung Response

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

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.**

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

An usher will direct you to the front to receive communion. Please find an open place at the rail where you may kneel or stand. There will be no formal dismissal; you are welcome to remain as long as you like and return to your seat when you are ready. Communion will also be served by intinction, where you may receive the bread and dip it into the cup before partaking. If you prefer to be served in your pew, please tell an usher.

Communion Hymns & Anthem

(11:00)

Arise, Shine
Chancel Choir

Alan Pote

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Arise, arise, and shine like the sun and all nations shall come,
and all kings will be drawn to the brightness of your rising.
The sun shall no longer be your light, nor the brightness of the moon by night.
But the Lord shall be your everlasting light; your God will be your everlasting light.*

As the congregation shares in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please join in singing the first and last verses of the following hymns: 173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*; 452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*; 337 *Only Trust Him*; 626 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*; 367 *He Touched Me*; 599 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*.

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to explore becoming a part of this church family, please come down at the close of the service to express that desire and see one of the pastors who will be happy to guide you in those next steps through our Methodism 101 class.

*Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine:
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*All through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
All through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
All through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Blessing

Postlude

Magnificat I: Basse de trompette

Nicolas Lebègue

The acolytes today are Rebekah Cheek and Chase Zemanek (8:30);
Emily Hill and Adrienne Carpenter (11:00).

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1st Floor
of the East Wing during worship.

A television is set up downstairs in Miller Center during the 11:00 am worship service
for those who feel the need to leave the Sanctuary
but still wish to be a part of the service.

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

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
5:30-7:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) -- Movie Night @
the church; snack supper provided.

This Week . . .

January 4 Church offices re-open after the holidays, 9:00 am

January 6 Community Bible Study, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch.

Feast in Fellowship, a Wednesday night meal, 5:30-6:30 pm, Monroe Gym. Cost: Adults \$ 5.00; Children 10 and under \$ 3.00; Family maximum \$15.00. Make reservations by Monday noon.
Menu: Hamburgers & hot dogs.

Beginning Again – Life After a Relationship Ends, 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 16. 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 9:00 – 11:00 am, 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.

Methodism 101: A Overview of our Faith

January 17-February 21

9:45-10:30 am, Monroe Gym, Room 101

This course is recommended for all people coming into our congregation whether by profession of faith and baptism, renewal of vows, or transfer of membership. It is also a good refresher course for long-time members who want to remember who we are and where we came from as a denomination.

A Month of Mission

The question for all of us is not, “Are you in mission?” but “How are you in mission?” Find the mission field that matches your passions through the following events. If you would like more information or to sign up to serve, please contact Rev. Jessica Wright or Deana Ferguson, 940.382.5478.

<p>Wednesday, January 6 Epiphany Party 5:30 – 8:30 pm Monroe Gym</p> <p>In cooperation with community coordinators, our church will be sponsoring an Epiphany Party, celebrating the Magi’s recognition of the Christ child with fellowship and gifts for local children and their families. Last year this event, which was hosted at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, had close to 700 people come and go through their doors. The event includes a simple meal, entertainment, and a structured “gift choosing” time.</p> <p>Our church has committed to providing desserts and drinks for the meal. Your dessert donations may be dropped off at Monroe Gym on Wednesday, January 6, between 1:30-5:00 pm. Gift donations such as children’s clothing (especially underwear and socks), toiletries, school supplies (especially crayons, markers, and pencils), and any clean, gently used unwrapped toys can be dropped off In the Mission Corner before Wednesday.</p>	<p>Saturday, January 9 Mission Garage Sale 7:00 am - 2:00 pm Monroe Gym</p> <p>This Mission Garage Sale sends <i>all proceeds to benefit our missions</i> as a church as well as other local helping agencies. You are invited to participate, so clean out those closets, consider what things you can do without now that you’ve opened your Christmas presents, and bring it to the Monroe Gym.</p> <p>Sunday morning , January 10 1st Annual Mission Fair Monroe Gym</p> <p>Representatives from our own missions as well as other helping agencies will be present that morning to talk about all the possible ways you can serve in mission in our community and beyond. There will also be hands-on mission activities for you and your family to do that day.</p>												
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