

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ben & Whitney Becker

(Please see worship bulletin insert)

Special Music

"Mary's Little Lamb" *Preschool Choir*

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

"Joy to the World/Angels We Have Heard on High" *Children's Choir*

Following Children's Time, the children ages 3 years (by September 1, 2017) 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

Mark 1:1-8 ~ Pew Bible New Testament, Page 30

Message

"Christ The Way" *Rev. Bill Price*

Closing (You may pray at the altar during the closing song.)

Sermon Notes:

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, Hebrews 5-7 ; Monday, Numbers 29-32; Tuesday, 2 Chronicles 11-15; Wednesday, Psalms 117-118; Thursday, Proverbs 28; Friday, Jonah; Saturday, Acts 3-4.

This Week ...

SUNDAY, December 10

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (Both Campuses)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15 p.m. Youth Leadership Team Meeting (West Campus)
3:00 p.m. Agape Hands Puppets Practice (WD104, West Campus)
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Area, West Campus)
5:00 p.m. Children's Choirs (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Grades 9th-12th (West Campus)

MONDAY, December 11

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study (Parlor, Main Campus)
2:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study (WD101, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (WD102, West Campus)
12:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting (WD101, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Bible Study (West Campus)

TUESDAY, December 12

8:00 a.m. Uniform Closet Open (West Campus)
9:00-11:30 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)

WEDNESDAY, December 13

5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (WD101, West Campus)
3:30 p.m. Bread of Life *ChristCare* Group (WD101, West Campus)
5:15 p.m. Mid-Week Meal: Pot Roast (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Nursery Open, Ages 0-36 Months (Lower Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Extreme Kids Ages 3 yrs-3rd Grade (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Live Out Loud, 4th-5th Grades (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Catapult Christmas Party 6th-8th Grades (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Epic of Eden Bible Study (West Campus)
6:20-7:40 p.m. Cantata Practice (MB100, Main Campus)

THURSDAY, December 14

1:00 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Bible Study (Parlor, Main Campus)
7:00 p.m. TLC ChristCare Group (Parlor, Main Campus)

Upcoming Events

December 17, Cantata, "Joy" at Both Worship Services
December 17, Remedy Youth Christmas Party
December 18, Church Council
December 24, Worship at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.
December 25-26, Church Office Closed for Christmas
December 31, One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m., No Classes
January 1-2, Church Office Closed for New Years
January 10, Mid-Week Meals & Activities Resume
January 21, Financial Peace University

Worship. Study. Serve.

REMEDY YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY...Youth 9th-12th grades are invited to join us Sun., **Dec. 17**, for a night of fun, food, fellowship, & caroling! Meeting in the Youth Area/West Campus.

MINISTRY FOCUS DURING ADVENT...We are collecting items for the United Methodist Children's Home - Babies First Program. Please bring items to the church office or Fellowship Hall by **Dec. 17**. You may also bring cards/notes of encouragement that will be delivered as well. Items: New Twin bed sheets/pillow cases, Towels (bath size & wash cloths), Hand Soap, Shampoo (full/travel size), Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hairbrushes, & Deodorant, Detergent - (Dreft/Sensitive All only).

CAMPS...Winter Revive, "AMEN" for 9th-12th grade is **January 12-14**. The deposit of \$50.00 is due **Dec. 17** at Remedy Youth. Registration forms are in the church office. "Joy" Winter Camp for 3rd-5th grades is February 2-5, 2018. Early Bird discount until **Dec. 15**. Register on our website.

A NOTE FROM FINANCE...All 2017 contributions must be mailed (postmarked), delivered to the church office, or placed in the offering plate by **Dec. 31, 2017** (drop in the mail slot) in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2017.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY...Registration is now open for Financial Peace University 2018. It will go from **Jan. 21-Mar. 18**. Cost is \$109. Go to www.spanishfortumc.org for more details & to register.

Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary at Christmas. You may purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$10.00 per name. Please complete the form below and return it with a check labeled "poinsettia" to the church office or offering plate **TODAY**.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

In Memory _____

In Honor _____

Given by: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Check# _____

(Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 17.)