

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!
We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

Welcome and Greeting

Apostles' Creed

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 church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Music

Pastoral Prayer/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.

Children's Time

Following Children's Time, the children ages 3 years (by September 1, 2016) through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the lower level Fellowship Hall, next to the Sanctuary, in MC106. Parents may pick up their children, after the worship service, in MC106.

Offertory and Prayer

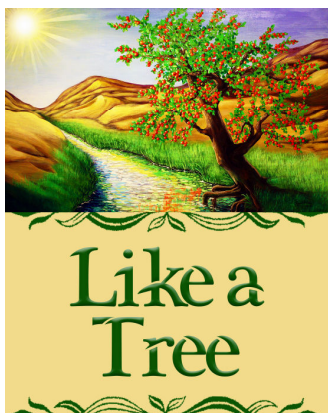
*Scripture

Psalm 1

Message

“Like a Tree” Rev. Rebecca Rutherford

Closing



Serving today in Contemporary worship:

Rev. Bill Price,
Senior Pastor
Rev. Rebecca Rutherford,
Associate Minister
Andy Cloninger,
Worship Leader
Jennifer Robertson,
Children's Director
Zack McCraw,
Youth Director

Missionaries we support who are serving the Lord to the ends of the earth:

John and Lisa Hamilton;
OMS International in Montevideo, Uruguay
Rob and Amy Ellis;
New Tribes Missions in Tanzania, Africa
Ronnie and Nanny Calvert;
Compassion International in Quito, Ecuador
Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting in Southern India

Congregation Notes:

Our condolences to the family of beloved SFUMC member, Martha Snow, who passed away August 5, 2017.

Weekly Bible Readings

Meet the challenge to read your entire Bible in one year by spending twelve and a half minutes each day. You can start any time. This week's suggested readings: Sunday, Ephesians 1-3; Monday, Leviticus 1-3; Tuesday, 1 Kings 10-13; Wednesday, Psalms 69-71; Thursday, Proverbs 4; Friday, Ezekiel 1-6; Saturday, Luke 11-12.

This Week...

SUNDAY, August 13

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (Both Campuses)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Grades 9th-12th (West Campus)

MONDAY, August 14

6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Bible Study (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (WD102, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting (WD101, West Campus)

TUESDAY, August 15

9:00-11:30 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)

WEDNESDAY, August 16

5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
3:30 p.m. Bread of Life ChristCare Group (WD101, West Campus)
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice (MB100, Main Campus)

THURSDAY, August 17

7:00 p.m. TLC ChristCare Group (Parlor, Main Campus)

***Room numbers on the West Campus now begin with W instead of P (formerly Prodissee Center).**

Upcoming Events...

August 20, Blessing of the Backpacks
August 20, Safe Sanctuary Meeting
August 20, Remedy Back to school Bash
August 23, Catapult Parent Meeting
August 27, Back to School, Back to Church Series Begins
August 27, Promotion Sunday
August 27, 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
August 27, Teacher/Leader Orientation for Adult Studies
August 27, Agape Puppets Workshop
August 28, Church Council
August 30, Mid-Week Begins
August 30, Catapult Back to School Bash
September 3, One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Online Giving is Available...

Go to www.spanishfortumc.org and click **online giving** for more information. *all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.

If you have a QR scanning app on your cell phone, simply scan the code to the right for easy access to our online giving option.



Worship. Study. Serve.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS... We are sending our students and educators back to school with our prayers and blessings. We will hold special Back to school worship services on Sunday, **August 20**. All students from pre-school through college are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and join us for this special time of blessing. There will be a special prayer for teachers, staff, and leaders, as well.

SAFE SANCTUARY MEETING... This training is required for all volunteers in the children and youth ministries, but is open to anyone. We will meet at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, **August 20**, in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

REMEDY YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL BASH... Remedy Youth grades 9th-12th will hold a back a Back to School Bash on Sunday, **August 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in the youth area on the West Campus. Bring a friend and join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

CATAPULT PARENT MEETING... All parents of rising 6th-8th graders are invited to learn more about Catapult, our middle school ministry. Join us Wednesday, **August 23**, from 6-7 p.m. in the Youth Area on the West Campus.

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO CHURCH... This sermon series begins on Promotion Sunday, **August 27**, and runs through the month of September. We will be focusing on discipleship and the model of teaching Jesus used, which was through parables. The series provides an opportunity to reach out to those we have not seen in awhile or to others who we would like to invite to worship. As we return to the school routine, we hope worshiping with your faith family will be a part of that regular routine.

PROMOTION SUNDAY AND BIBLE DISTRIBUTION... On Sunday, **August 27**, all youth and children will promote to the next grade level in Sunday School and Youth activities. All 3rd graders will receive a Bible during worship services. The 3rd grade Sunday school year is devoted to learning to use the Bible.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ORIENTATION... All teachers/facilitators/leaders of classes or small groups are encouraged to attend the orientation on Sunday, **August 27**, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

JOIN THE PUPPET TEAM... All youth grades 7th-12th interested in joining the puppet team are invited to join us Sunday, **August 27**, in WD104 on the West Campus at 3:00 p.m. A mandatory parent meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Questions may be directed to Beth Allen at beth@spanishfortumc.org or 626-1334.

DISCIPLE IV... Rev. Bill Price will be leading a Disciple IV class beginning Wednesday, **August 30**, at 6:00 p.m. in WD101 on the West Campus. Disciple I is a prerequisite for this class. The cost of the book is \$35.00 and the class size is limited to 15 participants. Please go to our website for information and to register. Click on Calendar/Events.