

SUNDAYS AT FIRST CHURCH

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Traditional Worship | 9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary

DiscipleChurch | 7:15 am | Community Breakfast | Wesley Hall

8:30 am | Worship | Chapel

The Gathering | 9:30 am | Wesley Hall | 11:00 am | Justin Youth Building

eleven:eleven celebration | 11:11 am | Wesley Hall

Children First | First Sunday of month | 9:45 am | Sanctuary

OTHER OFFERINGS

Chapel Communion | 10:35 am | Chapel

Connections | 10:30 – 11:00 am & noon – 12:30 pm | Garden & Wesley Hall

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY (3 MONTHS – PRE-K)

9:30 am – noon | Children's Wing

Contact: Paula Wagstaff | pwagstaff@myfumc.org | 817-546-4414

CHILDREN'S ACADEMY SUNDAY SCHOOL (K – 5TH)

9:30 – 11:00 am | Children's Wing

Contact: Mark Burrows | mburrows@myfumc.org | 817-339-5097

CONFIRMATION (6TH GRADE)

September – January | 9:30 – 10:45 am | Justin Youth Building

Contact: Rev. Casey Orr | corr@myfumc.org | 817-339-5067

YOUTH SUNDAY PROGRAMMING (7TH – 12TH GRADE)

Sunday School | 9:30 – 10:30 am | Justin Youth Building

Cornerstone Youth Choir Rehearsal | 4:30 – 5:30 pm | Choir Room

The Refuge | 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Justin Youth Building

Contact: Andrew Mochrie | amochrie@myfumc.org | 817-339-5070

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Talks | All ages | 9:30 am | Room 350

Wesley Bible | All ages | 9:30 am | Room 340 – 341

Veriditas | All ages | 9:45 am | Room 332

Quest | All ages | 11:00 am | Room 333

Foundations | Age 30s – 40s | 9:30 am | Room 336

Genesis Couples | Age 30s – 40s | 9:45 am | Room 351

Aldersgate Couples | Age 40s – 60s | 9:30 am | Room 333

Good Neighbors | Age 40s – 60+ | 11:00 am | Room 334

New Horizon Singles | Age 50s – 60s | 9:30 am | Room 231

Koinonia | Age 60s – 70s | 9:30 am | Room 224

Loyalty | Age 60s – 70s | 9:30 am | Room 334

Sojourners | Age 60s – 70s | 9:30 am | Room 335

Creative Couples | Age 60s – 70s | 9:45 am | Room 321

New Passages | Age 60s – 70s | 11:00 am | Room 352

Covenant | Age 70+ | 9:30 am | Room 331

Inquirers | Age 70+ | 9:30 am | Room 352

Twosome | Age 70+ | 9:30 am | Room 154

Contact: Rev. Chuck Graff | cgraff@myfumc.org | 817-339-5065

CHOIRS

Contact: Robert Stovall | rstovall@myfumc.org | 817-339-5074

USHERS & GREETERS

Contact: Lisa Helm | lhelm@myfumc.org | 817-339-2403

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music & Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist and Associate Director of Music & Worship Arts

Liturgists: Welcome, Prayer - Rev. Linda McDermott;

Affirmation - Ms. Laura Matt; Scripture - Mrs. Allison McMahon

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, helper Claire Cammack

Choir: Choral Union

Soloist: Ms. Alison Haygood, soprano

Acolytes: Kelly Lavelle, Catherine Markle, and Carrie Todd

Procession: Riley Parker, Tatum Parker, Ellen Matt, Caylin Thurman,

Allison Thurman, Emma Weir

MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP

Live Stream | Join us live online on Sunday mornings at fumcfw.org/live

at 9:30 am for The Gathering, 11:00 am for Traditional, and 11:11 am for eleven:eleven celebration.

WRR Radio | Listen to each previous week's sermon and music on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on WRR 101.1 FM.

GET THE NEWS

Get your FUMCFW Weekly newsletter and CONNECT Magazine here at the church. Read the news online and sign up for emails at fumcfw.org/news.



