

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 COMMERCE, TEXAS  
 January 7, 2024

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

*We Gather*

Prelude "Allegro non troppo" A. Guilment  
 Enter with Acolytes Wyatt Bourcy  
 Choral Call to Worship "All Hail the Power"  
 Welcome & Announcements Carolyn Trezevant  
*[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]*

*We Praise*

\* Hymn "The First Noel" (vss. 1-3, 5) UMH 245  
 \* Words of Worship Carolyn Trezevant  
 Leader: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!  
**People: God's light has come to us!**  
 Leader: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.  
**People: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.**  
 Leader: Arise! Shine, for the light has come!  
**People: Glory be to God in the Highest!.**  
 \* Hymn "We Three Kings" (vss. 1, 2, 5) UMH 254  
 \* Passing the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

*We Proclaim*

Children's Moment Rev. Dr. Rita Sims  
 Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Carolyn Trezevant  
 \* Anthem "My Shepherd" R. Artman  
 Message The Journey Worth Taking Rev. Dr. Sims

*We Respond*

Offertory "Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came" J. Pachelbel  
 Invitation to Christ's Table UMH p. 12  
 Confession/Words of Assurance UMH p. 12  
 The Great Thanksgiving UMH p. 13-14  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Holy Communion  
 Prayer After Receiving

*We Go Forth*

\* Closing Hymn "What Child is This" UMH 219  
 \* Sending Forth Rev. Dr. Sims  
 \* Choral Benediction "God Be With You"  
 Postlude "Postludium in A Major" J. Krieger  
 \*You are invited to stand.



Altar flowers given in memory of J.D. and Euple Walker by their children.

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Rita Sims, Guest Pastor  
 Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
 John Burkett, Organist  
 John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech  
 Claire Floyd, Video Tech



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Children's Sunday School meets in the Family Ministry Center right after the Children's Moment during worship. The Friendship Class meets in the Friendship Classroom after worship. Everyone is invited.

*Our January Mission of the Month is the Pastor's Benevolence Fund. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Pastor's Fund" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.*

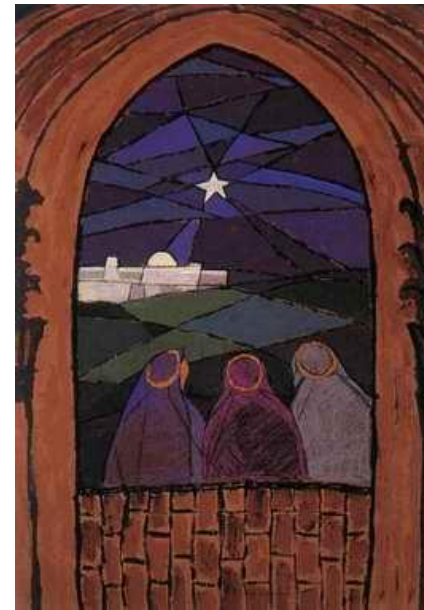


### Upcoming Activities

- January 8-Prayer Shawl meets at 9:30am
- January 9-Men's Breakfast Group meets at 8am
- January 9-Grow (Children & Youth Activities planning) meets at 3pm
- January 9-Women's Study Group meets at 5:15pm
- January 9-Trustees meet at 6:30pm
- January 10-Little Ark Chapel at 11am
- January 10-Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- January 10-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- January 11-Serve team meets at 10:30am

Ministers  
Pastor  
Office & Communications  
Financial Secretary  
Children/Youth Director  
Children's Music Director  
Little Ark Director  
Choir Director  
Organist  
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Cheryl Murray  
Sharon Duncan  
Mariann Andrews  
Ashlyn Woods  
Meagan Jones  
Jennifer Knight  
Gene Lockhart  
Dr. John Burkett  
Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



Nativity-3 Jim Jae Im, Korea



## **First United Methodist Church**

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January 7, 2024  
10:00am Sanctuary



### Prayer List

- All who are affected by the war in Israel
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- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mike Pebbles
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- Eliana Rodrigues
- Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- Don Daffron
- Bob Clark
- Kerry Clark
- Clarence Jensen
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Vance Underhill
- Glenda Helton
- Joe Milligan
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Harrison
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea
- Harold & Becky Coker
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