



**May 12, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service**

**First United Methodist Church**

1928 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75201

[firstchurchdallas.org](http://firstchurchdallas.org)

214-220-2727

Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
*Mother's Day*  
*Senior Recognition Sunday*

\*Please stand as you are able.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please ask an usher about using one of the receivers in our assisted hearing system.+

Prelude to Worship

*Voluntary in D Major*

John Stanley/Bish

Invitation and Intention for Worship

Dr. Andy Stoker

\*Processional Hymn No. 451 (UMH) *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*A Modern Affirmation

J.T. Tanis

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Anthem

*Carillon*  
Alleluya Ringers

James Weber

Children's Sermon (*Please sing as the children come forward.*)

Bailey Anne Dorminy  
Audrey Gavitt

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Call to Prayer

*How Can I Keep from Singing*  
Alleluya Ringers

Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Thomas Giddens  
Kate Moseley

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and  
the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 2:11-25

Dr. Stoker

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*This is FirstChurch: Intertwined*  
On Experience

Dr. Stoker

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Owen Dunston

Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

\*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Sarah Dalton

\*Hymn of Invitation No. 2223 (FWS)

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*  
(verses 1 and 2)

ST. BRENDAN'S

\*Benediction

Dr. Stoker

\*Choral Response

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*  
Variations

Jody W. Lindh

Closing Voluntary

*Toccata in G Major*

Théodore Dubois

The Faith We Sing (FWS) hymnal supplement can be found in the pew back next to The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH).

The acolyte is Wesley Stoker.

Dana Effler is the director of the Chancel Choir and Variations. Tim Effler is the service organist and director of Alleluia Ringers. Alan Peterson is the assistant organist.

FirstChurch's assisted hearing system has fifteen receivers for use during worship in the sanctuary. These may be checked out from the Communications Department prior to each service. In addition, members and visitors are invited to bring their own portable FM radios with headphones and tune to 107.7 to hear the service.

This worship service is being broadcast on live streaming video on our church website and re-broadcast at 5:30 a.m. Sundays on WFAA-TV Channel 8.

*At FirstChurch, our cultural, spiritual and theological alignments to Christ compel us to break down structures that perpetuate poverty and harbor hate in our world – and this starts within our walls. We strive to embody the Kin-dom of God in its true form – a just, loving community in which people are free to be themselves fully and without fear.*

*We cherish the diversity of humanity vowing to provide a place where no one is exiled, silenced or exploited because of their sex, age, race, class, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, financial means, education, and/or political perspective. We invite all to participate in the life of the church and our beloved community.*

# *2019 Graduating Seniors*

*Sarah Elizabeth Dalton*

*Bailey Anne Dorminy*

*Owen Hinton Dunston*

*Audrey Bailey Gavitt*

*Reese Caillet Giddens*

*William Thomas Giddens*

*Catherine Allison Moseley*

*John Leland Tanis*

Announcing two 15-minute worship opportunities  
in the Dickerson Chapel every Sunday:

*A Service of Compassion and Contemplation*  
8:20 a.m.

*Communion Service*  
12:20 p.m.

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

Dorian Albert, Minister with Youth and Their Families  
Leah Bailey, Associate Director with Youth and Their Families  
The Reverend Holly Bandel, Associate Minister for Mission and Advocacy  
Dana Effler, Director of Music and Arts Ministries  
Tim Effler, Organist/Associate Director of Music  
The Reverend Evan Jones, Associate Minister of Discipleship Ministries  
Jason A. Lewis, Ministry Advocacy Resident  
The Reverend JoNell Lindh, Associate Minister of Congregational Care  
Laura McCavit, Director of Children's Ministries  
Elizabeth Smith, Director of Welcoming Ministries  
Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister  
The Reverend Ann Willet, Executive Associate Minister

***Join us for worship next Sunday, May 19***  
***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Reverend Evan Jones' message: *This Is Us: Love & Conflict*  
Jeremiah 32:1-5; 36-44

*Watch our live stream each Sunday at 11 a.m. at [firstchurchdallas.org](http://firstchurchdallas.org)  
or view our services on WFAA-TV Sundays at 5:30 a.m.*

Saturday, May 18

10 a.m. - Noon



Walk, Pray Love explores the diverse community of West Dallas. The program begins at 10 a.m. at the Ronald Kirk and Felix Lozado Gateway (formerly known as the Continental Bridge). From there we will journey to Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Trinity River Mission, and walk around the neighborhood surrounding Wesley-Rankin Center. We will end with lunch at Wesley-Rankin from Odom's barbecue, a local landmark.

If you want to ride the church bus, it will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

[firstchurchdallas.org/walk-pray-love-prayer-walk](http://firstchurchdallas.org/walk-pray-love-prayer-walk)

Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.

FirstStep invites new members and visitors to coffee with Rev. Ann Willet. Together we will explore the values of membership and get better connected with mission and ministry at FirstChurch.

