

## 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 – 5<sup>TH</sup>)

9:15 – 10:50 am | Children's Wing  
**Contact:** Mark Burrows | mburrows@myfumc.org | 817-339-5097

### CONFIRMATION (6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

September – January | 9:30 – 10:45 am | Justin Youth Building  
**Contact:** Rev. Casey Orr | corr@myfumc.org | 817-339-5067

### YOUTH SUNDAY PROGRAMMING (7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 334  
**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](http://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](http://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.

A Surprise Invitation: Grace is Transformation

Dr. Tim Bruster

11:00 am

Luke 19:1-10

March 25, 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

April 1  
Dr. Tim Bruster  
"The Resurrection Experience: Grace is Personal"  
Easter

Word of the Day  
Memory Verse

Change  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

## WE GATHER

### Gathering Music

**The King's Majesty**  
*Matthew H. Corl, composer*

### Palm Processional

### Prelude

**Jesus is Coming**  
*Allen Pote, composer*

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together, waving branches of compassion and joy that come through Jesus. Hosanna!

**Congregation: Hosanna!**

**Children:** Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We come together, waving branches of healing love and mercy that come through Jesus. Hosanna.

**Congregation: Hosanna!**

**Children:** Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We come together, waving branches of peace, not as the world knows, but peace that comes through following the ways of Jesus. Hosanna!

**Congregation: Hosanna!**

**Children:** Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Glory to God! Hosanna!

**Congregation: Hosanna!**

**Children:** Hosanna in the highest!

### \*Hymn 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

### \*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

### Special Music

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

*Mary Kay Parrish, arranger*

*This performance is dedicated to the memory of  
Sandy Ritthaler, ormer director of Fifth Street Bells,  
who passed away February 11, 2018.*

### Scripture

**Luke 19:1-10**

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Faith Like a Child

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Hymn

**Zacchaeus Song**

**Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he.  
He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see.  
And as the Savior passed that way, he looked up in that tree,  
And he said, "Zacchaeus, come on down!  
"For I'm going to your house today,  
for I'm going to your house today."**

### Sermon

**"A Surprise Invitation: Grace is Transformation"**

## WE RESPOND

### Pastoral Prayer

### Means of Grace: *Sharing our Faith with Others*

*On the card in your bulletin, write one thing you have come to believe about God and/or God's grace over the course of this Lent season. It can be something you have always believed, but has been reiterated over these weeks. Write one sentence on the card and place that in the offering plate when they are passed.*

### Silent Reflection/Writing on Cards

### 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)**

### A Time of Giving Offertory

**Ride On, King Jesus**  
*Howard Helvey, 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 89

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

### \*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 Ellacombe**

*Robert J. Powell, arranger*

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given in loving memory of Sandy Ritthaler by the members of Fifth Street Bells.

**The white carnation** symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Claude Kelley.

### 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. Linda McDermott, Rev. Phyllis Barren, Mrs. Gaye Fuller

**Faith Like a Child:** Mister Mark, Ella Bolger, helper

**Choir:** Choral Union

**Children's Choir and Junior Worship Leaders:** Mark Burrows and

Chris Rathburn, directors; Sarah Davis, accompanist

**Fifth Street Bells:** Matthew Lee, interim director

**Acolyte:** Katherine Johnson

**Procession:** Pearl O'Blenis

*\*Please stand as you are able.*