

Calendar

Monday through Saturday

10:00 a.m. Where Have You Seen God
10@10 devotional, Facebook

Church Office Hours Mon. - Thurs. 9 to 1

Monday – Thursday

8:00 a.m. High Rise Day Habilitation

Monday, December 26

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga, Wesley Hall gym

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Group, La Toska
5:00 p.m. NO Youth Group/ Kids Club
6:00 p.m. Handbells, Main Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Choir, Main Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. NO Prayer Meeting

Thursday, December 29

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga, Wesley Hall gym

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

7:30 a.m. No Devotional or Yard Crew

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m. NO Adult Sunday school classes
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Main
Sanctuary

Our Vision

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.

Praise & Prayer

Praise God for:

- blessings of Christmas and the birth of our Savior
- Tradel Harris (daughter of Eugene & Bonnie Harris) - feeling much better, complete healing
- upcoming wedding of Nathaniel Brown (grandson of George & Val Shultz) to Abigail Joseph, safe travels for all

Pray for:

- amazing new beginnings in 2023
- Marti Mason Kavanaugh-hospitalized
- family of Leroy Harris (93 yr. old father of Eugene Harris) - peace, comfort with his passing
- Sheri Ketchum - successful cardiac procedures on 12-22
- Rick Gorman (friend of Sheila Harris) - throat cancer
- Leilani Salisbury (friend of Pam Smith) - recovery from surgery, great follow-up
- David Hubler - continued healing, recovery from back surgery
- Betty Minshew - complete healing after surgery
- 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 for Chase
- Mary Wright - comfort with the loss of her sister, Shirley Nail
- Donna & Jim Strickland



First United Methodist Church of Cedar Hill, Texas

Making disciples ... since 1854



The Meaning and Purpose of Christmas

1 John 1:1-4

Dr. George Shultz

December 25, 2022

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude		Grace Capshaw
Welcome & Announcements		Dr. Keva Green
*Opening Chorus	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> (UMH #234, v. 1 &3)	Congregation
*Lightning the Christ Candle		Audrey & Joshua Patton
*Call to Worship		Amy Patton
Leader: This is a happy day, a holy day, the most joy-filled day of the year.		
People: We gather to hear the story of Jesus' birth, how God came into this world to dwell among us.		
Leader: We come together to sing the songs we love that celebrate this special time.		
People: We come together to worship our Lord and Savior.		
Leader: We rejoice in what God has done and continues to do in our lives.		
All: Christ, our Lord is born this night! So let us praise him!		
Opening Prayer		Amy Patton
Children's Presentation		
*Hymns of Praise	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i> (UMH #224, v. 1-3) <i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> (UMH #240, v. 1-3)	Congregation
*Affirmation of Faith (UMH # 881)		Dr. Keva Green
*Gloria Patri (UMH # 70)		Congregation
Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer (UMH #895)		Dr. Keva Green
Worship through Giving		Dr. Keva Green
Offertory	<i>Ring The Christmas Bells</i>	Chancel Choir & Revelation Ringers
*Doxology (UMH #95)		Congregation
Preparing Our Hearts	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (UMH #230, v. 1,2,4)	Congregation
Scripture Reading	1 John 1:1-4	Jay Patton
Message	The Meaning and Purpose of Christmas	Dr. George Shultz
A Service of Holy Communion		
*Hymn of Response	<i>Joy to the World</i> (UMH #246, v. 1-3)	Congregation
*Benediction		Dr. Keva Green
*Benediction Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i> (UMH #246, v. 4)	Congregation
Postlude		Grace Capshaw

Holy Communion

INVITATION AND CONFESSION

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies.

We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit we worship you in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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Ministry

Memory Verse

The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory,
the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father,
full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

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