

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
January 8, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

CONNECT

Prelude "Voluntary in D Major" J. Stanley
Enter with Acolytes The Stark Family
Welcome Jim Patton, Liturgist
* Hymn "Fairrest Lord Jesus" UMH 189

* Words of Worship

Leader: Welcome to worship this day!

People: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.

Leader: They shall be given to you.

People: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.

Leader: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.

People: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us.

AMEN.

* Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393

GROW

Children's Place Amy Stark

[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17

Message The Significance of Baptism Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

Reaffirmation of Baptism UMH, p. 35, 9-12

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory "Air in F Major" S. Wesley

* Doxology UMH 95

* Hymn of Invitation "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

SERVE

* Opportunities to Serve

* Sending Forth Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

Postlude "My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker" J. G. Walther

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Rita Sims, Pastor
Dr. John Burkett, Organist
John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech

Prayer List

- Randy Butler, named by Sue Massey
- Becky Glasscock & Brenda Christian (house fire, from the Blessings Table)
- Amanda (from the Blessings Table)
- Tom Bailey
- Sam Elwell
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Carlos Rickman (M.D. Anderson Hospital)
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, sister of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Corteaal
- Judy Corteaal

Our January Mission of the Month is the Pastor's Benevolence Fund. These funds are set aside for Pastor Cheryl to use to help others in immediate need. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Pastor's Benevolence Fund" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. You can also "Give Online" on the website by selecting Mission of the Month.

Children's Sunday School meets during worship after Children's Place in the Family Ministry Center. Children ages 4-8 are invited to attend Sunday School. Nursery resumes today and is now available each Sunday.

Sunday School for those 3 and 4 years old will begin on January 15th. This class will be held during worship. Trish King will lead the group.

Confirmation Class will begin on January 15th at 11:15 after worship and fellowship time. This class will meet in the Youth room.

Upcoming Activities

- January 9-Prayer Shawl at 9:30am
- January 10-Men's Breakfast at Omega's at 8am
- January 10-Exercise class at 10am
- January 10-Women's Study Group meets at 5:15pm
- January 10-Trustees meet at 6:30pm
- January 11-Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- January 11-Grow team meets at 6pm
- January 11-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- January 12-Connect team meets at 6pm
- January 13-Exercise class at 10am
- January 15-Gathering & fellowship following worship at 11 in the Family Ministry Center
- January 15-Confirmation Class begins at 11:15
- Contact Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375 or by email at CherylMurray2020@outlook.com

Ministers
Pastor
Church Administrator
Communications Director
Children's Director
Youth Director
Little Ark Director
Choir Director
Organist
Custodians

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



Baptism of the Lord



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10:00am Sanctuary