



Order of Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Advent Candle
Lighting

Hymn*

Affirmation of Faith*

Gloria Patri*

Children's Message

Time of Prayer &
Confession

Hymn*

Gifts, Tithes, &
Offerings

The Doxology*

Scriptures

Gather Us In
TFWS #2236

UMH #881

UMH #70

Rev. Melissa Garza
TFWS #2233

Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing
UMH #240

Shine, Jesus Shine
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Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

Rev. Steven Newcomb

The Great
Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Holy Communion

Hymn*

One Bread, One Body
UMH #620

Benediction*

Postlude



The Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sanctuary @ December 17th 10:30pm

Our 4th Sunday of Advent worship service will be our Festival of Lessons & Carols, led by the musicians from First United Methodist Church in Wharton and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Bay City. You won't want to miss this special service.



Join us for Unboxing Advent FUMC Youth

What's Advent all about? What's a Jesse tree? What are posadas? What's the name of the Charlie Brown song? What's with the pink candle, and what exactly is a Chrismon? Join Pastor Melissa for Unboxing Advent, a festive mini-series for youth on all things Adventy with Bible study, art projects, music, and tasty treats. Dinner will be provided. The fun begins at 6. Don't forget your notebooks and Bibles!



You're Invited!

Kid-Friendly Family Service
December 24th @ 10:30 AM

This service is lots of fun. Come join in the music and storytelling designed for our younger worshipers and those young at heart.

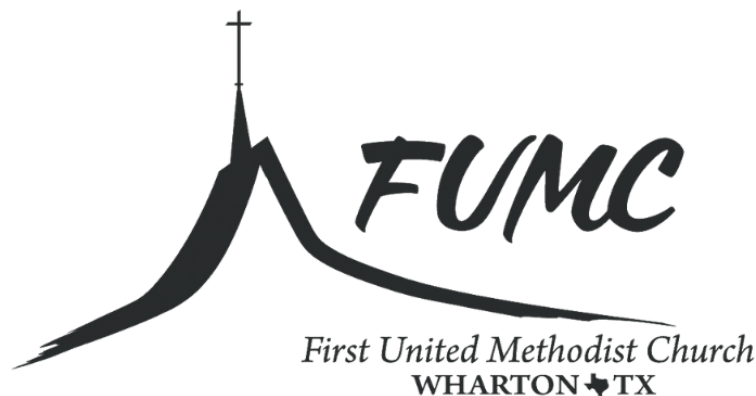
Candlelight Communion Service
December 24th @ 6:00 PM

We will celebrate the birth of Christ with this traditional service where we end in candlelight with the singing of Silent Night.

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December 10th, 2023



3rd Sunday of Advent

Our 4-Part Vision
Building Community
Growing Our Faith
Feeding the Hungry
Engaging the Children

To all who sin and need a Savior ...

To all who mourn and seek comfort ...

To all who are lonely and need a friend ...

To all who are weary and need rest ...

To whosoever will come ...

This church opens wide her door and her heart ...

And in the name of Jesus Christ, bids you welcome.