Order of Worship

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 **10:30AM**

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE *"Try A Little Kindness"* **Steve Tweed**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **LeeAnne Strickland**
(At this time, please register your attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE
*"May the Peace of Christ be with you…**and also with you.**"*

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *"This Is the Day"* **#657/Screen**

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION
L: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.
P: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.
L: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
P: Tremble before God, all the earth.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* **#139/Screen**

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation **#885**

✠ GLORIA PATRI **#70**

CONFESSION
What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.
silence for personal confession

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS **Rev. Chris Black**

Information for our Church Family

Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. Our mission here at FUMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you would like to learn more about our church and its ministries you can find a copy of the church newsletter, welcoming brochures, and devotionals in the gathering area. There are refreshments available at our coffee bar. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

Attendance last Sunday
In-Person: 77 On-line: 45

Stewardship as of October 11, 2026
Giving last week: $8,743.62
Weekly budget need: $5,723.00
Year-To-Date giving: $242,950.96
Year-To-Date budget: $234,643.00

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of our church.

If you would like to give to the ministries of FUMC you may choose to use your phone to scan the QR code to give electronically.

Check us out at any of these spots. Like and follow us too!

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Altar Flowers today

Given by Reba and Duane Dopkins in memory of Ted Hall and Jan Dopkins

**Please contact Kim Townson if you would like to place flowers at the altar in honor or memory of someone.*

Our Wonderful Volunteers

Coffee Bar: Open

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland

Usher Team: Steve Cornett and Larry Sellers

Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and Zander Liszeski

First Steps Helper: Veronica Venable

Youth Ministry Leaders: Jerry and Vanessa Barr

Prayer Requests

*Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and will be moved to our continuing prayer list at **1umcm.com***

- Ann Barker and family
- Mary Kefauver and family
- Lee Pitts (health) (Dopkins son-in-law) and family
- Scott Cole (Stewart family member starting churches in Isaan)
- John Maiuri and family
- Heather Boss and family (death of her husband) (Larson friends)
- Family of Stuart Robertson (Lois Green's brother-in-law)
- Billy Boyce (upcoming surgery) and family (Lois Green's brother in Ecuador)
- Dennis Cardarella and family
- Mary (health) (Slouka)
- Cindy Gordon (health) (Higgins friend)
- Miranda Larson (health) and family
- Richard Conley (health) and family
- Family of Hazel Collins (Mikayla Hamilton's grandmother)
- Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- Tara Stewart (health) and family
- Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- Carolyn Peters and family
- Unspoken Prayers

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Chris Black**

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.

✠ HYMN *"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"* **#96/Screen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT **Steve Tweed**

INVITATION TO OFFERING
(By the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)

OFFERTORY *"He's Everything to Me"* **Chancel Choir**

✠ DOXOLOGY **#94**

SCRIPTURE ***Matthew 22: 15-22***
L: The Word of God, for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Whose Image Do You Bear" **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ CLOSING HYMN *"Be Thou My Vision"* **#451/Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Make Me A Servant"* **Screen**

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

Choir Director: Sue Hamilton
Pianist: Bev Taylor
Organist: Mary Alice Huff

FIRST STEPS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in our children's church ministry following the Children's Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft and a lesson based on the sermon text.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are always welcome in worship, and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship. However, if your child is actively upset, we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to calm down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years old. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.

Bible Fellowship-new study starts in November

Please join the Bible Fellowship for a new study leading into Advent and the Christmas season. We meet after church on Sunday mornings in the Youth room downstairs for lunch. Let Marlee Tierce know if you want a book and/or can join us beginning November 1st. Lee Strobel, with a journalism degree from the University of Missouri and a Master of Studies in Law degree from Yale Law School, was the award-winning legal editor of the Chicago Tribune and identified himself as a staunch atheist. When his agnostic wife Leslie converted to Christianity, Strobel launched a two-year journalistic and legal investigation into the historical, medical, and scientific evidence surrounding Jesus Christ, intending to disprove the faith. Overwhelmed by the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus, Strobel embraced Christianity in November 1981. Lee Strobel weighs the evidence to distinguish myth from truth about what happened in Bethlehem. Join Strobel as he invites us to push past the distractions of the holiday season and come into the presence of the baby who was born to change us and rewrite our eternal destination: the greatest gift of all.

United Women in Faith October collection

We are collecting canned fruits and vegetables for FUMCs Blessing Box. Drop off any donations on our UWF shelves in Mission Alley all of October. Thank you for all your support!

Save the Date! We are celebrating 200 years in Ministry!

On Sunday, November 22nd we will have a special worship service and time of fellowship celebrating our church's 200th anniversary! This will be a very wonderful time for us to go down memory lane, break bread together, and celebrate our church's long and storied history. There will be more details about our celebration coming soon but, in the meantime, mark your calendar now!

1st UMC Trunk or Treat next Sunday, October 25th!

Our Trunk or Treat will begin at 5:00 PM, with the grill turning on at 4:30 PM, and things will wrap up at 7:00 PM. To make this event as fun as possible we will need lots of cars (or SUVs, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, etc.), candy, and folks to give out candy. ***This is the last week to sign up for a trunk, please sign up on the orange sheet in the welcome center.*** We are so excited about this event and how it welcomes the community to our church family!
Please drop off your candy donations by this Friday the 24th.

Meal and Mentorship for our Youth Ministry

Our youth ministry has consistently met on Wednesday's at 6:00 PM downstairs in our youth room for many, many years. Our youth experience fellowship, food, prayers, games, and a great lesson from scripture taught by our wonderful volunteer leaders Vanessa and Jerry Barr, with support from Dora Nelson, Hunter Cavett, and Greyson Strickland. If you are interested in supporting our youth by providing a meal for them, or even offering your time as an adult leader/mentor please let Vanessa or Jerry know.

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Join us on October 28th at 11:30 AM at The Local Bite (1562 N. Hwy 72) in Loudon. If you need to carpool, meet in the upper parking lot of FUMC at 10:30 AM. Contact Regina Warfel with any questions.

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"Whose Image Do You Bear?"

Matthew 22: 15-22

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