

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
November 19, 2023**

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "Lied" L. Vierne
 Enter with Acolytes Wyatt Bourcy
 Call to Worship "Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"
 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

* Hymn of Praise "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH 694
 * Words of Worship

Leader: Are you ready to worship?

People: We believe that we are.

Leader: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.

People: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.

Leader: The Lord comes to you this day.

People: Thanks be to God for God's abiding presence and promise. AMEN.

* Hymn "We Gather Together" UMH 131
 * The Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

We Proclaim

Children's Message Ashlyn Woods
 Anthem "A Simple Thanksgiving" J. Martin
 Scripture Matthew 25:1-13
 Message Ready to Meet Your Maker Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Call to Prayer "Lead Me Lord"
 The Lord's Prayer
 Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Lord Jesus Christ, I Know Full Well" D. Buxtehude
 * Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

We Go Forth

* Hymn of Invitation "We've a Story to Tell" UMH 569
 * Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
 * Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You"
 Postlude "Trumpet Tune in D" G.P. Telemann
 *You are invited to stand.

Prayer List

- All who are affected by the war in Israel
- Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- Don Daffron
- Bob Clark
- Kerry Clark
- Mike Smith
- Hollis Finton
- Clarence Jensen
- Iliana Rodrigues
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Vance Underhill
- Jim Eschle, Nan Clay's brother
- The family of Court Stovall
- Glenda Helton
- Joe Milligan
- 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

Worship Leaders

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

Our November Mission of the Month is the Community Thanksgiving dinner. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.



The Fall Festival earned almost \$4000 for missions! Thanks to everyone for your donations, help and generosity. The funds will be distributed throughout the coming year to missions in Commerce and beyond.

Upcoming Activities

- November 21-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- November 21-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- November 23-**Happy Thanksgiving!**
- November 22-24-Church offices closed



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



25th Sunday after Pentecost

First United Methodist Church

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10:00am Sanctuary