

# CHRISTMAS IN REAL LIFE

All Icing and No Cake

12.22.24  
11 a.m. Traditional Worship

## WORSHIP ORDER

\*\*Please stand as you are able

**Prelude**

**Dr. Young Kwon Whiting**

**Welcome**

**Rev. Steve Brooks**

**Advent Reading**

**Choral Call to Worship**

*Christmas Medley*

**Handbells**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**Congregation**

*Hymnal 190*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**Kc Peoples**

*Hymnal 691*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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

*\*The word "catholic" used in the Apostles' Creed refers to the essential unity or wholeness of the Christian church throughout all places and time. The earliest historical evidence for this early statement of faith, used widely by many Christian denominations, is 390AD.*

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Hymnal 33*

**Registration of Attendance**

**Kc Peoples**



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ATTENDANCE  
REGISTRATION  
FOR MEMBERS &  
FREQUENT VISITORS

INTERESTED  
IN BECOMING  
A FOLLOWER  
OF JESUS OR  
JOINING OUR  
CHURCH?

REGISTRATION FOR  
**FIRST TIME  
GUESTS**



PRAYER REQUEST



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**SYMPATHIES**

## Announcements

Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal 700

Offering/Offertory

Chancel Choir

*The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy*

\*Doxology

Hymnal 682

\*Hymn of Preparation

Congregation

*What Child is This*

*Hymnal 179*

Scripture Reading

Kc Peoples

[Luke 2:8-14](#)

Sermon

Rev. Steve Brooks

*Sermon Title: All Icing No Cake*

Hymn of Response

Congregation

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*Hymnal 216*

\*Mantra and Benediction

Rev. Steve Brooks

Postlude

Dr. Young Kwon Whiting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**CHRISTMAS  
IN REAL LIFE**

**Christmas Eve Schedule**

Family Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary  
Christmas Eve Service 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Both evening services will include candlelight

The graphic features a night sky with stars and a glowing house in the distance. The text is in a stylized, golden font with a white outline.



**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Holiday Schedule**

**9 am Breakfast**  
(Atrium)

**10 am Combined Service**  
(Worship Center)

The graphic has a festive border with pine branches, snow, and colorful ornaments. The background is a light blue with falling snow.

2024

Advent Calendar



## Open Flower Dates

Do you have a special date you would like to honor, memorialize or celebrate someone with Sanctuary flowers?

**You can!**

Contact **Jann Bash** at [jbash@vcbash.com](mailto:jbash@vcbash.com) or text **432-559-5811**

## BURNET VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Opportunities for the **24-25** school year to significantly impact the students, parents and staff at **Burnet Elementary**



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Questions? Contact Pastor Melissa at [melissashuler@firstmethodistmidland.com](mailto:melissashuler@firstmethodistmidland.com)

## CONFIRMATION 2025

**January 9<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30**

Click To Register

**In the Basement**

# KIDS' CHOIRS AND CLASS GUITAR

- 4-4:50 pm Angel Choir (Room 227)
- 4-4:50 pm Kids Choir (Choir Room)
- 4-4:50 pm 6th-12th grade guitar (Ensemble Room)
- 5-5:50 pm 4th+5th grade guitar (Ensemble Room)
- 5-5:50 pm Celebration Singers Youth Choir (Choir Room)

For more information email [bethgarza@firstmethodistmidland.com](mailto:bethgarza@firstmethodistmidland.com)



## Foundation

### Kids and Youth Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in helping serve in one of our **kids** or **youth** programs?

[Click to see how you can help!](#)



Celebrate Recovery®

**Tuesday Evenings**  
**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Worship Center**

A Christian based 12-step program where God heals those with hurts, habits, and hang-ups. For more information, contact Wade Cobb at [wadecobb@firstmethodistmidland.com](mailto:wadecobb@firstmethodistmidland.com).

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