

Announcements:

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We cherish the lives of all humans, including unborn, and are thankful for the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center and their ministry to Kern County.

Wednesday, January 25: Join us for session 3 of Dr. Lee McDonald presenting the “Origins of the Bible” in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM

Dinner For Eight is taking reservations through January! Sign up now for some relaxed fellowship with fellow members of FUMC. Meet some new people or maybe they are familiar faces. Call Hazel Robertson at 589-3544, or call the church office, 325-1267, to sign up.

Your 2023 Year-end Giving Statement will be emailed out (to all those with valid email addresses) at the end of January. Those without email addresses will be mailed. **2023 Tithe Envelopes have been mailed.** Contact the church office if you have not received yours in the mail, or if you would like to receive tithing envelopes.

A Valentine’s Open House at Senior Get-A-Way will be held on Wednesday, February 8th at 10 AM—1:30 PM. More information will be in the February Spirit. Save the date!

Kids Church is in session TODAY at 9:30 AM. Ages 18 months to kindergarten are meeting in room 11. Elementary age kids, grades 1-6, are meeting in room 20. Check in at the Children’s Center.

With Sympathies

A Memorial service for Fred Cremer will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM. Please continue to pray for his family.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of John Kendall, longtime member of FUMC, on January 17. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. Service details are yet to be decided.

Our Mission

To bring people to the transforming power of Jesus Christ through membership in His family and to equip the members for ministry in the church and the world.

January 22, 2023 9:30 AM

Sanctuary



“Alpha and Omega”

Lord of the Present - Love God and Love your Neighbor



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Sunday Worship Service

January 22, 2023 | 9:30 AM

Prelude	Rebecca Spickler
Song of Hope, Hymn 132	<i>All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded</i>
*Invocation	Pastor Richard
*Responsive Reading, Exodus 20:1-17	Dan Schaffer, Congregation
*Gloria Patri— <i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	Congregation
Announcements	Linda Funderburk
Choral Praise	<i>"Nearer, Still Nearer"</i> Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer with THE LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor Richard
Songs of Adoration, FWS 2159	<i>Jesus Draw Me Close</i>
Scripture Readings: Mark 12:28-34	Linda Funderburk
Message	<i>"Alpha and Omega: Lord of The Present"</i> Pastor Richard
*Song of Commitment, FWS 2175	<i>Together We Serve</i>
Invitation to Give	Dan Schaffer
Offertory	Rebecca Spickler, Organ
*Doxology	Congregation
*Prayer of Dedication	Dan Schaffer
*Song of Affirmation, Hymn 140	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>
Special Announcement	Pastor Richard
*Benediction	Pastor Richard
Postlude	Rebecca Spickler

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Dr. Richard Thompson
Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin
Liturgists: Linda Funderburk, Dan Schaffer
Greeters: Sheryl Gallion, Carolyn Sloan
Ushers: Bonnie Bowles, Bonnie Casola,
Dick Sloan, Gary Oldham
Safety Team: Ray Bowles, Dusty Ramey
Tech: Ed French, Wes Barton

Musicians:

Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer
Change Choir Pianist: Char Gaines
Organ: Rebecca Spickler

Sermon Notes: *Alpha and Omega: Lord of the Present*

Alpha and Omega: Lord of the Present

Read Revelation 1:8.

Read Revelation 1:4 two times.

God is also Lord of the present ... _____ is the day the Lord has made.

I. Walking With The Timeless One

See Luke 24:5

Christ was resurrected in the midst of all _____ concerns.

See Matthew 6:25

_____ began as a movement to help people live with God in the present.

II. Directions From Jesus

A. Great Commandment: Love God.

Read Mark 12:29-30.

Read Exodus 20:1, 3.

Do not allow anyone or anything to edge God out of _____.

Read Mark 8:34.

"Don't respond to God's whole-hearted love in a _____ manner."

Read Psalm 27:1,4.

See also Psalm 51:12 & Psalm 26:2.

B. Great Compassion: Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.

Read Mark 12:31.

We are to love God and love _____. Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18
Until you love God as you _____, you will never love your neighbor as you _____.

Read Matthew 7:12.

We don't have to be _____ ... only turn to Him.

III. Today Is Taken Care Of

Read 1 John 3:2. We are God's children _____, so let's live like it!

Don't ever let your life _____ in a regret over a yesterday or a fear about tomorrow.

Read John 16:33.

One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life... Psalm 27:4.