RSVP to Elizabeth Smith at [esmith@fumcdallas.org](mailto:esmith@fumcdallas.org) or meet at the Information Desk.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Save the date for VBS - **Jesus around the World, Water and the Word!** June 10 - 14 from 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Kids, youth, parents and volunteer adults - we want and need you all to join us for this action packed week. Email Laura McCavit at [lmccavit@fumcdallas.org](mailto:lmccavit@fumcdallas.org) to join the volunteer list. Register your child for VBS at [firstchurchdallas.org/vbs](http://firstchurchdallas.org/vbs).

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

We invite you to become a part of our FirstChurch family. Simply fill out the "Join FirstChurch" card found in the registration pads at the end of every pew. During the Hymn of Invitation, bring this card with you and hand it to the minister. You may also contact Elizabeth Smith at [esmith@fumcdallas.org](mailto:esmith@fumcdallas.org) to explore the value of membership, ask questions and discuss other opportunities to join.

### ONLINE AND TEXT GIVING

Giving to FirstChurch is easier than ever - donate at any

time on our website at [firstchurchdallas.org/give](http://firstchurchdallas.org/give), or by texting 214-306-8121. Want to make it even simpler? Set up a recurring giving plan - your commitment automatically drafts from your account, and FirstChurch is better positioned to plan for future needs thanks to your scheduled gifts. Questions? Contact Lynn Campbell at 214-220-2727, ext. 202.

### DEEPEN YOUR SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: MINI-SERVICES ON SUNDAYS


Every Sunday, come to Dickerson Chapel to enjoy a short service to reconnect with God, and stay renewed and refreshed in this chaotic world. Choose from a short contemplative/meditative service at 8:20 a.m. or a brief communion service at 12:20 p.m. Come enjoy a moment of peace and calm!

## NEW HERE?

**VISITORS** We're so glad you've joined us! Stop by the Information Desk today for a welcome gift and to learn more about FirstChurch or contact Elizabeth Smith at [esmith@fumcdallas.org](mailto:esmith@fumcdallas.org).



We believe in providing a safe environment at FirstChurch. FirstProtect is our holistic protection policy for the most precious among us. In addition, our General Safety and Medical Procedures improve member and guest experiences. This policy affirms a gun-free facility. **You are safe at FirstChurch.**



**NEIL SIMON'S**  
**BROADWAY BOUND**

**DIRECTED BY KEVIN WORTLEY**  
\$20 for adults, \$10 for students  
[firstchurhdallas.org/theatre](http://firstchurhdallas.org/theatre)

Featuring Laura Cannon, Hector Garcia, Juliann Krumbholz, Jon Morehouse, Michael St. Clair, Michael Zimmermann and the voices of Margaret Lyman, Dr. Andy Stoker, and Robert Young.

**THE WORTLEY-PEABODY THEATRE**  
**MAY 16, 17 & 18, 2019 | 7:30 PM**

## 5.12 | RENOVATION PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING

Join us for the official groundbreaking for our 2019 Capital Campaign renovation. This brief ceremony will be led by children, youth and clergy - come and participate in this milestone event.

— 9:45 a.m. in the Third Floor Gymnasium.

## 5.16 | ROTUNDA THEATRE PRESENTS BROADWAY BOUND

The Rotunda Theatre presents Broadway Bound by Neil Simon. Directed by Kevin Wortley. Part three of Neil Simon's acclaimed autobiographical trilogy finds Eugene and his older brother Stanley trying to break into the world of show business as professional comedy writers while trying to balance their loyalties to their family and to their art. \$20 for adults. \$10 for children. Tickets: [firstchurhdallas.org/broadwaybound](http://firstchurhdallas.org/broadwaybound).

— May 16, 17 & 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wortley-Peabody Theatre.

## 5.16 | A CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP MICHAEL MCKEE

Bishop Michael McKee invites all to participate in a conversation with LGBTQ+ Constituents of North Texas Conference UMC Churches and their allies.

— 7 p.m. in Asbury Hall at Lovers Lane UMC, 9200 Inwood Road, Dallas, TX 75220.

## 5.18 | WALK, PRAY, LOVE

Join us for a prayer walk where we will be exploring West Dallas and touring Wesley-Rankin. We will end with a barbeque picnic lunch for the whole family. Adults, youth and children are encouraged to participate. Register at [firstchurhdallas.org/walk-pray-love-prayer-walk](http://firstchurhdallas.org/walk-pray-love-prayer-walk).

— 10 a.m. - Noon in West Dallas.

## 5.19 | TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Visitors and new members — join Rev. Ann Willet for informal conversation, a tour of the church and to get better connected. RSVP to Elizabeth Smith at [esmith@fumcdallas.org](mailto:esmith@fumcdallas.org).

— 9:30 a.m. Meet at Information Desk.

## 5.28 | CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

All FirstChurch members are invited.

— 6 p.m. dinner; 6:30 p.m. meeting in Crossroads Center.



Please join us for fellowship  
and refreshments in  
Fiedler Atrium today from  
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. as  
we honor mothers and  
celebrate Mother's Day.