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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 First Church 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.

CROSSROADS

Traditional Service
October 30, 2022 | 11:00 am

Sermon Series
Crossroads

2 Samuel 11-12: selected verses

Rev. Lance Marshall
Senior Pastor

Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Linda McDermott, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Fugue on the ‘Kyrie’”
François Couperin, composer
Peggy Graff, organist
Acolytes: Liam Hernandez

***Call to Worship**
One: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!
All: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.
One: God makes us new in God’s Spirit!
All: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.
One: Come, let us worship and be thankful.
All: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

***Hymn 61: “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

***Affirmation of Faith 883**
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor
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 70**
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.

****Please be seated**

Sacrament of Baptism
Grayson Anthony Cunningham, son of Kelsey and Brent Cunningham

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 Grayson Anthony, 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 534: “Be Still, My Soul”**

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11-12: selected verses
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Crossroads
Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor
Stories of great--and notorious--people and deeds from the Hebrew Bible. The Bible is more than just a collection of “feel good” or “do good” stories, and its people are multifaceted and complex.

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)

Offertory: “Here, I Am, Lord”
Craig Courtney, arranger
Choral Union
Thomas Williams, director

***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. Amen.

***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: “We are Called”**
We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

***Postlude: “Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543”**
J. S. Bach, composer

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 October will support the clothing bank.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of my older brother, James Stephenson, for his birthday, by Leah Owens.

Healthy Homes Outreach & Grocery Delivery
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11.2 Christian Men’s Breakfast
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11.5 “Know Your Enneagram Number”
presented by Suzanne Stabile
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Informational Meeting for Costa Rica Mission Trip
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