

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

A GUIDE FOR UNITED METHODISTS

Sundays | October 4 – 18 | 9:30 am | Room 350 | Joining Day | October 25

MIDDLE SCHOOL Retreat

October 17 – October 18 | Lyle Lodge | \$50

UMW OCTOBER DINNER

from NEIGHBORS to STRANGERS

How We Lost the Tie That Binds

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:00 pm | Wesley Hall | \$25 | Dr. Rita Kirk

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Sunday, October 18
3:00 – 5:00 pm | 5th Street & Justin Building Parking Lot

Admission: Bring canned food items to help our First Street Methodist Mission feed those who are hungry.

Wear your Halloween costume and enjoy bounce houses, pony rides, petting zoo, games, prizes, crafts and more!

Register online to volunteer.

WESLEYAN ADVENTURERS

★★★★★ DAY TRIP TO ★★★★★

GEORGE H. W. BUSH LIBRARY

Thursday, October 8 | 8:00 am – 6:00 pm | College Station, Texas | \$80

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ANTIQUES SHOWCASE

— COFFEE & BRUNCH —

Wednesday, October 28 | 10:00 am | Ridglea Country Club | Registration begins on September 1

Are We There Yet?

SERMON SERIES

Traditional Worship Service
September 27, 2026 | 11:00 am

Exodus 17:1-7

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, preaching

Prelude: “You are My All in All”

Kevin McChesney, arranger
Fifth Street Bells
Thomas Williams, director

Welcome

Rev. Beth Kellner, Associate Pastor

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

One: In a land of dust and stone, thirst becomes a question: “Is the Holy One among us or not?”
All: We bring our questions, our weariness, and the faith we can barely hold.
One: Before our trust is steady, water runs; before our remembering is complete, grace is already flowing.
All: The Steady Presence meets us in the asking and stays with us on the way.
One: Come, doubters and rememberers, the thirsty and the hopeful.
All: Together, let us worship the God who journeys with us. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn 400: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

***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.

****Please be seated**

Faith Like a Child

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

***Hymn 369: “Blessed Assurance”**

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Jeanne Cochran, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Are We There Yet?

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, 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)

***Sermon Litany**

Offertory: “Ave Verum Corpus”

W.A. Mozart, composer
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**

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: “Lead Me, Guide Me”**

**Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

***Postlude: “Toccata in Seven”**

John Rutter, 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 September will support the First Street Methodist Mission clothing bank.

Flowers: The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of William F. Fuller by the Fuller Family.

The white carnations on the altar are in loving memory of:

Kay Yount – Service pending

Carla Jo Gates – Service pending

Kenneth H. Jones, Jr. - Service pending

The red carnation is to celebrate the birth of:

Winnie Ruth Pitts, daughter of Sarah and Connor Pitts

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!

Please email Angie Parish (aparish@myfumc.org), Director of Welcoming Ministries or visit On Ramp after worship.

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