

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 COMMERCE, TEXAS
 October 1, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "Even-Song" G. Hägg
 Enter with Acolytes Daniel Stark
 Choral Call to Worship "Enter Into His Gates"
 Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor
 [You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

* Words of Worship

Leader: We hear God's calling to have joyful spirits as Christ's followers.

People: We lift our hearts to be filled with vim and vigor!

Leader: We know that sometimes it is difficult to be joyful in life.

People: We recognize that joy is a practice, not just a happy feeling.

Leader: We open ourselves to the joy that comes with justice.

People: We make room at this table for joy in all its forms.

* Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH 548

* Pass the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**
 The Children Gather Amy Stark

We Proclaim

Scripture Philippians 1:21-30 and Matthew 21:28-32 (*The Message*)

Anthem "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" T. Fettke

Message Table of Joy: The Ultimate Partnership Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Offertory "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven" D. Buxtehude

* Doxology "Be Present at our Table, Lord" UMH 621

* Hymn "Come to the Table of Joy"

Communion

Invitation to the Table UMH p. 12
 Confession/Words of Assurance
 Great Thanksgiving
 Receiving the Bread and Cup
 Prayer after Receiving

We Go Forth

* Hymn "Joy to the World (vv. 1 & 4)" UMH 246
 * Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
 * Choral Benediction "God Be With You"
 Postlude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" E. L. Diemer
 *You are invited to stand.

Prayer List

- Don Daffron
- Mayra Garcia
- Joe Milligan
- Madonna St. Clair
- Betty Martin
- Rob Lee
- Residents of Morocco and Libya coping with earthquakes and flooding
- Rita Thompson
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evans' father
- Wyatt Bourcy
- Mel Fox
- Priscilla McFarland
- Kyle Smith
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- The Elwell Family
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Carlos Rickman
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Corteaal
- Judy Corteaal

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray, Pastor
 Gene Lockhart, Choir Director
 John Burkett, Organist
 John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech
 Claire Floyd, Video Tech

No Friendship Class today. Instead, join us for a potluck lunch in the Family Ministry Center. Children's Sunday School meets after Children's Time in the Family Ministry Center.

Upcoming Activities

- October 3-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- October 4-Worship at Country Home Estates at 2pm
- October 4-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- October 5-Serve team meets at 10:30am
- October 5-First Thursday Luncheon meets at noon in the Family Ministry Center
- October 5-Music & More meets from 3:45-5:30pm
- October 7-Bishop Saenz will visit the East District (see bulletin insert)

Our October Mission of the Month is Clothe-A-Child. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Clothe-A-Child" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.



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



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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10:00am Sanctuary