

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 | 4:00 – 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

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USHERS & GREETERS

Contact: Lisa Helm | lhelm@myfumc.org | 817-339-2403

Scripture for lectio divina:

43 “You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you 45 so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? 48 Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

Directions for lectio divina:

Reading 1: Close your eyes and listen to the scripture read aloud.

Reading 2: Listen and read along in your bulletin, circling words and phrases that stand out to you.

Reading 3: Listen and read along in your bulletin, considering what God might be communicating to you through this scripture. Is God inviting you to act or change? Be open to what you might be led to.



**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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LISTEN *for* GRACE

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

The Reluctant Prophet: Grace is disturbing
Dr. Tim Bruster 11:00 am
Jonah 1: 1-3 March 11, 2018

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth — we are so glad that you are worshiping 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
March 18
Dr. Tim Bruster
“Power in Weakness: Grace is Enough”
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Word of the Day	Limitation
Memory Verse	Love God and love your neighbor.

WE GATHER

Prelude **Concerto for Trumpet I. Allegro**
Joseph Haydn, composer/A. Goeyns, arranger

Welcome

Call to Worship
Women in Choir: I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus
Leader: God of abundant grace, we admit that we are reluctant to admit that Your love extends even to those we deem unworthy.
Congregation: For we know that God is merciful and compassionate, full of mercy and steadfast love.

Men in Choir: God sent the stars to give light to the world, The Light of my life is Jesus
Leader: God of extravagant grace, let us follow the ways of Jesus, offering Your grace and love, even when it is difficult.
Congregation: For we know that God is merciful and compassionate, full of mercy and steadfast love.

Choir: In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Leader: God of amazing grace, You are the light of this world. Let us be Your people of love and mercy in a world too full of darkness.
Congregation: For we know that God is merciful and compassionate, full of mercy and steadfast love.

All: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

***Hymn 400** **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

***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 **Jonah 1:1-3**
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

***Passing the Peace**

***Hymn** **Hey, Jonah!**
(Sung to “Jesus Loves Me”)

Jonah, Jonah, have you heard?
Said the Lord, “Go preach my Word.”
Jonah said, “That’s not for me!”
Took a ship and fled to sea.
Hey, Jonah, Jonah!
Hey, Jonah, Jonah!
Hey, Jonah, Jonah!
You should obey the Lord.

Though he thought he’d get away,
Soon the ship began to sway.
Jonah said, “It’s for my sin!
Pick me up and throw me in.”
Hey, Jonah, Jonah!
Hey, Jonah, Jonah!
Hey, Jonah, Jonah!
You should obey the Lord.

When it seemed that he would drown,
Came a fish and gulped him down.
Jonah prayed, “Lord, I’ll obey;
Tell the folks about Your way.”
Lord, I’ll obey You!
Lord, I’ll obey You!
Lord, I’ll obey You!
I will obey the Lord.

Sermon **The Reluctant Prophet: Grace is Disturbing**

Pastoral Prayer
Means of Grace: Studying the Scriptures (Lectio Divina)
See the back of the bulletin.

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 **Depth of Mercy**
Offertory *David Rasbach, composer*

***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 75** **All People That On Earth Do Dwell**

***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 **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** **Postlude on Aberystwyth**
Ashley Grote, arranger

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Frances Bachelor.

The red carnation symbolizes our congratulations to Casey and Michael Orr on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace.

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. Phyllis Barren, Dr. Mike Marshall, Ms. Carol Popp
Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, _____, helper
Choir: Choral Union
Instrumentalist: Taylor White, trumpet
Acolytes: Canon Hamilton, Katherine Johnson
Procession:
**Please stand as you are able.*