

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
October 29, 2023**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

*We Gather*

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" V. Lubeck  
 Enter with Acolytes Daniel Stark  
 Choral Call to Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord"  
 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.]*

*We Praise*

\* Opening Hymn "There's Within My Heart a Melody" UMH 380  
 \* Words of Worship

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

**People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

**People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

**People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.**

\* The Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**  
 \* Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH 402

*We Proclaim*

The Children Gather Pastor Cheryl  
 Call to Offering  
 Offertory "In Christ There Is No East or West" H. Willan  
 \* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95  
 Anthem "A Jubilant Psalm" E. Crocker  
 Scripture Matthew 25:14-30  
 Message Christians Got Talent Pastor Cheryl

*We Respond*

Call to Prayer "Lord, Teach Me How"  
 Prayers of the People  
 The Lord's Prayer

*We Go Forth*

\* Hymn "I'm Goin' to Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" UMH 333  
 \* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl  
 \* Choral Benediction "Threefold Amen"  
 Postlude "Festal March" W. L. Webber  
 \*You are invited to stand.

*Prayer List*

- All who are affected by the war in Israel
- Glenda Helton
- Joe Milligan
- Madonna St. Clair
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evans' father
- 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 Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea



Altar flowers given by Wyman and Harriet Williams in memory of their parents.

**Worship Leaders**

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

*The District Budget Meeting will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Sanctuary, followed by the Charge Conference from 3-5pm in the Family Ministry Center. All are invited to attend.*

*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.*



### *Upcoming Activities*

- October 30-Ad Council at 6pm
- October 31-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- October 31-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- November 1-Chapel at Little Ark at 11am
- November 1-Worship at Country Home Estates at 2pm
- November 1-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- November 2-M&M at 3:45-5:30pm
- November 2-Foundation at 6:30pm

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



*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*



## **First United Methodist Church**

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**October 29, 2023  
10:00am Sanctuary**