

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### 65th Annual Advent Service at SMU's Perkins Chapel

**What:**

Join Perkins School of Theology at SMU for its **65th Annual Advent Service**, a tradition that has brought together music, scripture, and community since 1959. This year's service will feature the **Great "O" Antiphons**, a liturgical centerpiece of Advent, chanted in dialogue with seasonal scripture passages.

Musical highlights include performances by the **Seminary Singers** and **Concordia**, SMU's treble ensemble, under the direction of select graduate student conductors. Attendees will also experience the magnificent sound of the newly installed **1927 E.M. Skinner organ** in Perkins Chapel.

**When:**

Thursday, December 5, 2024

6:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Perkins Chapel

Southern Methodist University

6001 Bishop Blvd., Dallas, TX

**Why:**

This annual event offers a reflective and spiritual preparation for the Christmas season while showcasing rich musical and liturgical traditions.

**Visual Opportunities:**

- Choir performances and musical ensembles in action
- The historic 1927 E.M. Skinner organ in use

- The beautifully decorated Perkins Chapel during the service

**Parking:**

Parking is available at the Meadows Museum Parking Center, located across from Perkins Chapel. Visitors should enter on the **left side** of the gate.

**Virtual Attendance:**

The service will be streamed live via [YouTube](#).

**Media Interviews:**

Interviews with event organizers, musicians, and liturgical leaders are available upon request.

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