

## FORMAL WORSHIP

January 17, 2016

8:45 a.m.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 12:34

PRELUDE

*We Shall Overcome: I - Rosa;  
II – Martin & Ab; III - Four little girls*  
Jay Whatley, Organist

Willis

INTROIT

*Arise, Shine*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Dr. Terry Morris, Director of Music

Forrest

\*CREDO

Rev. Ann Spears

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

<sup>†</sup>Apostolic and Universal

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*INVOCATION

Rev. Ann Spears

\*HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

#519

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place on which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,  
Shadowed beneath the hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Steve Wende

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

#206

**I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain*

**In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.**

**I want to look at Jesus.**

**Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.**

*Repeat Refrain*

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.**

**I want to be with Jesus.**

**When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.**

*Repeat Refrain*

\*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Ruthie Estes

*Director of Women's Ministry*

Luke 12:32-34

Page 70, N.T. Pew Bible

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

THE WORD IN SONG

*All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord*

Stroope

Sanctuary Choir

MESSAGE

Dr. Steve Wende

*Impact: It's About Love*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

MORNING PRAYER

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

#397

*Refrain*

**I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. John Onstott

*Refrain*

**I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

SILENT PRAYER

*Refrain*

**I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Charles Thompson

THE WORD IN SONG

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

arr. Schrader

*Choir Only*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,*

*I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;*

*Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.*

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

*Choir Only*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,  
When my light is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;**

**Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.**

**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

*Choir Only*

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

CHRIST'S INVITATION

Rev. Ann Spears

\*HYMN

*Forward Through the Ages*

#555

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

*Refrain*

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;  
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.  
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,  
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.**

*Repeat Refrain*

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;  
In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.  
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,  
Move we on together to the shining goal.**

*Repeat Refrain*

\*BENEDICTION

Dorothy Maxie

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Precious Name*

#536

**O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,  
When His loving arms receive us, and His songs our tongues employ!**

*Refrain*

**Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

POSTLUDE

*We Shall Overcome:  
IV - Hope: Black & White Together*  
Jay Whatley, Organist

Sharon J. Willis

\* *Please stand, as you are able.*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Alice James Bintliff and David Coopwood Bintliff on the occasion of their wedding anniversary January 17, 1923 from their children, Marjorie Ann and Raleigh W. Johnson, Jr. and Beverly and Daniel C. Arnold.

### ACOLYTES

Lindsey Harris, Jr.

Austin Ishee

### CLERGY ON-CALL

Rev. Charles Thompson, 832-668-1800, option 7

- *Service of Communion and Healing in the Chapel, 12:05 p.m.*
- *Assisted Listening Devices are available from the sound console.*
- *iPads, tablets and cell phones are welcome! Take notes and text points from the message to your friends. Just put your device on “silent.”*

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### ***MISSION TRIPS***

***Haiti Mission Trip- February 27-March 4*** Join Rev. Ann Spears as she returns to the Mission of Hope in Haiti. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere where 80% live in poverty with 54% in abject poverty. This is a great trip for anyone with a heart for people of all ages. There are many ways to serve including hands on projects, evangelism and prayer ministry.

***Nicaragua, February 25-29 (Women Only)*** Nicaragua is the second poorest country in Latin America. Partnering with Open Hearts Mission in Managua, the team of women will work with mothers and children living in poverty on outreaches, while focusing on the inward spiritual disciplines in worship and devotional time. A great trip for personal reflection and service for women.

For more information about the Mission trips, contact Kaylie Mims at 832.668.1884 or [kmims@fmhouston.com](mailto:kmims@fmhouston.com).

### ***NEIGHBORS IN ACTION***

***Our annual Easter Egg Hunt*** will be held again this spring. Last year, we filled over 5,000 eggs and ran out within minutes! This year we need about 7,000 candy filled eggs. If you would like to help make this a possibility, please contact Kaylie Mims at [kmims@fmhouston.com](mailto:kmims@fmhouston.com)!

### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

***Change the World Sunday- March 6, 2016.***

### ***PRAYER SISTERS***

***Ladies, there is still time to sign up for our Prayer Sisters Program.*** Please join us as we pray for each other and our church. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or can be downloaded from the website. For more information, contact Ruthie Estes, [restes@fmhouston.com](mailto:restes@fmhouston.com), 832-668-1861.

### ***WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU***

***Fill out a prayer card*** and place it in the offering plate or in one of the prayer boxes in various locations in the church, or on the Prayer Board. If you need help locating them, please ask an usher.

### ***PRAYER MINISTRY***

***To join one of our prayer teams,*** or just learn about what is involved in prayer ministry, please contact Dr. Bill Allen, Director of Prayer Ministry at [ballen@fmhouston.com](mailto:ballen@fmhouston.com), or 832.668.1820.

### ***WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL***

***We have started a new Beth Moore study: Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories.*** For more information, contact Ruthie Estes, 832.668.1861 or [restes@fmhouston.com](mailto:restes@fmhouston.com).

***On Thursdays,*** join us for Bible study with Allen Houk. Allen's new topic is The Scarlet Thread.

Lunch for the weekday studies is served starting at 11:30, and class will begin at noon.

### ***FAMILY RETREAT AT LAKEVIEW***

***Please join your church family at the 12th annual Family Retreat*** which will again be held at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, TX. The event is Jan. 29-31. Payment for regular registration must be made by Sunday, Jan. 17. Late and last minute registrations require an additional fee. Dorms, fun, crafts, fellowship, and all food is included in the fee.

### ***COLUMBARIUM***

***The First Methodist Columbarium*** is a beautiful way to honor the love and legacy of members of the First Methodist family. We all want a permanent resting place of prayer and significance for our loved ones, and this garden area will provide just such a sacred and beautiful space. It will be a witness in Houston to the love and lasting care of Christ and His people. To purchase a niche or receive more information, contact Judy Saenz, 832-668-1836 or [jsaenz@fmhouston.com](mailto:jsaenz@fmhouston.com).