

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
May 21, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "Deep River" J. Utterback
Enter with Acolytes The Webster Family
Choral Call to Worship "Enter Into His Gates"
Welcome Rev. Cheryl Murray

We Praise

* Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529
* Words of Worship Psalm 68

Leader: Beloved, let us worship God!

People: Let us give praise to God, the one who rides upon the clouds!

Leader: As God led the Israelites through the wilderness and provided for them,

People: we too find our dwelling in God's goodness and provision.

Leader: The Rider in the heavens speaks throughout creation;

People: We gather to listen and ascribe power to God!

Awesome is God in the sanctuary!

The God of Israel who gives power and strength to the people!

Amen.

* Hymn "O How I Love Jesus" UMH 170
* Passing the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

We Proclaim

Special Announcement Jamie Bourcy, VBS Director
Children's Time Pastor Cheryl

[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

Anthem "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" I. Watts
Scripture Acts 1:1-11 Jordan Cramer
Message **Take the Next Step** Pastor Cheryl
Call to Prayer "Lord Teach Me How"

We Respond

Confession and Words of Assurance
Prayers of the People O Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer
Offertory "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" R. Hebble

* Doxology UMH 95
* Hymn of Invitation "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77
(vss. 1 & 4)

We Go Forth

* Opportunities to Serve
* Sending Forth
* Choral Benediction
Postlude

"God Be With You"
"Revive Us Again"
*You are invited to stand.

Pastor Cheryl

J. Burkett

Worship Leaders

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

Prayer List

- The family of Phillip Jackson, son of Louis & Fay Jackson
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Kyle Smith
- Ron Elwell
- Rev. Dr. Rita Sims
- The Elwell Family
- Diana Richards
- Amanda, named by Jan Helton
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother (advanced Parkinson's)
- Emma Dean, named by Chance Webster
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Carlos Rickman
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, sister of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea

The Wesleyan Roots class will not meet this week so that we can celebrate Mariann's retirement. We hope to see you there!



We are currently looking for ushers, greeters and acolytes.
If you are interested, please call the church office.

Our Mission of the Month for May is Hunt County Shared Ministries (F.I.S.H.). Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "F.I.S.H." 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 or by scanning the QR code below and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.



Upcoming Activities

- May 21-Retirement reception for Mariann Andrews after worship
- May 22-Ad Council at 5:30pm
- May 23-Men's Breakfast at Omega's at 8am
- May 24- Oak Manor worship at 10am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- May 24-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- May 25-Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am

Ministers
Pastor
Office & Communications Director
Financial Secretary
Children's Director
Youth Director
Little Ark Director
Choir Director
Organist
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Cheryl Murray
Sharon Duncan
Mariann Andrews
Amy Stark
Ashlyn Woods
Jennifer Knight
Gene Lockhart
Dr. John Burkett
Sandra & Fernando Medrano



Ascension Sunday

First United Methodist Church

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10:00am Sanctuary