

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 February will support the Dementia Friendly Fort Worth.

The Sanctuary Flowers are in celebration of the 2024-2025 Confirmation Class.

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ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your place, your community, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the First Church groups or ministries of special interest to you! Finding your community will help you meet others, build relationships, and grow stronger in your faith.

For details, please email Angie Parish (aparish@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!

This breakfast event hosted by First Church will help men strengthen their faith, family, and careers.
Rev. Lance Marshall will lead us as we focus on the real-world challenges and opportunities that men of faith face every day.

First Wednesday of the month
7:00 – 8:00 am | Martin House Brewing Company

CHRISTIAN MEN'S Breakfast

FUMCFW YOUTH SPRING KICK-OFF

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



WESLEYAN ADVENTURERS

VALENTINE
Concert & Luncheon



Thursday, February 13 | 10:30 am | Chapel and Wesley Hall | \$10

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WEIRD THINGS CHRISTIANS DO



Traditional Worship Service
February 2, 2025 | 11:00 am

Weird Things Christians Do

Joshua 24:14-15

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Confirmation Sunday

Organ Voluntary: “Pasticcio”

Jean Langlais, composer
Peggy Graff, organist

Tolling of the Hour

Fifth Street Bells
Thomas Williams, director

Welcome

Matt Britt, Director of Youth Ministries

Opening Prayer

Claire Mano, Youth Ministries Staff

***Call to Worship**

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we become part of God’s family and God’s story, and we are given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All: All of this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.
One: Through Confirmation – the claiming of our faith as our own – we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge the work God is doing in our lives and the world around us, and accept the Christian community as our home.
All: This is our home, where we are seen, we are known and we are loved, just as we are.
One: Our story is not yet complete. There is still work to be done as the hands and feet of God in this world, showing kindness, compassion and love to the stranger and neighbor alike.
All: Our work is not yet finished. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn 400: “Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”**

Faith Like a Child

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

Service of Confirmation

Elaine Johnson, Confirmation Leader

Membership Vows

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Hymn 405: “Seek and Ye First”

Act of Confirmation

A Disciples Class Recognition and Adult Baptisms

***Congregational Blessing**

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***Affirmation of Faith (written by the Confirmation Class of 2025**

We believe in God; creator of all things on earth and in heaven. God’s love and presence in our lives is unwavering. No imperfection or sin can separate us from God.
We believe in Jesus, who is our example in all that we do by the way he loved people.
He loved us so much that he chose death on a cross so that our sins would be forgiven.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gently nudges us along our faith journey to keep us on the right path.
We believe that the church should be a safe place where all of God’s children are welcome.
Through worship, Bible study, and fellowship, the church is where we learn more about God before going out into the world to share the good news.

***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.

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15

Rebecka Davis, Youth Ministries Staff
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: “Grace”

Mark Hayes, arranger
Choral Union

***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**

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as you ever can.

***Postlude: “Toccata”**

Robert W. Thygerson, composer

Confirmation Class of 2024-2025

Beckam Miller Antipolo, Adeline Claire Arbour, Jane Ellery Askins, Hadleigh Christine Baker, James Whitt Boggess, Sarah James Bourgeois, Grace Olivia Carpenter, Wynn Elizabeth Carpenter, James William Cobb, Kerry Lee Cornelius III, Colby Beau Cung, Emma Grace Dajcs, Scarlett Drew Dawson, Menard Gibson Doswell, Benjamin Michael Early, Ryder Webb Farish, Hadley Claire Hairston, Ja’Nautyca Hall, Tanner Heath Hester, Benito Henry Timmer Hidalgo IV, Thomas Holaday, George Robert Holman, Campbell Kristine Hutcheson, Elvie Anne Jackson, Audrey Elizabeth Johnson, Judd Daniel Johnson, Emma Scott Jones, Stevenson Powers Karr, Landry Catherine Lane, Caroline Elisabeth Little, Ethan Michael Mazur, Emma Kate McGuire, Vivian Wade McMahon, Elizabeth Jane Meyer, Alice Leigh Mocek, Jeffrey Davis Nichols, Evelyn Marie Nix, Clifford Grant Norman, William Henry Norman, Anabelle Andy Oney, Amelia Paige Parker, Natalie Marie Rogers, Eva Catherine Routon, Margaret Grace Smith, Eva Jane Sykes, Lilah Grace Tinker, William Franklin Walker, Davis Kyle Wagner, Jack Henry Walters