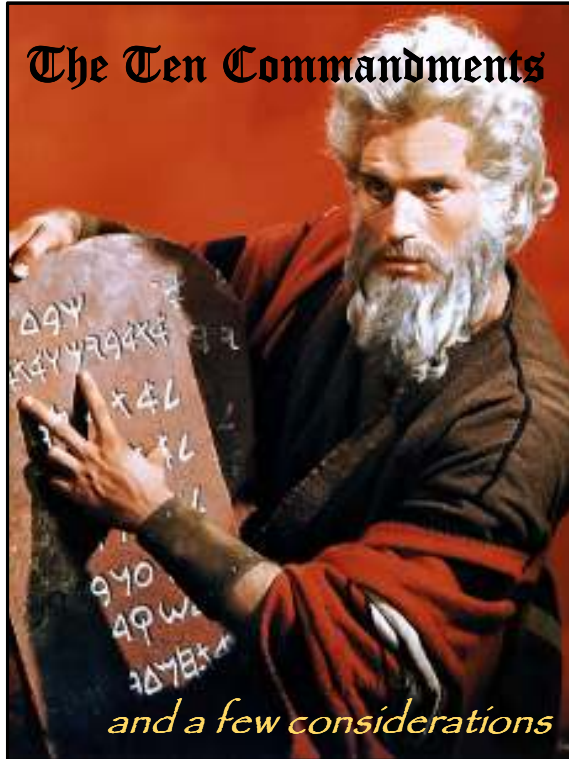


reconnecting your spirit without disconnecting your mind

**first united methodist church
eleven:eleven celebration
october 22, 2017**



celebration leaders

**tom mcdermott, brad thompson
& charme robarts**

gathering and registration

(please use this time to connect with others and to register your attendance; bring your attendance card to the altar during our time of offering and singing or scan the qr code on the back or go to fumcfw.org/celebrationattendance to register online from your smartphone)

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the welcome candle

genny kluck

come, come, whoever you are. wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. it doesn't matter. ours is not a caravan of despair. come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times. come, yet again

invocation

offering song

(these offerings go toward the support of fumc ministries, including 11:11 celebration.
dollar bills collected in October will support First Street Mission's clothing closet for the homeless.

"joyful, joyful we adore thee" trad

joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
god of glory, lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above
melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away.
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

all thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays.
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span
ever singing, move we onward,
victors in the midst of strife
joyful music leads us sunward in
the triumph song of life

passing the peace

(exchanging gifts of greeting and peace with one another)

our unbounded generosity

brad baker

"come, o light"

come, o light, illumine my darkness
come, o life, revive me from death
come, o healer, hear my crying
come, o spirit, come

kairos moment

(the ancient greeks had two words for time, *chronos* and *kairos*.
kairos is "a time in between" – sacred time.)

opening our hearts and minds

cathie davis

exodus 20: 2-7

"i am the lord your god, who brought you out of egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"you shall have no other gods before me. "you shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. you shall not bow down to them or worship them; for i am a jealous god, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"you shall not misuse the name of the lord your god, for the lord will not acquit anyone who misuses god's name.

john 9: 2-3, 6-7

as he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. his disciples asked him, "rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"neither this man nor his parents sinned," said jesus, "but this happened so that the works of god might be displayed in him.

after saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "go," he told him, "wash in the pool of siloam" (which means "sent"). so the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

gift of song

"i hope"

written by the dixie chicks

performed by eleven:eleven revolution

message

"no gods, no-thing, notice everything"

rev. tom mcdermott

gift of song

"can't go wrong"

written by phillip phillips

performed by eleven:eleven revolution

blessing

eleven:eleven revolution

brad thompson - acoustic guitar & vocals
kevin grove - electric guitar / mike brown - bass guitar
todd franks - drums / dace sultanov - cello
laurie simmons - piano
david rosario & jim miller - saxophones
claire kirk & alaina gunter, vocals
austin patton & ian kirk- sound engineers
justin emerick, - av tech

some thoughts for the journey

god writes the gospel not in the bible alone, but also on trees and in flowers and clouds and stars. - martin luther

why do people in churches seem like cheerful, brainless tourists on a packaged tour of the absolute? ... churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, blithely mixing up a bunch of tnt to kill a sunday morning... we should all be wearing crash helmets. ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares, lash us to our seats. for the sleeping god may wake some day and take offense; or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return. - annie dillard

"uncle mac, can god beat up buddha?" "well, yes, tommy. i guess god could beat up buddha. but he probably wouldn't, because jesus said to love your neighbor and pray for your enemies." "so, jesus and buddha are enemies!?" "no, i didn't mean that. they're really more like neighbors." - uncle mac (conversation after an a.w.a. wrestling show at will rogers, ft. worth)

every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby god speaks to us. and the art of life is to get the message. - malcolm muggeridge

programs and events

Focus First Surveys deadline is October 31. Go on-line to complete or pick one up at the Welcome Center and return to the church office. **Questions?**

Contact: Rev. Lance Marshall lmarshall@myfumc.org
<http://www.fumcfortworth.org/connect/focusfirst>

WINE & WISHFUL THINKING - mondays | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | 1628 park place conversation on faith, sunday's message, or topics of the day. tmcdermott@myfumc.org



sundays | 9:30 – 10:45 am | Room 230 Adult
Education discussion group that always includes viewing a 15-20 minute TED Talk video, followed by

guided discussion. **Contact:** Charne Robarts, crobarts@myfumc.org | 817-339-5069

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