

Come join our handbell ringers!

Musical experience is helpful but not required —
we'll teach you everything you need to know.

Rehearsals | Wednesdays
6:00 – 7:00 pm | Room 315

**HANDBELL
RINGERS**



Preparing for
Marriage

Sundays | February 2 – 16 | 10:45 am | Room 333 | \$160

DAY SCHOOL
Q&A
SESSIONS



Thursday, January 23 | 1:00 pm or Wednesday, January 29 | 9:45 am | Sanctuary

Would you like to read the Bible more this year?

In 2025, we offer 5 reading
plans. Each plan provides
15 minutes of daily Scripture
reading to deepen your faith
and discipleship. Check out our
downloadable journal with the
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day to guide your readings.

**BIBLE
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Sunday, February 9
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Justin Youth Building

**WEIRD
THINGS
CHRISTIANS
DO**



Traditional Worship Service
January 19, 2025 | 11:00 am

**Weird Things
Christians Do**

Colossians 3:12-17

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Welcome
Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

Organ Voluntary: Prelude on “Slane”
Craig Phillips, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor
One: Come, let us lift our voices in song!
All: We sing because God is faithful, turning our sorrow into joy and our silence into praise.
One: Why do we sing? Because God is good!
All: We sing to honor, to pray, and to proclaim, for our God is worthy of all glory!
One: Let us worship with hearts full of song and gratitude!
All: Amen!

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn 139: “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty” vv 1, 2, and 5**

***Hymn 140: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” vv 1 - 3**

***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.
°universal

***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
Amelia Claire Foley, daughter of Joanna and Jonathan Foley

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 Amelia Claire, 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 364: “Because He Lives”**

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17
Jeanne Cochran, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Weird Things Christians Do
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: “Sometimes I Hear God’s Music”
Joseph Martin, arranger
Choral Union
Dr. Bradley Naylor, directing

***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 the Church” refrain**
I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we’re the church together!

***Postlude: Excerpt from “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**
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 January will support the First Street Methodist Mission utility assistance.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in honor of Phil Hampton’s 70th birthday by Carol Hampton.

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