

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!

WESLEYAN ADVENTURERS Service Day VBS & COSTA RICA



Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 10:30 am | \$15

Festival of HOMILETICS



May 12 – 15 | Wesley Hall | Room 350 & 333

During the month of May
please bring **bottled water**
to First Street Methodist Mission.

Monday – Thursday | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
OR the donation bins at the East, West
& Garden entrances on Sunday mornings



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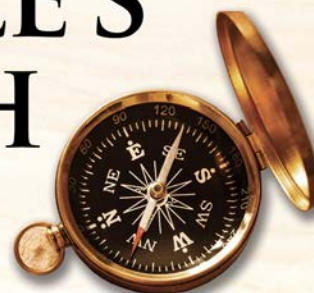
THE MUSICAL



Sunday, May 18 | 9:30 am | In The Gathering Service

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

A GUIDE FOR
UNITED METHODISTS



Sundays | June 1 – 15 | Joining Day | June 29 | 9:30 – 11:30 am | Room 350

THANK GOD FOR SCIENCE

SERMON SERIES



Traditional Worship Service
May 4, 2025 | 11:00 am
Senior Recognition Sunday

Thank God for Science

Genesis 2:4-9, Romans 5:12-21

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor



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Welcome
Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

Organ Voluntary: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Jack Schrader, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

***Call to Worship**
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor
One: In the beginning, when the Lord God made the heavens and the earth,
All: God formed us from the dust of the ground and breathed into us the breath of life.
One: The Lord planted a garden, rich with beauty, full of promise, and overflowing with life.
All: God placed us in that sacred space to live, to grow, and to walk with Him.
One: Let us come before God, who formed us with care and intention.
All: Let us worship the Lord our God with joy and gratitude. Amen.

***Hymn 140: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

***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.
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***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.

Faith Like a Child
“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

Senior Recognition Sunday
Matt Britt, Director of Youth Ministries

Presentation of Seniors
Olivia Mae Carrell, child of Leann and Dalton Carrell
Jack Hanson Greer, child of Carrie and Paul Greer
Caitlin Elliot James, child of Kelly and Chip James
Charles Landon Peugh, child of Lori and Forrest Peugh
Abigail Charley Pratt, child of Tracey Barnett and Douglas Pratt
Laura Elizabeth Toulouse, child of Holly and Rand Toulouse
Juliana Rae Young, child of Amy and Jeff Young

Congregational Response
Claire Manno, Youth Ministries Staff
One: Seniors, we want you and your families to remain standing up front as we affirm the vows we’ve said over you throughout these years. Through the sacrament of baptism you were initiated into Christ’s holy church by the steadfast love and grace of God.
All: We committed to pray for you and to nurture you in your journey of faith through our words and our deeds.
One: Through confirmation, you reaffirmed your faith, renewing the covenant declared at your baptism.
All: We welcomed you into membership and were encouraged by your claiming of this tradition, and community.
One: Through church membership, you have taken seriously the call to be a disciple of Christ and, through the Holy Spirit, have grown in grace, knowledge, and maturity.
All: We encouraged you to question and challenge, we served alongside you, and we were inspired and transformed by your witness.
One: Through this recognition, we send you out, knowing that God goes with you wherever you go.
All: We bless you and pray for you as your faith journey continues beyond this church. Always remember that this is your home and that in trials and triumphs, in mountains and valleys, in whatever the future holds, in this community you will always belong. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-9, Romans 5:12-21
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Thank God for Science
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Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion
Hymnal pages 12-13
Invitation
Confession and Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Serving the Bread and Cup

Offertory: “Who Am I”
Written by Cornerstone Youth Choir
Cornerstone Youth Choir
Mark Burrows, 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 All things Now Living”** verse 1
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days. God’s banners are o’er us, God’s light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, ‘til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

***Postlude: “A Mighty Fortress”**
David Cherwien, 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 online.

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 April will support the Methodist Justice Ministries.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of Calvin Borden Barkley by family friends.