

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)

8:30 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
New Passages | Age 60s – 70s | 11:00 am | Room 230
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.



HEALTHY PLATE
DISCIPLESHIP

WORSHIP | SERVE | GIVE | LEARN | PLAY | PRAY

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.

<p>WORSHIP</p> <p>Gathering to focus on God together</p>	<p>LEARN</p> <p>Discovering and understanding who God is</p>
<p>SERVE</p> <p>Being God’s people in the world</p>	<p>PLAY</p> <p>Enjoying the good life God gives</p>
<p>GIVE</p> <p>Putting God first in all things</p>	<p>PRAY</p> <p>Talking and listening to God’s direction</p>



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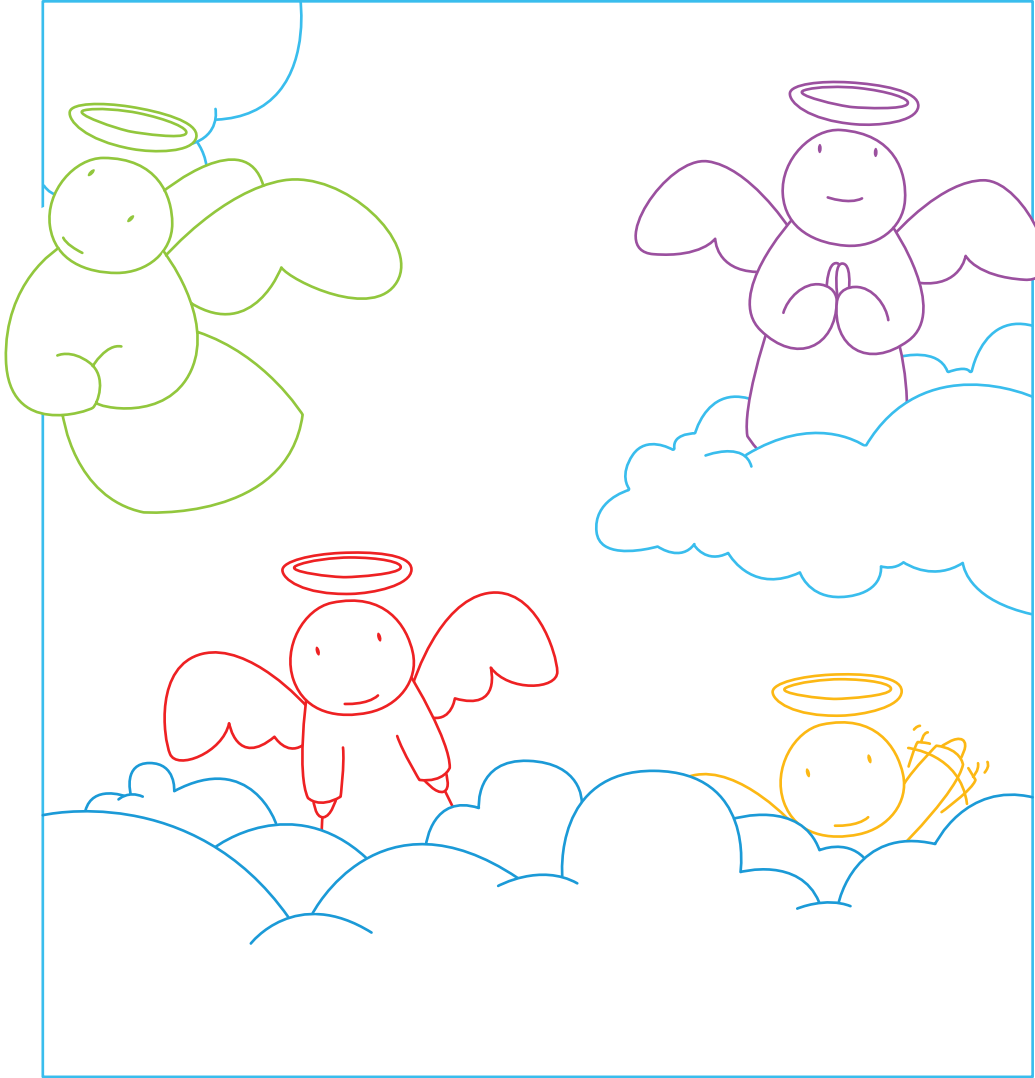
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The Perfect Christmas

Dr. Tim Bruster & Mister Mark Burrows

December 24, 2017

Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Eve Family Service

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.

