

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

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.

Power in Weakness: Grace is Enough

Dr. Tim Bruster

11:00 am

2 Corinthians 10:1-12

March 18, 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

Palm Sunday | March 25

Dr. Tim Bruster

"A Surprise Invitation: Grace is Transformation"
Sixth Sunday in Lent

Word of the Day
Memory Verse

Enough
God's grace is enough.

WE GATHER

Prelude

St. Anthony Chorale

David Campbell Johnson, arranger

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Soloist: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Leader: When we are discouraged, exhausted, drained, we remember –

Congregation: God's grace is enough.

Leader: When our fragile egos are damaged and our pride wounded, we remember –

Congregation: God's grace is enough.

Leader: When worries and fears and anxieties overwhelm our days, we remember –

Congregation: God's grace is enough.

Soloist: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

*Hymn 529

How Firm a Foundation

*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

Sacrament of Baptism

Tessa Rae Teer, daughter of Courtney and Samuel Teer

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 Tessa Rae, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 500

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

(vs. 1, 2, and 5)

Sermon

“Power in Weakness: Grace is Enough”

Pastoral Prayer

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

Means of Grace: Giving Generously to the Needs of Others

Create space for God's grace today by putting a bit more in the offering plate than you normally would — enough to make you uneasy.

Offertory

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Mark Shepperd, arranger



Scan the QR code or go to fumcfw.org/givenow to give online

*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 378

(vv. 1, 2, 3, 6)

Amazing Grace

*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

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Matthew H. Corl, arranger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Uhr, Mrs. Sheila Uhr, Mr. Jack Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Hutchison by Mr. Bill Uhr and family.

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: Dr. Mike Marshall, Mrs. Nancy Fisher

Faith Like a Child: Rev. Nancy Froman, Ella Lawrence, helper

Choir: Choral Union

Procession: Mavah Lawrence

**Please stand as you are able.*