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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
November 20, 2022 | 11:00 am

Crossroads Series

Esther 4:1-8

Dr. Mike Marshall, preaching
Rev. Lance Marshall
Senior Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Mary Don’t You Weep”

Traditional
Crossroad Singers

*Call to Worship

One: The temptations of the world interrupt our lives and fill our ears.
All: Call us into Your way of life, O God.
One: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision.
All: Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.
One: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.
All: Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.
One: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God
All: Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God. Let us worship You together with gratitude. Amen.

*Hymns 102 and 694: “Now Thank We All Our God” and “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*Affirmation of Faith 883

Rev. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez, PhD, 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

Faith Like a Child

“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

*Hymn 131: “We Gather Together”

Scripture: Esther 4:1-8

Carol Hampton, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series:

Dr. Mike Marshall
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. It’s for a moment like this that Esther has been made queen.

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: “I Left It All With Jesus”

James McGranahan/Ellen Willis, arrangers

*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: “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 step I take, may 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: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

J. Bert Carlson, 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 October will support the clothing bank.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of our beloved son, Jeffrey Dodd, and our cherished granddaughter, Alyssa de la Torre, by Billie & Duane Dodd.

11.26 Decorating First Church for Christmas
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11.27 Adoramus Advent Presentation
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11.28 – 12.19 Monday Musers Advent Study: “The Angels of Christmas”
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11.27 – 12.22 Blessing Our First Responders
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