

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 COMMERCE, TEXAS  
 March 5, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!  
 We Gather

Prelude  
 Enter with Acolytes The Bourcy Family  
 Choral Call to Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord"  
 Welcome Pastor Cheryl  
 \* Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117  
 \* Words of Worship Psalm 121  
 Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills –from where will my help come?  
**People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
 Leader: The Lord will not let your feet be moved;  
 the One who keeps you will not slumber,  
**People: The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
 Leader: The Lord is your keeper;  
**People: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.**  
 Leader: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
**People: The Lord will keep you from all evil;**  
 Leader: The Lord will keep your life.  
**People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**  
 \* Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH 175

We Proclaim

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.]*  
 Anthem "God So Loved the World" J. Stainer  
 Scripture John 3:1-17 Monty McGuyer  
 Message Look for the Helper Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Offertory "A Communion Invitation" J & M Martin  
 Invitation to Communion UMH p. 12  
 Confession & Words of Assurance  
 The Great Thanksgiving UMH p. 13  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Prayer After Receiving Communion UMH p 15  
 \* Hymn of Invitation "I Surrender All" UMH 354

We Go Forth

\* Opportunities to Serve  
 \* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl  
 \* Choral Benediction "God Be With You"  
 Postlude "Standing on the Promises"  
 \*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders

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

Prayer List

- Sandy Hutton
- Bill Knutson
- Emma Dean, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader fighting a severe staph infection, named by Chance Webster
- Scott Prather, fighting stomach cancer
- Sam Elwell
- Lynette Gill, Lee Riddle's daughter
- Randy Butler, named by Sue Massey
- Tom Bailey
- 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 Cortea
- Judy Cortea

If you are age 25 or younger and a college student, we invite you to contact David C. Kemp, a seminary student in Denver, Colorado. David began his journey to ministry at the Wesley Campus Ministry here in Commerce. Send him an email with your contact information if you are interested.

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*Our Lenten Mission of the Month is the Blessing Table. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Blessing Table" in the memo line) will benefit this mission.*

*You can also give online. Get started today by visiting the church website at [www.fumcccommerce.org](http://www.fumcccommerce.org) or by scanning the QR code to the right and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.*



### Upcoming Activities

- March 7-Men's Breakfast at Omega's at 8am
- March 7-Pastor's Lenten Bible Study at 10am
- March 8- Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- March 8-Grow team meeting at 6pm
- March 8-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- Contact Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375 or by email at [CherylMurray2020@outlook.com](mailto: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

## Second Sunday of Lent



### First United Methodist Church

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March 5, 2023  
10:00am Sanctuary