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**Texas Wesleyan University presents  
“Festival of Lessons and Carols,” a twelve-year musical tradition**

FORT WORTH, Nov. 24 – Texas Wesleyan University will present the “Festival of Lessons and Carols” concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7 at Polytechnic United Methodist Church, located at 1310 S. Collard St. on East Rosedale. A reception will follow. Based on the famous “Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols” presented annually since 1918 by the King’s College Choir at Cambridge University in England, the “Festival of Lessons and Carols” is a twelve-year tradition at Wesleyan University.

“Festival of Lessons and Carols” incorporates readings from the Bible and corresponding carols that chronologically progress, beginning with the story of Adam and Eve and ending with the birth of Jesus. Rev. Georgia Allen, members from Polytechnic United Methodist Church and Texas Wesleyan University staff will narrate the Biblical readings.

The Wesleyan Singers and the Polytechnic Chancel Choir will perform the traditional “Lessons and Carols” concert by John Leavitt, celebrated American composer, conductor, teacher and church musician. Jeff Walter, professor of music at Texas Wesleyan University, will conduct the performance. Elaine Garvin, of Polytechnic United Methodist Church, will be the accompanying organist.

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The concert will feature carols and hymns from around the world, and the audience will have an opportunity to join in the festivities with a traditional sing-along. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Texas Wesleyan University Department of Music at (817) 531-4992 or call Polytechnic United Methodist Church at (817) 534-0278.

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