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ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your Worship Plus One, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the FUMCFW groups or ministries of special interest to you! Finding your Worship Plus One will help you meet others, build relationships, and grow stronger in your faith.

For details, please email Lisa Helm (lhelm@myfumc.org), Director of Welcoming Ministries or Dr. Mike Marshall (mmarshall@myfumc.org), Associate Pastor of Leadership Development — and be sure to include your phone number in your email!



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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. Learn more at fumcfw.org/healthyplate.

WORSHIP

Worship is an expression of our love and need of God. When the community gathers for worship, God teaches us, draws us closer to one another, transforms our lives, and equips us for the work and mission of the coming week.

LEARN

Learning is the intentional pursuit of knowledge and a growing understanding of who God is. Study exposes us to God's complexity, opens us to new ideas, and can connect us to others with similar ideas and questions.

SERVE

Service is giving our time and gifts back to God and the church by putting our faith into action. In service, we turn our hearts toward God's people and can be transformed by relationships with our church and community.

PLAY

Play is good for our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Having fun and enjoying the company of other people can inspire our imaginations. Play opens us up to friendships that help us bear burdens and celebrate life's joy.

GIVE

Giving is the commitment to put God first in all things. The habit of sacrificial giving of our money and resources allows us to trust God in deeper ways and to share our love with others.

PRAY

Prayer and meditation are especially critical in a world where we are all addicted to being busy. Regular prayer and personal disciplines can renew our energy and open us up to the places God is leading us.



BEST Christmas EVER



Traditional Worship Service
December 19, 2021 | 11:00 am

“When You’re Far From Home”

Luke 2:1-5

Dr. Tim Bruster and Rev. Lance Marshall,
Co-Senior Pastors

Welcome
Rev. Lance Marshall, Co-Senior Pastor

Prelude: “Coventry Carol”
Brenda E. Austin, arranger
Fifth Street Bells
Alison Haygood, director

***Blessing of the Chrismon Tree**
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor
One: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, we light the Chrismon tree. During this Advent, wherever you see a lighted Christmas tree, let it call to mind the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive him.
Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son,
All: by making the cross a tree of life and light.
One: May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ,
All: that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. Amen!

***Hymn 213: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates ”**

****Please be seated**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Jeremiah 31:3
We light this candle as a symbol of God’s love shown to us in Christ.
May the good news of God’s love rest always in our hearts.

Congregation Sung response
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Sacrament of Baptism
Lily Mae Rogers, daughter of Melanie and Blake Rogers

Baptismal Hymn 191: “Jesus Loves Me” (vs. 1)

Congregational Response
With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Lily Mae, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Faith Like a Child
“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

***Hymn 238: “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Scripture: Luke 2:1-5
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “When You’re Far From Home”
Rev. Lance Marshall, Co-Senior Pastor

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)*

Announcements

Offertory: “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”
Sandra Eithun, arranger

***Doxology 95**
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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Benediction**
One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what will we do?
All: We will go out to be God’s people in the world.
One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you.
Amen.

***Congregational Benediction: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”**
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

***Postlude: “God Rest You Merry”**
Wilbur Held, arranger
Peggy Graff, organ

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth – we are glad you’re here to worship with us today!

Please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad as it comes by.

Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able.

“Faith Like a Child” is our children’s sermon developed for young worshipers of all ages.

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of December will support the food bank.

The Poinsettias and decorations for the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Smith.

Lance’s Daily Devotional and Prayer Meeting is at 9:00 am weekdays on Facebook Live.

Tim’s Daily Devotional arrives in your inbox early each morning and on our home page at fumcfw.org.

Join us for **GROW Bible Study:**
Wednesdays
10:00 – 11:00 am
Room 350
6:00 – 7:00 pm
Room 350 & Zoom

Go to **fumcfw.org/grow** to register or learn more.

Fifth Street Bell Ringers
Izzy Pratt, Julie Mudry, Jeanne Cochran, Matthew Roth, Thomas Williams, Elaine Johnson, Avary Vaughn, Meredith Ball, Jayme Vaughn-Linebarger, Cat Milus, and Melody Shepherd