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Praise & Prayer

Praise God for:

- New Members - the Roman Family: Roman, Karla, Isaiah, Sophie, Eli, & Yumi
- upcoming wedding of Nathaniel Brown (grandson of George & Val Shultz) to Abigail Joseph
- Breakfast with Santa and all who helped make it successful
- blessings of the Advent season

Pray for:

- Betty Minshew - successful surgery on Dec. 14, complete healing
- Shirley Lotts (friend of Sheila Harris & Julie Butler) - cardiac issues, possible pacemaker & blood clot in lung
- Josh Heathman (son of Laina Heathman) - deployment to Qatar for 2023
- Monica Ross & son, Chase (friends of Richard Coffey & Gwenda Moore) - healing of her health issues; peace, calm for Chase
- Mary Wright - safe travels, comfort with the loss of her sister, Shirley Nail
- Tradel Harris (daughter of Eugene & Bonnie Harris) - continued healing of Covid, pneumonia
- Leroy Harris (93 yr. old father of Eugene Harris) - continued healing of pneumonia
- David Hubler - continued healing, recovery from his back surgery
- Roger Martinez (friend of Ron Cox) - prostate cancer
- all affected by kidnappings and loss of family to violence
- Donna & Jim Strickland



First United Methodist Church of Cedar Hill, Texas

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Lessons
&
Carols

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2022

Order of Worship

Prelude		Grace Capshaw
Welcome & Announcements		Dr. Keva Green
*Opening Chorus	<i>Light the Advent Candle</i> (TFWS # 2090, v. 4)	Congregation
*Call to Worship		Mike & Janine Immler
	We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come Emmanuel.	
	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> (UMH #250, v. 1-4)	Congregation
	(Children through 4th grade may leave for Children's Church in the building next door.)	
The Bidding Prayer		Dr. George Shultz
The Lord's Prayer		Dr. George Shultz
Blessing		Randall Capshaw
First Lesson		Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
	God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.	
	<i>Star-Child</i> (TFWS #2905, v. 1-5)	Congregation
Second Lesson		Genesis 22:15-18
	God promises Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.	
	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> (UMH #211, v. 1, 2 &4)	Congregation
Third Lesson		Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
	The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.	
	<i>Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming</i> (UMH #216, v. 1-3)	Congregation
Fourth Lesson		Micah 5:2-5a
	The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.	
	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (UMH #230, v. 1&2)	Congregation
Fifth Lesson		Luke 1:26-35, 38
	The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.	
	<i>To A Maid Engaged to Joseph</i>	Randall Capshaw
Sixth Lesson		Luke 2:1-7
	Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.	
	<i>The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy</i> (TFWS #2098, v. 1-3)	Chancel Choir
Seventh Lesson		Luke 2:8-16
	The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.	
	<i>The First Noel</i> (UMH #245, v. 1-3)	

Eighth Lesson		Matthew 2:1-11
	The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.	
Worship through Giving		Dr. George Shultz
	<i>We Three Kings</i> (UMH #254)	Chancel Choir, Todd Marsh, Dave Dickerson, Andy Easterling
Ninth Lesson		John 1:1-14
	John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.	
	<i>Peace, Peace</i>	Chancel Choir & Congregation
*Benediction		Dr. Keva Green
*Benediction Chorus		
	<i>Joy to the World</i> (UMH #246, v. 4)	Congregation
Postlude		Grace Capshaw

Calendar

	<u>Monday through Saturday</u>
10:00 a.m.	Where Have You Seen God 10@10 devotional, Facebook
	<u>Monday, December 19</u>
	<u>Tuesday, December 20</u>
	9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga, Wesley Hall gym
	<u>Wednesday, December 21</u>
5:00 p.m.	NO Youth Group & Kids Club, Wesley Hall
6:00 p.m.	Handbells, Main Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Choir, Main Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting, online by Zoom
	<u>Thursday, December 22</u>
	9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga, Wesley Hall gym
7:00 p.m.	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study, Wesley Hall classroom
	<u>Friday, December 23</u>
	<u>Saturday, December 24</u>
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service, Main Sanctuary
11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service, Historic Sanctuary
	<u>Sunday, December 25-Christmas Day</u>
9:00 a.m.	NO Adult Sunday School classes
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Main Sanctuary