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

December 31
One Worship Service
11:00 am | Sanctuary

January 7 – February 11
9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary
“Red Letter Christians”
A Sermon Series by Dr. Tim Bruster

Prelude

Christmas Welcome

*Opening Carol — O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

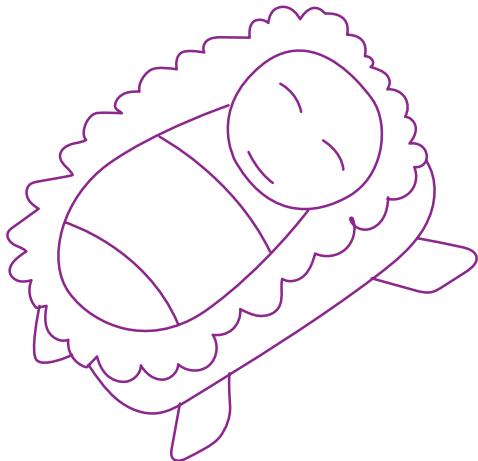
Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Offertory — Bethlehem Night / Silent Night

Terry D. Taylor, composer / traditional

*Opening Prayer

Our eyes are ready to see
The wonders of your love.
Our ears are ready to hear
The wonders of your love.
Our hands are ready to share
The wonders of your love.
Our hearts are ready to feel
The wonders of your love.
Our hearts are ready for Jesus.
Amen.



*Carol — The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Children's Message — The Perfect Christmas!

Time for Reflection

Invitation and Preparation for Communion

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

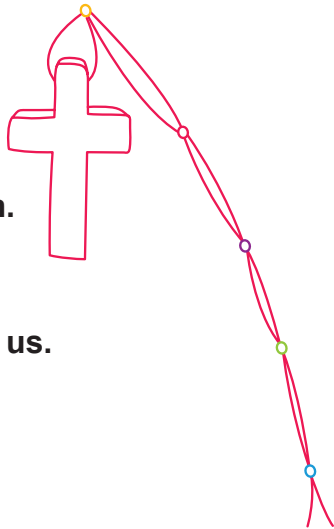
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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.



Receiving Communion

Communion will be served to you in the pews. Ushers will bring a tray with wafers and individual cups for you to take and pass along in your row. Since the trays are large, we encourage parents to hold them and carefully assist your children in receiving Communion. Cups may be placed in the holders on the back of the pews in front of you.

The Bible Story — The Birth of Jesus

Based on Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-11

During the Bible Story, which will be read during Communion, there is an opportunity for the congregation to hum along to many cherished carols.

Here are the carols in order:

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Away in a Manger
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
What Child Is This?

We Three Kings

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



Prayer after Receiving (in unison)

Gracious God, your Son gave us a special meal as a way to remember your love for us. On a night like tonight, how could we possibly forget your love? Help us keep Christmas in our hearts tonight, tomorrow, and always, that others may see your love in us — a love that is unforgettable. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles (please remain seated)

To light your candle, hold your unlit candle horizontally so that a lit candle, held vertically, can light yours. Lit candles should always be held upright.

*Closing Carol — Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor
Mister Mark Burrows, Director of Children's Ministries
Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music & Worship Arts
Liturgists: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Nancy Froman
Pianist: Sara Davis
Threadbare Theatre: Rev. Nancy Froman, Ed Landwehr,
Chris Rathburn, Trevor Shive

