FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMERCE, TEXAS December 31, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "Pr	elude on 'Greensleeves'"	R. Purvis	
Enter with Acolytes			
Choral Call to Worship	"Surely the Power of the Lord"	,,	
Announcements	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

* Carol "C	Come All Ye Faithful''(vss. 1, 3, 6)	UMH 234
* Passing of the Pea	ce Peace be with you. And also with y	ou.
* Carol	"There's a Song in the Air"	UMH 249

We Proclaim

Children's Moment		Pastor Cheryl
* Carols	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	UMH 230
	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"	UMH 196
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:22-40	
Anthem	"Mary's Lullaby"	D. Mengel
Message	It Takes a Village	Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Call to Prayer	"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"		
Prayers of the People			
The Lord's Prayer			
Invitation to Generosity			
Offertory	"Let Our Gladness Know No End"	H. Schroeder	
	(Bohemian Carol)		

* Wesley Covenant Renewal for New Year

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

We Go Forth

* Closing Hym	-	UMH 246	
	(vss. 1-2)		
* Sending Forth	1	Pastor Cheryl	
* Choral Bened	liction "Three Fold Amen"		
Postlude	"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"	J. S. Bach	
*You are invited to stand.			

Worship Leaders

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

Doxology

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. ∎∛≎≣∎

Uncoming Activities

- January 1- Happy New Gear!
- January 1-2-Church offices closed
- January 3-Youth Escape Room trip from 5-8pm
- January 4-First Thursday Luncheon at noon in the Family **Ministry Center**

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



First Sunday after Christmas



Methodist Church

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> December 31, 2023 10:00am Sanctuary



Prayer List

- All who are affected by the war in Israel
- Family of Peggy Cain
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mike Pebbles
- Mike Smith
- 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 Corteal
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