

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are always welcome in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do & say as we worship.

However, if your child is actively upset we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to be calmed down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years old.

All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in a children's church ministry called First Steps following the Children's Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft, and a lesson based on the sermon text. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.

Ignite & Youth Supper 5/21/25

Lee Anne Strickland, Whitney Grubb and Janet Ruppel



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Attendance Last Sunday

In-Person: 114 On-line: 1

Sunday General Giving

\$1,978.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$680.00

Sunday Pass Thru/Other Giving

\$0

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$26.88

Total Giving for May

\$9,791.12

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: John and Susan Sherrer in honor of their son Tate

Coffee Bar:

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team: Jeff McMillan and Wes Hibbert

Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and Tate Sherrer

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Rev. Chris Black
Pastor

Nikki Rutzen
Executive Assistant

Sue Hamilton
Director of Congregational Care & Choir Ministries

Erin Strickland
First Steps Coordinator

First United Methodist Church

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



“Who Am I?”

Luke 5: 1-11

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 First United Methodist Church is to make discipleship 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 also 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.

“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

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*

WELCOME GUEST PASTOR, REV. DALE WYRICK

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew or if you are watching on-line register at www.lumcm.com)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

“Let’s Just Praise The Lord”

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

Lee Anne Strickland

L: Alleluia, Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

P: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Romans 8

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✠ GLORIA PATRI

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CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.

Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

silence for personal confession

Sermon Notes

We hope you use this space for reflections,
and reminders from the sermon,
or throughout the service.

Prayer Requests for 5/18/25

The printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our ongoing prayer list on our website.

- ◆ Janet Tweed (health) and family
- ◆ Pope Leo XIV
- ◆ Kathleen Bailey (Carol McKenzie friend)
- ◆ Donna (health) and Peggy Wengert
- ◆ Kayla Couch and family
(Sequoyah student)
- ◆ Miranda Larson (health concerns)
(daughter of William and Shannon Larson)
- ◆ Jennifer Waller and family (Houvenagle)
- ◆ Diane Riley (health) (Tierce)
- ◆ Karen Melton (health) (Brown)
- ◆ Lee Pitts and family (Dopkins' son-in-law)
- ◆ Family of Wanda Williford
(Bethany, Britney and Briley's grandmother and Patty Jones' Mother-in-law)
- ◆ Jimmy Liszeski (health)
(mother of Walter and grandmother of Zander and Zeke)
- ◆ Calvin and Rose Williams (health) (Alford)
- ◆ Connie Carione (health)
(Sandy Hibbert's sister)
- ◆ Lucille Peery (health) and family
- ◆ Quinn Strickland (knee issues) and family
- ◆ Ruppel family
- ◆ Brett and Karen McCue (Ruppel)
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ John and Judy Maiuri
- ◆ Charlie and Phyllis Harrell and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

*We welcome the Rev. Dale Wyrick to
preach for us today*

While Pastor Chris is away on a family vacation, we will enjoy hearing from the Rev. Dale Wyrick this morning. Rev. Wyrick is a retired Elder in the Holston Conference and served in pastoral ministry for 44 years. He was appointed to several churches in both Virginia and Tennessee, with his last appointment being in Spring City where he served for 23 years. During his active ministry Rev. Wyrick served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, chaired the Conference Disaster Response Team, and was commissioned as a Herald for the Key Event and Cornerstone celebration by the General Board of Discipleship and Evangelism. As an active and retired clergy, he has led short term mission teams to both Mexico and Jamaica. In retirement Rev. Wyrick continues to travel annually to the Holy Land and other biblical destinations. He enjoys photography, golfing, tennis, hiking and anywhere there is a beach on the ocean. He now resides in Rhea County and enjoys spending time with his two adult children and his grandson. We know you will warmly welcome Rev. Wyrick and will enjoy his message.



Pastor's schedule for the coming week

Pastor Chris will be leaving on a family vacation on Saturday, May 17th and will return to preach on Sunday, May 25th. He will return to the office on Tuesday, May 27th. For pastoral emergencies please feel free to call the office line at 423-442-2471 or you are also welcome to call/text his cell.



Just a quick note

The Church Office will be Closed in observance of Memorial Day on May 26th. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 27th when we are open.

2025 Holston Annual Conference

As we prepare for the 2025 Holston Annual Conference, we are excited to announce this year's theme: **Together in New Beginnings**. This theme reflects our shared commitment to moving forward as one body in Christ, embracing the opportunities and challenges that come with stepping into a new season of ministry and mission. Rooted in Romans 12:5, which reminds us that "so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another," our theme invites us to reflect on the power of unity as we embark on new beginnings together. Whether in our local churches, our communities, or across the conference, we are called to build connections, strengthen relationships, and trust God's leading into a renewed future. The 2025 Annual Conference will take place June 1-4, 2025, at the beautiful Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in North Carolina. Surrounded by the tranquility of the lake and the grandeur of the mountains, this beloved gathering space will once again host clergy and laity from across the Holston Conference. During these four days, we will worship, celebrate the ways God is working through our churches, and discern how we can better serve Christ and one another. As we meet in fellowship, we will embrace the spirit of renewal that comes with new beginnings and deepen our connection as the body of Christ. Stay tuned for additional details about Annual Conference 2025 as we continue to prepare for this time of holy conferencing. We look forward to seeing how God will move among us as we journey **Together in New Beginnings**.

A New Handbell Choir Opportunity

Are you interested in participating in a handbell choir? All interested individuals are invited regardless of age or experience. First meeting of the handbell enthusiasts will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Marlee Tierce: mtierce@aol.com or text 678-525-0348 or call 423-884-2196.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Sue Hamilton

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Dale Wyrick

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

"Lord of The Dance"

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CHILDREN DISMISSED TO FIRST STEPS

Sue Hamilton

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to www.tithing.1umcm.com)

OFFERTORY "Lord, You Have Come To The Lakeshore" CHANCEL CHOIR

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 5: 1-11
*L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.*

Rev. Dale Wyrick

SERMON

"Who Am I?"

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✠ CLOSING HYMN

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Dale Wyrick

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!