Discipleship is the process of being shaped by the Holy Spirit through spiritual practices to become more like Jesus. **Healthy Plate Discipleship** uses a variety of practices to help you more faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Try all six areas to grow strong in faithful discipleship.

WORSHIP

Gathering to focus on God together

SERVE

Being God's people in the world

GIVE

Putting God first in all things

LEARN

Discovering and understanding who God is

PLAY

Enjoying the good life God gives

PRAY

Talking and listening to God's direction



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"The Book of God's Love"

Dr. Mike Marshall

11:00 am

Psalms 119:1-5, 105

September 17, 2017

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth — we're so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Let us know you're here by filling out an attendance registration card. Just grab one from the pew pocket in front of you and then place it in the offering plate. If you would like to join our church family, fill out the How to Join card and bring it with you during the closing hymn.

Large-print bulletins, hearing enhancement devices, and children's activity packets are available. Our ushers would be happy to assist you at any time. Please silence your cell phone as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Coming Next in Traditional Worship

9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary

September 24

Rev. Linda McDermott
"Holy Ground"

October 1

"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?"
World Communion Sunday

Word of the Day

The Word

Memory Verse

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

WE GATHER

Tower Bells

Prelude

Hymn Prelude on Darwall's 148th
Harold K. Marks, arranger

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Happy are we when we stay on course,
walking steadily on the road revealed by God.
Happy are we when we follow the Lord's directions,
Doing our best to find God.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path!

We do not venture on our own way,
we walk straight along the road set by God.

The Lord prescribed a right way to live
and invites us to live it.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path!

Teach us, O Lord, the way of Your love
and we will walk it all our days.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path!

*Hymn 598

O Word of God Incarnate

*Affirmation of Faith 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

**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.**

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

WE PROCLAIM

Sacrament of Baptism

Hunter Galloway Osborne, son of Kathryn and John Osborne

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1)

Jesus Loves Me

Congregational Response

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example
of Christ that Hunter Galloway, surrounded by steadfast
love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and
strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

Special Music

Little David, Play on Your Harp

H. T. Burleigh, arranger

Scripture

Psalm 119:1-5, 105

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Sermon

"The Book of God's Love"

Pastoral Prayer

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. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Third Grade Bible Presentation

The Third Grade Bibles are given in memory of Melissa Dearden.

Bible Black Belt Pledge

This is the Bible – the book of God's love.

It is full of amazing stories of faith,

amazing people of faith,

and amazing deeds of faith.

The Bible may have been written long ago,

but it has great meaning in my life today!

Its words can inspire me, comfort me, teach me,

and challenge me to be my best self –

a true servant of God.

The Bible is not a weapon.

I will not throw it at anyone.

I will not use its words to hurt others

just so I can feel better about myself.

This is the Bible – the book of God's love.

WE RESPOND

A Time of Giving

Offertory

Teach Me Your Way O Lord

Lloyd Larson, composer

*In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in
the offering plate during the month of September will support Kids Hope
USA Mentoring. Thank you for reaching out to others.*

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn

Your Word is Like a Lamp, O Lord

**Your word is like a lamp, O Lord,
and like a light to guide our way;
for in this ever-changing world,
it bears Your promise every day.**

**You showed Your love to Israel,
and to the world You sent Your Son.
A witness without parallel,
the scriptures tell what You have done.**

**You speak Your word in history,
to cultures bound by time and place.
Yet in the Bible we can see
the boundless reaching of Your grace.**

**God, open wide each heart and mind
by Your own Spirit, now we pray,
that in Your scriptures we may find
new strength to serve You every day.**

*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what
will we do?

We will go out to be God's people in the world.

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Congregational Closing Song

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,

With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Postlude

Marching to Zion

Gordon Young, arranger

** Please stand as you are able.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of J. David and
June Gilmore and Steven C. Gilmore by Dr. Libby Gilmore

The red carnation symbolizes our congratulations to Mary and Tim
Bukowski on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Rae Bukowski.