Gathering

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Lois Hill
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

Welcome Rev. Aaron Logan

Please take a moment to let us know you are here.
If you are a returning guest or member, text your name(s) to (940) 461-8280.
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Call to Worship*

Leader: John came as a witness to testify to the Light.
People: **We are called to be witnesses too.**
Leader: Not pointing to ourselves, but pointing others toward Christ.
People: **May our words and our lives bear witness to his love.**
Leader: Let us worship the One who is the true Light.
All: **And let us go forth to bear witness to him!**

Hymn* "We Gather Together" 131

1. **We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**
2. **Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!**
3. **We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Ministry Moment

Special Music "Who Will Be a Witness" Moore
Chancel Choir
Melanie Coons, *director*

Who will be a witness, O my Lord?
Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?
I'm going to heaven, want to do it right.
I'm going to heaven, I'll be dressed in white.
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?
Don't want to stumble, don't want to fall.
I'm going to heaven when the roll is called.
Heaven's bells are ringing. Saints are all a-singing.
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?
A witness, a witness, O my Lord.
Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me?
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

Congregational Prayer Rev. Georgia Harrison

Faithful God, you send us into the world as witnesses to your love. Give us eyes to see where you are at work, courage to tell what we have seen, and lives that point others toward Jesus. Make us faithful witnesses to your light wherever we go. Amen.

Call to Prayer and Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Proclamation

Hymn* "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" 158

During the last verse of the hymn, children of all ages are encouraged to come to the front of the church for the Children's Sermon.

1. **Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!**
   Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
2. **Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!**
   He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. **Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!**
   On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Children's Sermon for All Ages Kim English

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Church after the Children's Sermon in the Hospitality Center (Room 110). Parents, please pick up your child in the Hospitality Center after worship.

Scripture John 1:6-9, 19-28 91

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***Witness*** Rev. Aaron Logan

Response

Affirmation of Faith* The Apostles' Creed 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri* 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory "It Is Well with My Soul" David Schwoebel
Kristen Gossett, *piano*
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

Doxology* 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

Hymn* "Shine, Jesus, Shine" v. 1, 3 2173

Refrain: **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,**
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. **Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;**
   Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
   Shine on me, shine on me.
3. **As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;**
   ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
   Shine on me, shine on me.

Benediction*

Postlude "We Gather Together" Flor Peeters
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

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*The Congregation will please stand.

Please ask ushers for assistive hearing devices if needed.

Children are always welcome in worship, but if needed, ask an usher for directions to the Nursery. Additionally, the 10:30 service is televised into a "Family Room" area for parents and children, located in the Chapel Entrance Prayer Room.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices, and
for not using flash photography during the worship service.

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Upcoming at FUMC

Advent Decorating Come help decorate the church for Advent on Sunday, November 22, beginning at 4:00 p.m. followed by an Open Table fellowship gathering at the Wichita Falls Brewing Co, with Chips and Queso on us! All ages are welcome to participate in decorating—children must be supervised by a parent/guardian.

Office Closure The church office will be closed beginning at noon on Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regularly scheduled office hours resume on Monday, November 30.

Leopard Bag Drive Each year, FUMC hosts our Leopard Bag Mission Project for the students of Booker T. Washington Elementary. Bags can be picked up on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. This year, we'll fill each bag with four items: a grade-appropriate book (list provided), a $5 gift card, a small toy, and a winter hat. Please return filled bags by Sunday, December 6.

2026 Advent Devotional Copies of *Pauses for Advent*, a 2026 Advent Devotional by Trevor Hudson, are available in the church office. Standard editions are available for $5 each. For a complete list of this year's Advent studies (Sunday School and Bible Study), visit www.FUMCWF.org/ADVENT or contact the church office for more information.

The Stories of Christmas Love Join Pastor Aaron for a four-week Advent study based on Leo Buscaglia's *Seven Stories of Christmas Love* beginning Sunday, November 29, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room (110). All are welcome! Nursery care is available with RSVP one week in advance. Contact Kim English at kenglish@fumcwf.org to RSVP or for more information.

First Wednesday Dinner Christmas Special Join FUMC Wichita Falls for dinner on Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is $5/person or $20 max/family; this month's meal is Pulled Pork with Cranberry Sauce. This special holiday First Wednesday features a performance from the Memorial High School Jazz Band and the popular Dessert Buffet! Everyone is encouraged to bring a shareable dessert, such as cookies, brownies, etc., for the buffet.

Poinsettia Orders Christmas Poinsettias, given in honor or memory of loved ones, can be ordered through December 13. Poinsettias are $15 each. Please fill out and return the order form with payment to the church office by December 13. Order forms are available in the church office and online at www.FUMCWF.org/ADVENT.