

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 | Room 350
eleven:eleven celebration | 11:11 am | Wesley Hall

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)

9:15 am – noon | Children’s Wing
Contact: Paula Wagstaff | pwagstaff@myfumc.org | 817-546-4414

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

9:15 – 10:50 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: Kat Bair | kbair@myfumc.org | 817-339-3882

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Talks | All ages | 9:30 am | Room 230
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 | Age 30s – 50s | 9:30 am | Room 333
Good Neighbors | Age 40s – 60+ | 11:00 am | Room 340 – 341
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

NOTES

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.

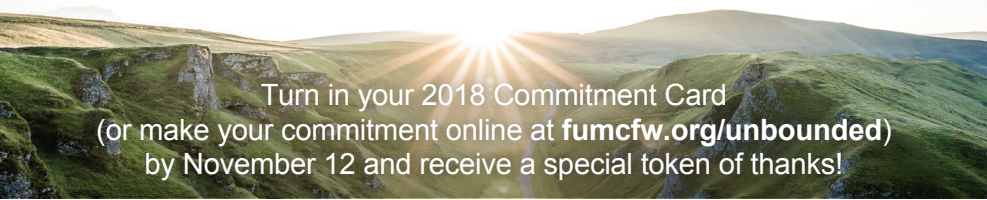


UNBOUNDED
GENEROSITY

“When Jesus fed five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, he was showing us how God’s love can multiply the effects of our generosity. God’s kingdom is the place of abundance where every generous act overflows its original bounds and becomes part of the unbounded grace of God at work in the world.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

Turn in your 2018 Commitment Card
(or make your commitment online at fumcfw.org/unbounded)
by November 12 and receive a special token of thanks!





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WHAT OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS CAN TEACH US

Love Unconditionally

Dr. Tim Bruster
Matthew 5:43-48

11:00 am
October 29, 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

November 5
Dr. Tim Bruster
“Saints All Around Us”
All Saints Sunday

November 12
Dr. Tim Bruster
“I Wanna Be In That Number”

Word of the Day
Memory Verse

Unconditional Love
The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases, God’s mercies never end.

WE GATHER

Tower Bells

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

Sonata in F Major for Alto Recorder and Harpsichord, Op. 2: Allegro

Benedetto Marcello, composer

*Call to Worship (based on Lamentations 3:22-24)

When we feel lost and alone and we need guidance, we remember the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never end.

When the news is bad or frightening and we need comfort, we remember the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never end.

When the needs of others overwhelm us and we need strength, we remember the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never end.

The steadfast love of God refreshes anew every morning, therefore we will hope in the Lord.

*Hymn 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*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.

A Time of Giving

Stewardship Moment

Offertory

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of October will support First Street Methodist Mission Clothing Bank. Thank you for reaching out to others.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture

Matthew 5:43-48

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn They Who Jesus’ Followers Are

They who Jesus’ followers are and enjoy his faithful care, by a mutual, hearty love their belief in Jesus prove.

By your reconciling love ev’ry stumbling-block remove; each to each unite, endear; come, and spread your banner here.

Let us each for others care, each another’s burden bear, to your church a pattern give, showing how believers live.

May it to the world appear that we your disciples are by our loving mutually, by our Christian unity.

Communion Meditation

Love Unconditionally

Last in the Series: The Gospel According to Dogs: What Our Four-Legged Friends Can Teach Us

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

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)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Sonata in F Major for Alto Recorder and Harpsichord, BWV 1035: Adagio ma non tanto and Siciliano

Johann Sebastian Bach, composer

Sonata in F Major for Alto Recorder and Harpsichord, Op. 2: Adagio

Benedetto Marcello, composer

WE RESPOND

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*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

Toccatà in D minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach, composer

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Audine and Aubrey Morgan, Annie and Milton McLarty and Molly and Wesley Morgan by Beverly Morgan and Sandy and Mike Stepp, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Woodie Wood.

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

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

Liturgists: Rev. Phyllis Barren, Rev. Casey Orr

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Landon Peugh, helper

Choir: Choral Union

Alto Recorder: Mr. Kenneth Meador

Harpsichord: Mrs. Peggy Graff

Stewardship Moment: Mrs. Karol Fate

Acolytes: Collin Burross, Corbin Dilday, and Sam Looney

Procession: Libby Kelley

*Please stand as you are able.

The new chalices being used in the Sanctuary are a gift to the church from Diane and Ben Fisher.