

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.

WORSHIP

Gathering to focus on God together

LEARN

Discovering and understanding who God is

SERVE

Being God’s people in the world

PLAY

Enjoying the good life God gives

GIVE

Putting God first in all things

PRAY

Talking and listening to God’s direction

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First
Light



“The Light of Peace”
Dr. Tim Bruster
Luke 2:1-20
Christmas Eve
December 24, 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.

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		Closing Carol		Silent Night	
Welcome					
Lighting of the Advent Wreath					
Carols 234 (vv. 1-3) 240		O Come, All Ye Faithful Hark! the Herald Angels Sing			
Sacrament of Baptism 11:00 am Luke Christopher Spencer Churchill, son of Margaret & Frank Churchill					
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 Luke Christopher Spencer, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.					
A Time of Prayer					
Special Music 11:00 am		Gesú Bambino <i>Christopher J. Hoh, arranger Susan Bruster and Sarah Pepper, duet</i>			
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm		Let the Bright Seraphim <i>George Frideric Handel, composer Bree Mercer, soprano Taylor White, turmpet Peggy Graff, organ</i>			
A Time of Giving					
Offertory 11:00 am, 9:00 & 11:00 pm		The First Noel <i>Dan Forrest, arranger Choral Union</i>			
7:00 pm		Almost There <i>Heather Sorenson, arranger Cornerstone Youth Choir, parents and alumni</i>			
Scripture		Luke 2:1-20			
Carol 219		What Child Is This			
Meditation		The Light of Peace			
Service of Holy Communion					
Invitation					
The Great Thanksgiving					
God of humble births and the stars in the heavens, we thank You for Your steadfast love for all creation. Your Spirit breathed hope into all that has life in You. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turn away, and our		love fails, Your love remains, never abandoning. In the fullness of time You gave us the gift of Your Son Jesus to show us the way. At his birth, the angels sang glory to You in the highest and proclaimed the joyous news of peace to Your people on earth as Your light filled the sky.		God of love and joy, peace and hope, we thank You for sending Light into the darkness of our world and our lives.	
		We rejoice in Your Word through Jesus the Christ, who was born humbly, who communed with those others called outcast, who demonstrated love through acts of justice, healing, and mercy, who tasted death for every one that we might feast at Your table of forgiveness through all eternity. As we remember his gentle words and tender heart, as we celebrate the gift of his resurrection, we speak of that mystery we call faith:		Christ has died, destroying death. Christ is risen, bringing peace to all; Christ will come again, proclaiming God’s name to his sisters and brothers.	
		God, we know that Your Spirit is poured on us and on these elements of bread and juice, and we pray that Your love, peace, and justice in the world may be born through us.		All praise to You, rejoicing in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who lives among us, and the Holy Spirit, who binds us together in love. Amen.	
		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			
		Special Music 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm		Ave Maria <i>Marcel Dupré, composer Bree Mercer, soprano</i>	
		Congregational Carols			
		245 The First Noel (vv. 1 and 2)			
		230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (all 4 verses)			
		217 Away in a Manger (all 3 verses)			
		The ushers will guide you to Communion by rows. Please kneel as you are able to receive Communion. Hands open indicates a desire to be served. Hands folded means you have been served and are observing a time of prayer. Feel free to remain at the altar for a time of prayer and return to your seat when you are ready. There will be no formal dismissal.			
		If you are seated in the balcony: 11:00 am, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm: Communion stations are available or you may come downstairs to the altar. 11:00 pm: Please come downstairs to the altar rail to be served.			
		Communion will be served by “intinction.” Lightly dip a piece of bread (or wafer) into the chalice of grape juice and receive both elements together.			
		There is a gluten and allergy free station at the end of each communion rail.			
		Thank you to our Communion stewards Dianne & Ben Fisher and Barbara Duckworth.			
				To light your candle, please hold it horizontally so that a vertically held lit candle can light yours. (Lit candles should always be held upright.) At the close of the service, please be careful with lit candles as you exit the Sanctuary. Have a blessed Christmas!	
				*Please stand as you are able.	
				The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith.	
				The flowers in the Narthex are in loving memory of Velma and C.M. Russey, from Paige and Bob Russey and family.	
				Worship Leaders Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music & Worship Arts Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist and Associate Director of Music & Worship Arts	
				Liturgists 11:00 am: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Chuck Graff, Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Lance Marshall, Rev. Tom McDermott, Rev. Phyllis Barren 7:00 pm: Rev. Chuck Graff, Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Tom McDermott, Rev. Phyllis Barren 9:00 pm: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Chuck Graff, Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Tom McDermott, Rev. Casey Orr 11:00 pm: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Casey Orr, Rev. Brooks Harrington	
				DFW Brass Lacey Hays, trumpet; Adam Miller, trumpet; Heather Suchodolski, French horn; Steve Peterson, trombone; Jeff Baker, tuba; Mike McNicholas, timpani	
				Acolytes 11:00 am: Addie Miller, Jane Shelton 7:00 pm: Rowan Lavelle, Collin Burross	