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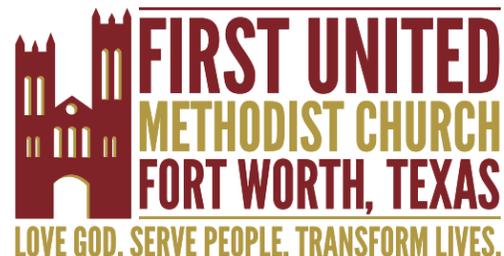
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ARE YOU NEW?

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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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 5, 2021 | 11:00 am

**“When Things Don’t
Go to Plan”**

Luke 1:26-38

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

Welcome

Rev. Lance Marshall, Co-Senior Pastor

Prelude: “Personent Hodie”

Lara Hoggard, arranger

Peggy Graff, organ

Kyle Sherman and Jesse Rajabe, trumpet

Choral Union

Thomas Williams, director

*Call to Worship

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

One: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God’s love.

All: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

One: That this Advent wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

All: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn 234: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vv. 1-3 & 6)

**Please be seated

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Isaiah 9:6-7

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

Sung Congregational Response

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Sacrament of Baptism

Jackson Samuel Moore and Tennyson Grace Moore, children of Lauren and Braden Moore

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 Jackson Samuel and Tennyson Grace, 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

*Carol Medley:

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Dr. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “When Things Don’t Go to Plan”

Dr. Tim Bruster, Co-Senior Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Hymnal pages 12-13

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

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*)

Serving the Bread and Cup: Hymn 245: “The First Noel”

Announcements

Offertory: “O Holy Night ”

René Clausen, 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.

*Choral Benediction: “Hallelujah Chorus” (from *Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel, composer

*Postlude: “Hallelujah Chorus”

Donald Moore, arranger

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.

Musicians

Violin I — Ordabek Duissen, concertmaster, Jen Betz

Violin II — Steven Li, principal, Molly Baer

Viola — Ola Holowka, principal, Dan Sigale

Cello — Keira Fullerton, principal

Bass — Julie Vinsant

French Horn — Kelly Cornell

Trumpet — Kyle Sherman, principal

Trumpet II — Jesse Rajabe

Trombone — Tony Baker