TRADITIONAL

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Chorale, Ornamentation, & Fugue on "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Jacob Weber

> **WELCOME &** PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE - UMH 214* Savior of the Nations, Come (v1-3)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE Sharon and Pat Cunningham

SUNG RESPONSE

Light a candle bright and tall for the Hope within our world. Hope that walks with us through all as God's promised light unfurled. Shine within our hearts today; Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

GLORIA PATRI - UMH 71*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-9

> **MESSAGE** "Imagine Hope"

CALL TO PRAYER - UMH 182 Word of God. Come Down on Earth

> PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORDS PRAYER

INVITATION

OFFERING MOMENT Caleb and Kerry Mays

OFFERTORY

Comfort, Comfort, O My People arr. Hal Hopson

ADVENT DOXOLOGY*

Please stand and join in singing the Doxology, which will be to the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT* UMH 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Chris and Danielle Pennington

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION*

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING*

UMH 238

"Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo." (refrain of "Angels We Have Heard on High")

POSTLUDE

Toccata on HYFRYDOL by Christopher Pardini

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COMING UP AT FMUMC

Donate Poinsettias | Deadline: Dec. 16

Would you like to donate a poinsettia to be used in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season? Names will be displayed during worship on Christmas Eve. 🖳



First Meal Denton Clothing Drive | Nov. 16 - Dec. 7

As colder months arrive, we need men's clothing (no dress clothes) & essentials. Please bring coats, pants, shirts, shoes, new underwear, warm socks, belts, hats. blankets, and travel-size toiletries to the donation bins in the Sanctuary Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Angel Tree | Nov. 16 – Dec. 7

Help make Christmas special for local children, families, and seniors by picking up a tag in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Women's Cancer Support Group Christmas Cookie Exchange | Dec. 2 | 6:30PM

Bring a dozen cookies & swap with your friends! Location to be provided by reaching out to Kerry Mays at, kmays@fmumc.org

Laundry Love | Dec. 2 | 6:30PM

Help provide access to free laundry services for people in need. All that is needed is a heart for others and the ability to put quarters into washing machines!



Advent Night | Dec. 7 | 5PM

Join us for Advent Night with potluck, carols, the PB&Jam Children's Choir, food, & the Chrismon Tree lighting. Bring a dish tied to a favorite Christmas memory, & add a note card with your name, the dish, & why it's special to you.



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SERVE ON SUNDAYS

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Hospitality Niki Tatum ntatum@fmumc.org

Media Team Dan Rohovit media@fmumc.org Music Conner McMains music@fmumc.org

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery | Dec. 13

Volunteer to deliver to help set up a bed in a home where a child needs a bed. No experience or tools needed, though trucks are always an added resource for the group!



The Joy of Christmas | Dec. 14 | 10:30AM

Experience The Joy of Christmas with one worship service at 10:30 a.m. Join us in the sanctuary or online for uplifting music led by the FMUMC Music Ministry, including our choir, Thrive Band, handbells and more! Invite a friend for this special Christmas music Sunday!

Lovepacs Christmas Packing | Dec. 14 | 11:45AM

Meet us in the Fellowship Hall as we pack food bags to provide meals for students over Christmas break.



Blue Christmas | Dec. 21 | 5PM

Join us for Blue Christmas — a quiet space for comfort, hope, and healing for anyone who finds the holidays heavy. If you're carrying grief or longing, come as you are and know you're not alone. A meal will follow for those who wish to stay. Location: Fellowship Hall.

Submit Your 2026 Estimate of Giving Card

We have received 135 Estimate of Giving Cards out of a possible 321 households for our 2026 budget year. So far, our total is \$983,516 out of \$1.3 million annual budget. It's not to late to be part of the inspiring giving! Cards can be returned in person, by mail, or online.



YEAR END GIVING UPDATE

We are so thankful for the faithful generosity of our church to ensure we finish the year strong. To meet our current 2025 budget, we will still need \$300,000 by December 31. Don't forget to share your Thanksgiving or Christmas gift with the church through a RMD, stock donation, or any tax-deductible donation. We would love to receive these as soon as possible to enjoy our Advent season with no stress! Contact Marci Reed at mreed@fmumc.org for more details and giving options.

Interested in joining the church?

Contact one of our pastors:

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Please help us out by recording your attendance on the Belong card or scanning the QR code

