# **DOWNTOWN WORSHIP DECEMBER 27, 2015** 11:00 A.M.

Pola & Wyle

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year Lights of Hanukkah

Solomon

Do You Hear What I Hear/Little Drummer Boy

arr. Conroy

Lone Star Lyric

INTROIT

What are You Doing New Year's Eve? Loesser

> Berlin Kelli Estes

\*HYMN

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following vonder star.

Refrain

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never,

Repeat Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising, voices raising, Worship Him, God most high.

Breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Repeat Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and sacrifice; Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Earth to Heav'n replies.

INVOCATION

\*HYMN

PRELUDE

Carol of the Bells Lone Star Lyric

Leontovich

Rev. John Onstott

Trad. Welsh Carol

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la la la la. 'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la la. Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la la la. Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la la la la la la la. Strike the harp and join the chorus. Fa la la la la la la la la la. Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la la la la la. While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la la la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la la la. Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la la la la la. Sing we joyous all together, Fa la la la la la la la la. Heedless of the wind and weather. Fa la la la la la la la la.

\*GREETING

Rev. Ann Spears

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Marshmallow World Kelli Estes

Sigman & DeRose

White Christmas

Jeremy Wood Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Sarah Brindley The Christmas Song

Torme & Wells

Berlin

Blane

Lindsey Harris, Jr.

Fox & Armstrong

Zat You Santa Clause? Jeremy Wood

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*HYMN

Rev. Ann Spears

To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. Refrain O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

God rest you merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay,

Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;

In Bethlehem, in Jewry this blessed Babe was born, And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn: To which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.

O tidings of comfort and joy.

Repeat Refrain

From God, our Heavenly Father, a blessed Angel came, And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Repeat Refrain

The shepherds at those tidings, rejoiced much in mind, And left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind, And went to Bethlehem strait-way, the Son of God to find.

Repeat Refrain

SPECIAL MUSIC

Text Me Merry Christmas Schlesinger & Javerbaum Sarah Brindley and Lindsey Harris, Jr.

> **The Man with the Bag** Stanley, Taylor & Brooks Jeremy Wood

Sarah Brindley

**Christmas Dreaming** 

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Hopkins

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Over us all to reign.

Repeat Refrain

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume

Repeat Refrain

\*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Alex Scheel College Student Page 1, N.T. Pew Bible

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Who Were Those Wise Guys?

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Rev. Ann Spears

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Secret of Christmas

Van Heusen & Cahn

Kelli Estes Estes

\*FAITHFUL GIVING

Candice Davis Director of Family Ministries

O Holy Night \*WORD IN SONG Lindsey Harris, Jr. arr. Conroy

CHRIST'S INVITATION Rev. Ann Spears

BENEDICTION Dr. Bill Allen

BENEDICTION RESPONSE We Wish You a Merry Christmas Trad. We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas,

Good tidings to you, where ever you are, Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Now bring us some figgy pudding, now bring us some figgy pudding, Now bring us some figgy pudding, and bring it right here.

We won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some, We won't go until we get some, so bring it right here.

Good tidings to you, where ever you are, Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

**POSTLUDE** 

Piano

Rob Hunt

Linus and Lucy Band

Guaraldi

Bass

Lex Valk

# LONE STAR LYRIC

**SINGERS** Sarah Brindley Lindsey Harris, Jr.

Kelli Estes

Jeremy Wood **BAND** 

# Carol Caubert POINSETTIA LIST ADDENDUM

Drums

Poinsettias were purchased in memory of Wallace & Bonnie Nobles and in honor of Betty Caldwell by Bonnie Mastin.

#### **CLERGY ON-CALL**

Dr. Bill Allen, 832-668-1800, option 7

- Service of Healing in the Cry Room, 12:05 p.m.
- Assisted Listening Devices are available from the sound console.
- iPads, tablets and cell phones are welcome! Take notes and text points from the message to your friends. Just put your device on "silent."

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Our church's Christmas offering is crucial in helping First Methodist successfully meet her ministry commitments. It keeps Christ and His work at the top of our gift list – and allows us to reach out to hurting people in the name of the Child whose birth we celebrate! All that we give is given to others. Please join your church family in generously supporting this great tradition. Make your check to First Methodist Houston and designate "Christmas" in the memo section. All gifts received will go to impact the world and change lives in His name.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

From Dec. 25 – Jan. 1, most of the church offices will be closed. The exception to this is the Business Office, which will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Dec. 28-31. If you need to speak with a pastor anytime, you may call 832-668-1800 and select option 7.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

You can donate the flowers in our beautiful Sanctuary! This is a lovely way to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion, and it's more cost effective than you might think! Contact Rebecca Holland, rholland@fmhouston.com.

#### PRAYER SISTERS

Ladies, there is still time to sign up for our Prayer Sisters Program. Please join us as we pray for each other and our church. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or can be downloaded from the website. For more information, contact Ruthie Estes, restes@fmhouston.com, 832-668-1861.

### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

*To learn more about our Small Group Ministry* please contact Ken Coneby, <a href="mailto:kconeby@fmhouston.com">kconeby@fmhouston.com</a> or 281.773.3195.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*To get connected with our Young Adult Ministry* please contact Rev. Kaitlyn Bowie, <u>kbowie@fmhouston.com</u> or 281.838.2133, or Ken Coneby, kconeby@fmhouston.com or 281.773.3195.

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Tuesday, January 5*, we will start a new Beth Moore study: *Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories*. For more information about this series, contact Ruthie Estes, 832.668.1861 or <a href="mailto:restes@fmhouston.com">restes@fmhouston.com</a>

*Thursday, January* 7, join us for Allen Houk's study of (??) (is it new?) Lunch for the weekday studies is served starting at 11:30, and the study will begin at noon.

## FAMILY RETREAT AT LAKEVIEW

Please join your church family at the 12th annual Family Retreat which will again be held at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, TX. The event is Jan. 29-31 and we need registrations to be confirmed via email to Laura Aldis at <a href="mailto:laldis@yahoo.com">laldis@yahoo.com</a> by January 14, and payment turned in by Sunday, Jan. 17. Late and last minute registrations are possible but cost \$30-50 more. Dorms, fun, crafts, fellowship, and all food is included in the fee. The challenge course is available, weather permitting, for everyone in 4th grade and up, for an additional fee.