

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

EXPERIENCING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Experiencing God's grace should never be passive. We need to do more than simply wait to encounter grace. Instead, we step into the means of grace. We participate in habits that shape us in our faith. We practice disciplines that open us to recognize God's presence. We give God these footholds in our lives so we might grow to know God's grace more fully – and reflect that grace in our own lives. We can experience sometimes-surprising transformation when we make room for God in these ways.

We call these habits the "means of grace." During this season of Lent, as we dig deeper into the meaning of grace, we will also take time to practice these active means of grace.

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



LISTEN for GRACE

SOMETIMES GOD'S GRACE IS A
WHISPER, SOMETIMES IT IS A SHOUT.
ALWAYS WE MUST BE LISTENING.

Grace is Presence

Dr. Tim Bruster

Genesis 3:1-9

11:00 am

February 18, 2018

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth — we are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Let us know you're here by filling out the attendance pad when it comes by. Ushers will pass them out during the service. If you would like to join our church family, fill out the *How to Join* card found in the pew pocket and bring it with you during the closing hymn.

Large-print bulletins, hearing enhancement devices, and children's activity backpacks 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

February 25
Dr. Tim Bruster
"Grace is Reconciliation"
Second Sunday in Lent

Word of the Day
Memory Verse

Presence
God is with us.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Psalm 57

John Tebay, composer

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Soloist: Kumbaya, My Lord, Kumbayah
Kumbaya, My Lord, Kumbayah
Kumbaya, My Lord, Kumbayah
O, Lord, Kumbaya.

Leader: When our paths are confused and unraveling, we know

Congregation: God is with us.

Choir: Kumbaya, My Lord, Kumbaya

Leader: When we are afraid and uncertain, we know

Congregation: God is with us.

Choir: Kumbaya, My Lord, Kumbaya

Leader: When worry threatens to undo us, we know

Congregation: God is with us.

Choir: Kumbaya, My Lord, Kumbaya.

Leader: God's love never abandons. God's love never gives up.

Wherever we find ourselves, we know:

Congregation: God is with us.

All: O, Lord, Kumbaya

*Hymn 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(vv. 1, 2, 5, and 6)

*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

Scripture

Genesis 3: 1-9

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

In Bright Mansions Above

Roland M. Carter, arranger

***Ushers will pass out the attendance pads at this time.*

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

Special Music

Lord, If I Got My Ticket (Can I Ride?)

Stacy V. Gibbs, composer

Sermon

Grace is Presence

A time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Experiencing the Means of Grace: Meditation and Prayer

Devote this time of silence to quiet reflection in this sacred space. Think about what you have heard. Look around at the beauty of the sanctuary and the people with whom you are sharing this moment. Allow your heart and mind to wander while focusing on the meaning of God's grace.

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)**

WE RESPOND

A Time of Giving

Offertory

Sweet Home

Wendell P. Whalum, Sr., arranger

*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 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*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.

*Choral Benediction

Battle Hymn of the Republic

C. Cymbala, arranger

*Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Dale Wood, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Pat and Arch Van Meter in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary by John, David and Phillip Van Meter and their families.

The white carnations symbolize our sympathy to the families and friends of Sandy Ritthaler and Guy McCollum.

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Tim Bruster Senior Pastor
Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts
Liturgists: Rev. Casey Orr, Rev. Linda McDermott, and Mr. Roy Eaton
Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Ellie Robertson, helper
Choir: Wiley College Choir, Mr. Stephen Hayes, director
Soloist: Dr. Sarah Pepper, soprano
Acolytes: Canon Hamilton and Katherine Johnson
Procession: Anna Johnson, Edward and Henry Holman

Worship Planning Team: Rev. Linda McDermott, Dr. Tim Bruster, Robert Stovall, Peggy Graff, Kat Bair, Casey Orr, Mark Burrows, Elaine Johnson

**Please stand as you are able.*