


**SIGNS and WONDERS**  
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to the MIRACLES OF JESUS

**Signs And Wonders**  
Four Sessions  
Thursdays  
January 4 – 25  
9:30 – 11:00 am  
Room 350  
Please RSVP




WESLEYAN  
ADVENTURERS

**MOVIE AND SOUP**

featuring  
**BOOM TOWN**

Starring Clark Gable

- What better way to warm up on a cold Winter Day in January than to enjoy a bowl of hot soup and a movie? Wesleyan Adventurers is serving a variety of hot soups and showing a movie in Wesley Hall. Come and warm up with us.
- Thursday, January 11
- 10:30 am – 1:30 pm
- Wesley Hall



Jr. Worship Leaders Choir

**Hogwarts Retreat**



January 19 – 20 | Children's Wing 2nd floor | \$10

**UMW SERVE SATURDAY**



Join us for another UMW Serve Saturday as we continue on our mission to serve women and children in our community.

Saturday, January 20  
9:30 am | FUMCFW  
Registration required  
\$15 Box Lunch Available

**Curious how to join?**  
**Want to connect with others?**



Join us at the next **Pastries with the Pastors** to get a snapshot of life at FUMCFW.

Sunday, January 21 | 9:30 am | Wesley Hall

**PASTRIES**  
with the  
**PASTORS**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR

**COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP**



Sunday, January 21 | 12:15 pm | Room 350



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Traditional Worship Service  
December 31, 2023 | 11:00 am

**“Be Well”**

**Mark 1:14-20**

Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD,  
Associate Pastor

**Welcome**  
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

**Prelude: “Jesus Christ is Born Today! (In Dulci Jubilo)**  
Gilbert M. Martin, arranger  
Peggy Graff, organist

**\*Call to Worship**  
One: Come and hear the good news: the Kingdom of God has come near  
**All: Our hearts and spirits are open.**  
One: God is our strength and salvation.  
**All: We are well!**  
One: Come and receive His welcome!  
**All: Give us the courage to follow you. Amen**

**\*Hymn 224: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

**\*Affirmation of Faith 881**  
Samuel Macias, 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**  
Celeste Yolanda Astor, Kaiden Jamauri Reece, and Kamauri Shem Reece

**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 Celeste Yolanda, Kaiden Jamauri, and Kamauri Shem, 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 188: “Christ Is the World’s Light”**

**Scripture: Mark 1:14-20**  
Bill Boyd, lay reader  
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Series: Be Well**  
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: “Kings of Orient” (Minuet-Trio)**  
Rebecca Groom TeVelde, 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. 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: “251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**  
**Go tell it on the mountain,**  
**over the hills, and everywhere;**  
**go, tell it on the mountain**  
**that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching**  
**o’er silent flocks by night,**  
**behold, throughout the heavens**  
**there shone a holy light.**  
**(Refrain)**

**\*Postlude: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**  
Wilbur Held, 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 or registering on-line.

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 for the month of December will support the First Street Mission food bank.

The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Smith.

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