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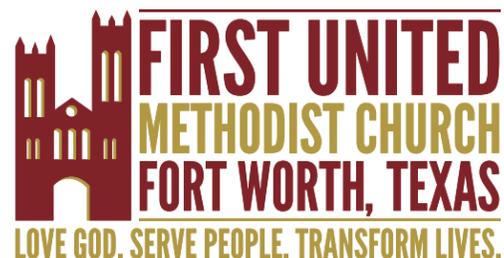
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ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your Worship Plus One, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the 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

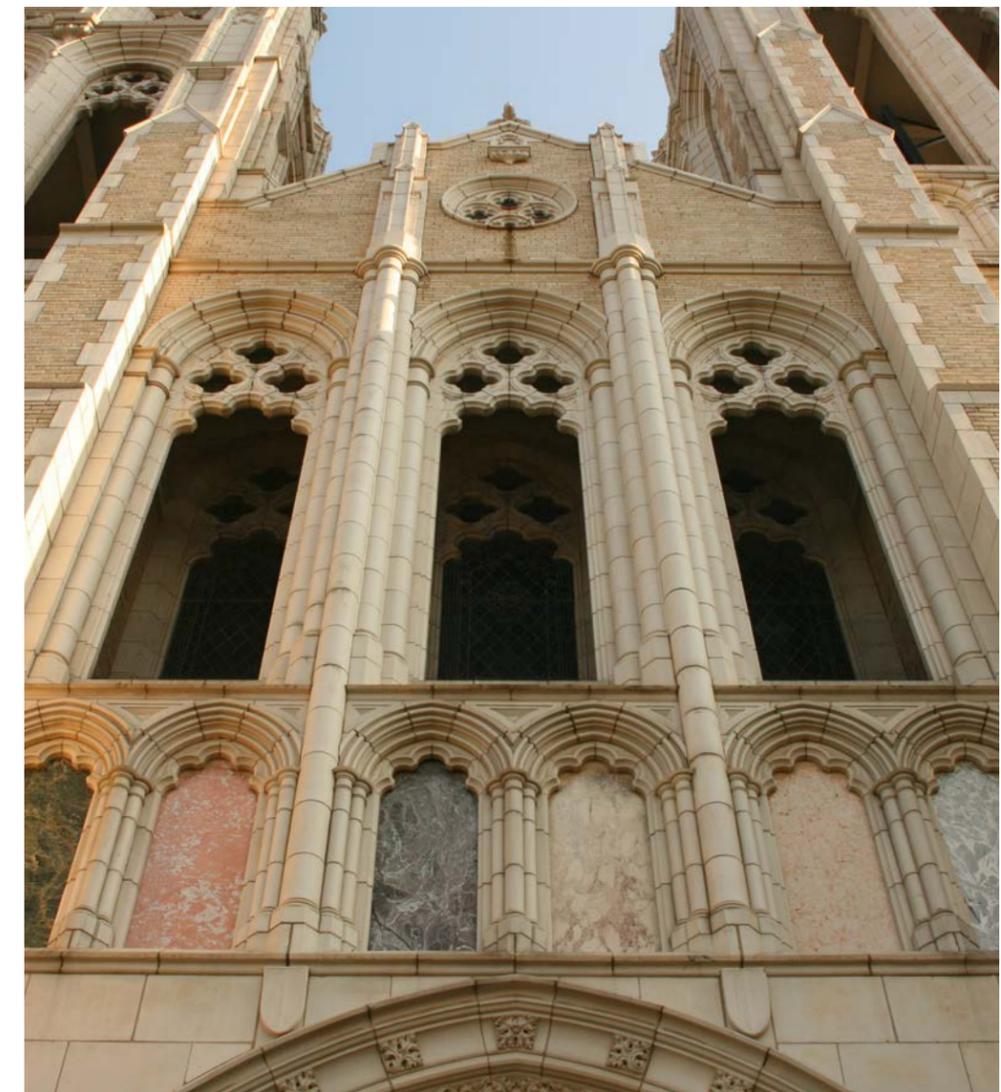
Play is good for our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Having fun and enjoying the company of other people can inspire our imaginations. Play opens us up to friendships that help us bear burdens and celebrate life's joy.

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.



Traditional Service
January 15, 2023 | 11:00 am

“Baptism of the Lord”
Matthew 3:1-17

Rev. Lance Marshall
Senior Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Beautiful Savior” (Fairest Lord Jesus)

Dale Wood, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

*Call to Worship

One: Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth. God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

All: I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.

One: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

All: “This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted.”

One: The joy of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.

*Hymn 203: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*Affirmation of Faith 881

Rev. Linda McDermott, Associate Pastor

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.
Amen.**

**Please be seated

Sacrament of Baptism

Dylan Anthony Dodson and Landon Louis Dodson,
sons of Tiffanie and Andrew Dodson

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 Dylan Anthony and Landon Louis, 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 384: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17

Betsy Alexander, lay reader

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Baptism of the Lord

Rev. Lance Marshall, 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)**

Offertory: “Down to the River to Pray”

Sheldon Curry, arranger

Choral Union

Courtney Patten, Jayme Vaughn-Linebarger, Avary Vaughn, soloists

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: “To God Be the Glory” refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

and give him the glory, great things he has done!

*Postlude: “To God Be the Glory”

Jack Schrader, 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.

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 Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Patty Grubb
by Larry Grubb, Leticia & Robert Martin, and Cindy & Warren
Stroud.

**1.20 – 1.21 Jr. Worship Leaders 3rd-5th Grade
Choir Retreat and Lock-In**
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1.27 – 1.29 Revolution Weekend 2023
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1.28 – 1.29 Confirmation Retreat 2023
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Bible Quest
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