



*"We are a mission-minded, family-friendly church in action, reaching our neighbors with the life-changing love of Jesus Christ."*

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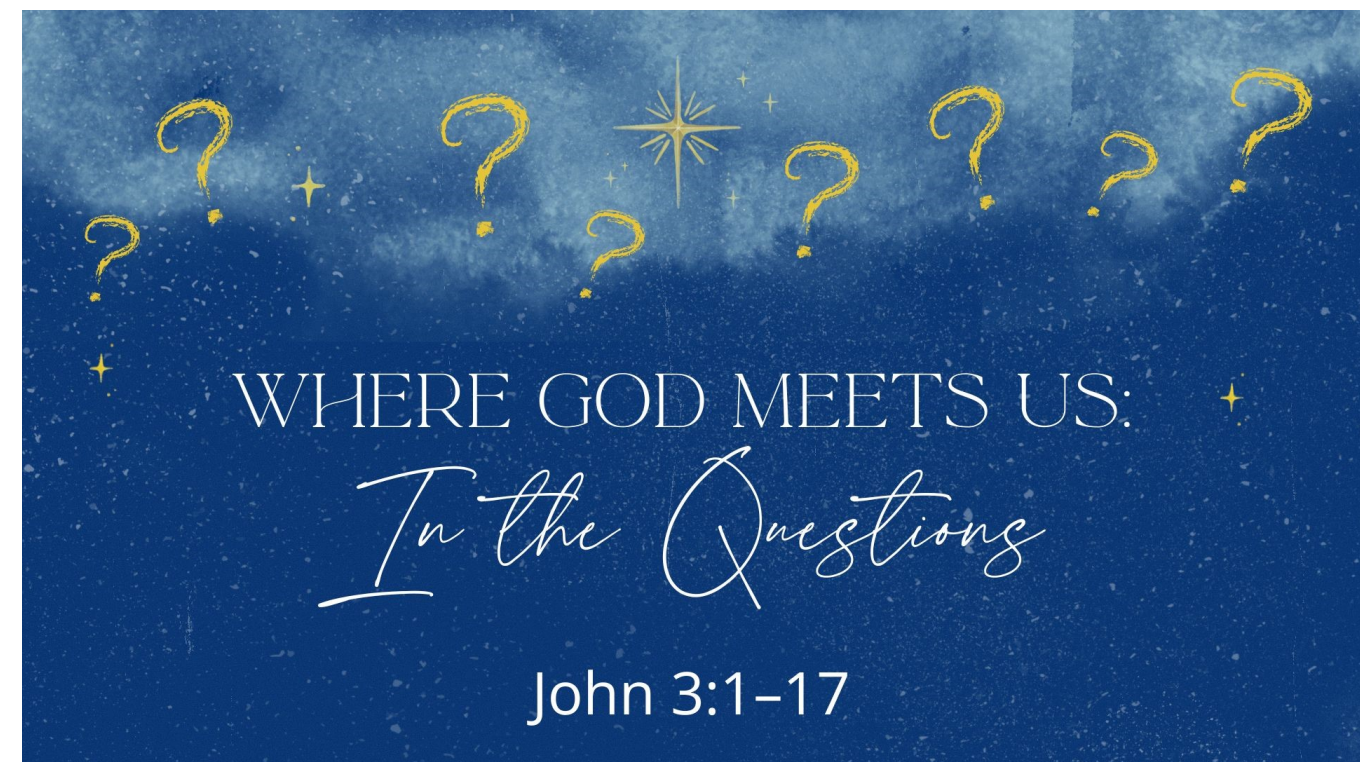
 **Welcome to**

**First United Methodist Church  
Portland, Texas**

*May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

*2 Peter 1:2*

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**



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# One Worship Service

10:00 AM

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are on the screen. Check in, Like Us and Share on Facebook!  
Fill out the Connect Card on the insert and drop it in the offering plate.

## OPENING PRAYER

†PASSING THE PEACE Please pass the peace of Christ, especially to those new to you

†OPENING PRAISE SONG "This I Believe (Nicene Creed)" **On Screen**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Song of the Saints" **On Screen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord in your mercy.....Hear our prayers

## PASTORAL PRAYER

CENTERING SONG "Here I Am to Worship" **On Screen**

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **On Screen**

Holy God, As we hear your Word today, open our hearts to your truth. Lead us on the road with Christ, that we may follow in faith and hope. Amen.

†SCRIPTURE LESSON Lay Reader: Norma Garza **John 3:1-17 NRSVUE**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." 3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Word of God for the people of God! **Thanks be to God!**

# Contemporary

MESSAGE Where God Meets Us: In the Questions **Rev. Barbara Aziz**

HOLY COMMUNION Communion Railing Benefiting UMCOR

CONFESSION AND PARDON **On Screen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER **On Screen**

COMMUNION SONGS "In Remembrance" **On Screen**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"  
"Jesus Name Above All Names"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†CLOSING SONG "God So Loved" **On Screen**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS



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| <b>Ways to Give</b><br>Don't Forget to Support Your Church |  |                       |                         |

## Lighthouse Praise Band

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