

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 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
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
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CHOIRS

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USHERS & GREETERS

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CREEDS and METHODISM

Unlike some churches that require affirmation of a strict list of beliefs as a condition of membership, The United Methodist Church is not a creedal church.

So why do we recite creeds during worship?

The United Methodist Hymnal contains nine creeds or affirmations. Only two of these (Nicene and Apostles’) are strictly considered to be creeds because they are products of ecumenical councils.

The remaining affirmations are taken from some of the New Testament epistles (Corinthians, Colossians, Romans and Timothy) along with affirmations from the United Church of Canada, the Korean Methodist Church and the United Methodist Social Affirmation.

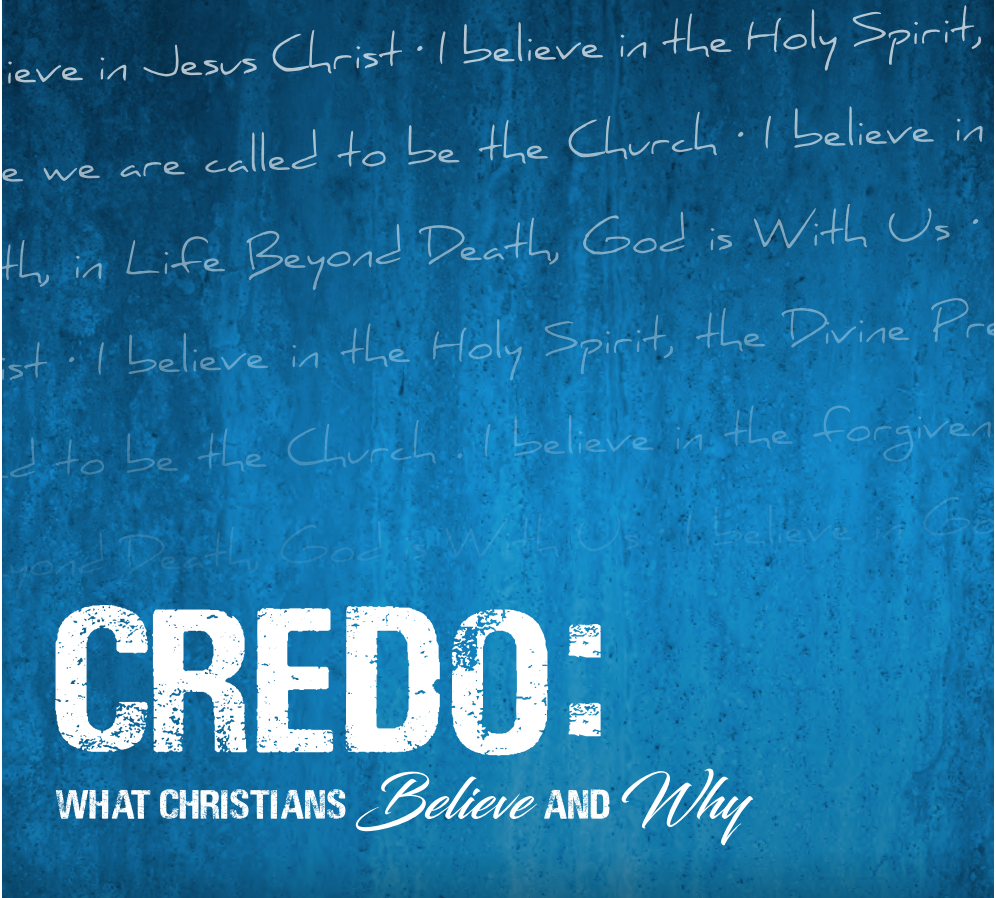
United Methodists are not required to believe every word of the affirmations. Church founder, John Wesley himself did not agree with a historic (Athanasian) creed, because he disliked its emphasis on condemning people to hell.

Affirmations help us come to our own understanding of the Christian faith. They affirm our unity in Christ with those followers who first wrote them, the many generations who have recited them before us and those who will recite them after we have gone.

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“The Divine Presence in our Lives”

Dr. Tim Bruster

John 14:15-17, 25-27, John 20:19-22

11:00 am

April 29, 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. 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

May 6

Dr. Tim Bruster

“In Life, in Death, in Life Beyond Death, God is With Us”

4th in the series *Credo: What Christians Believe and Why*

Senior Recognition Sunday

Word of the Day

Memory Verse

Holy Spirit

Peace I leave with you.

John 14:27

WE GATHER

Prelude Prelude in D Major
Johann Fischer, composer

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship
Today, we join together in worshiping God, Creator of heaven and earth, who gave us the gift of God’s own son, Jesus. To God’s beloved ones, Jesus left a promise:
“Peace I leave with you.”
When we are tempted to be afraid, to lose heart, to become discouraged, we remember the promise Jesus left to us:
“Peace I leave with you.”
As the people of God who go out to be God’s people in this world, we take with us the promise Jesus left to us:
“Peace I leave with you. Do not be afraid.”
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 715 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*A Modern Affirmation 885
We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 John 14:15-17, 25-27
John 20:19-22

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music Give Me Jesus
Moses Hogan, arranger

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Sermon The Divine Presence in our Lives

WE RESPOND

Breath Prayer
As you inhale, breathe in the grace, peace, and companionship offered you by the Holy Spirit.
As you hold, consider where the Holy Spirit may be pointing you in its constant presence.
As you breathe out, breathe out the anxieties, stresses, and noxious voices that can crowd out that still, small voice that is God’s presence within us.

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 Nearer, Still Nearer
Dan Forrest, 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 465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

*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 in G Major
John Stanley, composer

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of
Bobbie Kilpatrick, Donald Kilpatrick and Sean Kilpatrick by Deborah
and Kevin Kilpatrick.

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, Rev. Chuck Graff, Rev. Phyllis Barren
Choir: Choral Union
Soloist: Susan Bruster, soprano
Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Landon Peugh, helper
Procession Leader: Alex Parsons
Acolyte: Katherine Johnson

*Please stand as you are able.