



Lisa Helm
RETIREMENT
CELEBRATION



Sunday, August 20 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Wesley Hall



PASTRIES
with the
PASTORS



Sunday, August 27 | 9:30 – 10:30 am | Room 350



**UMW
SEPTEMBER
LUNCHEON**

United Methodist Women
First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth

Community
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Tuesday, September 5 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Wesley Hall | \$20

YOUTH
2023
FALL KICK-OFF

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



Sunday, September 10 | 5:30 – 8:00 pm | Justin Youth Building



**ACOLYTE
TRAINING**



Sundays, September 10 & 17 | 10:45 – 11:30 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

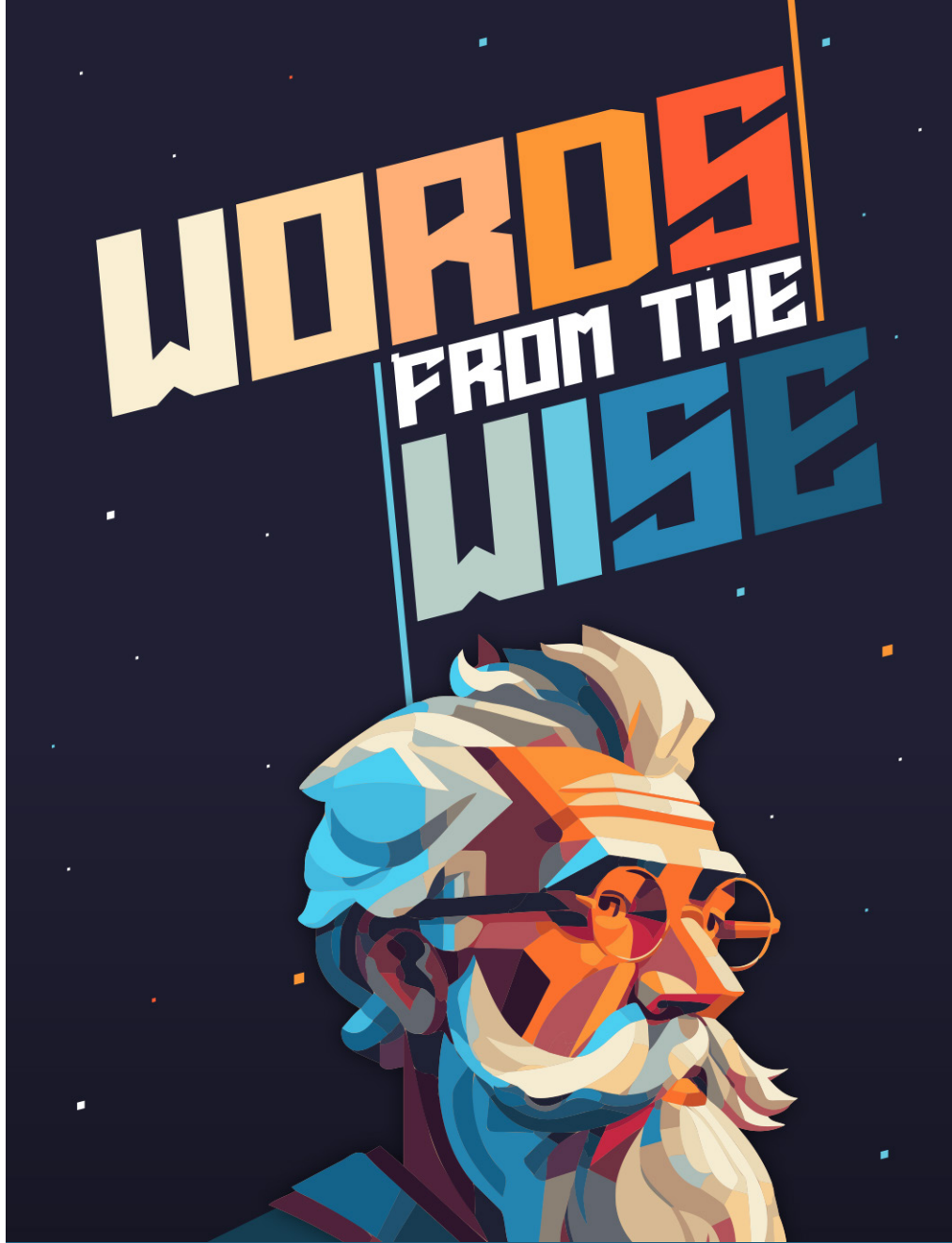



Sundays | September 10 – January 21 | 9:30 – 10:30 am | Justin Youth Building Gym



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Traditional Service
August 20, 2023 | 11:00 am

“Words from the Wise”

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD,
Associate Pastor preaching

Rev. Lance Marshall - Senior Pastor

Welcome and Announcements
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Robert A. Hobby, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Samuel Macias, Associate Pastor
One: God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word, from your Holy Spirit, and from one another.
All: We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness and into the light.
One: We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life that you have promised to each of us.
All: Make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning. Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond. Amen.

***Hymn 698: “God of the Ages”**

***Affirmation of Faith 881**
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**

Faith Like a Child
Amber Shive and Mike Marshall

***Hymn 463: “Lord, Speak to Me”**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Words From the Wise
Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Associate 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: “Deep River”
Lloyd Larson, 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: “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 let 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: Postlude on “Foundation”**
Charles Callahan, 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.

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