

Upcoming Events and Announcements

DR. SAM'S BIBLE STUDY

Where was Jesus' hometown?

Wednesdays at 12 Noon and 6 p.m.

Join us as we compare Matthew 2 to Luke 1-2.

GRIEFSHARE BEGINS JANUARY 22

**Looking for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one?** The GriefShare support group at FUMC is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. During this 13-week series of videos and discussion time you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

**Mondays from 10 a.m. till noon, starting January 22**

To register: Pastor Woody ([wwoodward@firstsrq.com](mailto:wwoodward@firstsrq.com); 941-955-0935).

DIAPERS FOR FIRST 1000 DAYS

This nonprofit serves the prenatal ward of Sarasota Memorial Hospital where Janice Houchins, FUMC member, works. Low-income parents are struggling to provide necessities. If you would like to help, bring diapers on Sunday, January 21, or during the week. If you prefer, give online, and designate your gift for FIRST 1000 DAYS.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, you can write it on the back of the in-person Attendance Form. You can also make your request at <https://www.firstsrq.com/ministries/faith-community-nurse/> and <https://www.firstsrq.com/resources/prayer-and-visit-requests/>.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

We want to stay connected with all our church family. Everyone, do let us know if you have a change of address (residence or email) and/or phone (cell or landline). Seasonal family, please let us know when you are in Florida and when you are in your other state. Send updates to [office@firstsrq.com](mailto:office@firstsrq.com) or call the church office (941-955-0935). Thank you!

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday set aside to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. A special offering is taken the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of "the beloved community" through programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Thank you for your generosity.

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 14

Online Worship Services: 8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Worship, Chapel

9:30 a.m. Christian Fellowship  
Room 105/Zoom

9:40 a.m. Faith Cafe, Room 104/Zoom

11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

11 a.m. Children's Sunday School,  
Youth Hall

Monday, January 15

Church Office Closed

ECC Closed

January 15-19

10-5 Artisans' World Marketplace

Tuesday, January 16

ECC Closed

10 a.m. SILL Lecture Series, Sanctuary

2:30 p.m. Womens Spiritual Growth Group  
Room 104/Zoom

Wednesday, January 17

8:30 a.m. ECC Gymnastics, Room 105

12 p.m. Bible Study, Dr. Sam:  
Room 104/Zoom

6 p.m. Bible Study, Dr. Sam:  
Room 104/Zoom

Thursday, January 18

10 a.m. SILL Lecture Series, Sanctuary

10 a.m. Rebekah Circle, Room 104

10 a.m. ECC Chapel, Room 105

5:00 p.m. Song Squad, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 20

9-2 Artisans' World Marketplace

2:30 p.m. Ukraine Discussion Group  
Rm 104/Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Sacred Choral Concert,  
Sanctuary

Sunday, January 21

Online Worship Services: 8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Worship, Chapel

9:30 a.m. Christian Fellowship  
Room 105/Zoom

9:40 a.m. Faith Cafe  
Room 104/Zoom

11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

11 a.m. Children's Sunday School,  
Youth Hall

12 p.m. Team Treble

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 15

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance

CHURCH STAFF

**Candy Bell**, Early Care Center Director

**Jeff Croy**, Custodian

**Baron Garriott**, Director of Praise Music

**Joyce Johnson**, Pastoral Care Assistant/Faith Community Nurse

**Alyssa Machado**, Director of Children and Youth

**Donna Maynard**, Director of Ministries

**Julie Miller**, Director of Finance/Administration

**Maria Mossbarger**, Early Care Center Office Manager

**Marc Nordstrom** Church Technology Coordinator

**Mike Pepe**, Tech Assistant/Sound Engineer

**Tammy Ralston**, Administrative Assistant

**Kerry Sanders**, Custodian

**Michael Stuart**, Director of Music/Organist

**Rev. Woody Woodward**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Dr. Sam Wright**, Senior Pastor



WELCOME  
to WORSHIP

*Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

**MICHAEL STUART**

Director of Music/Organist

**REV. WOODY WOODWARD**

Associate Pastor

**REV. SAM WRIGHT, PH.D.**

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*This service is being live-streamed and recorded so others can worship with us online.*

# First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

## Traditional Worship Service 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Human Relations Day

January 14, 2024

### Order of Service

PRELUDE (11 a.m.)      *Nuvole Bianche*      Ludovico Einaudu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries

HYMN SING (8:30 a.m.)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here we can come together,  
people searching for healing and hope:

**People: here we are met by the One  
who would bless us with abundant life.**

Leader: Here we are called to gather  
as the family of God:

**People: we may find those who are strangers,  
yet are beloved siblings of ours.**

Leader: Here we discover the truth that God  
makes no distinctions among us:

**People: here we are welcomed and embraced  
by the One whose arms are open to all.**

#### PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**Congregation: And also with you.**

*Take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

\*OPENING HYMN    *Come, Christmas Join to Sing*    Screens/Hymnal 158

#### OPENING PRAYER

Tony Kenworthy, Lay Leader (8:30 a.m.)  
Rev. Woody Woodward, Associate Pastor (11 a.m.)

CHORAL RESPONSE (11 a.m.)      *Amen*      John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

#### CHORAL ANTHEM (11 a.m.)

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*      Tom Fettke

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon  
and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor; and have made him a little  
lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts  
of the field, the birds of the air; the fish of the sea. But what is man, that you  
are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children  
praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NRSV)

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the  
calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with  
patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain  
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith,  
one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and  
in all.

John 17:20-23 (NRSV)

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe  
in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me  
and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that  
you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so  
that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may  
become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me  
and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Leader: May God speak to us through the Scriptures.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN      *In Christ There Is No East or West*      Screens/Hymnal 548

#### THE MESSAGE

*That They May Be Completely One*      Rev. Sam Wright, Ph.D.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE      Screens/TFWS 2223  
*They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Thank you for your faithful support. Please place your offering in one of the  
boxes/baskets as you exit the service, mail a check to the church, or you may

give online at [www.firstsrq.com](http://www.firstsrq.com); click GIVE. We are grateful for your gen-  
erosity to the ministries of First Church. Today is Human Relations Sunday.  
See the announcement on back page. You are making a difference.

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

#### BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      Screens/TFWS 2171  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

POSTLUDE (11 a.m.)      *Amazing Grace*      J. Christopher Pardini

\*Please stand as you are able.

*In Memoriam*

**Roger Baylor**  
*January 8, 2024*

**JoRita Stevens**

*Memorial Service*  
**February 24, 2024 - 2 p.m.**  
*First United Methodist Church - Chapel*