

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.



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Attendance Last Sunday

In-Person: 100 On-line: 32

Sunday Giving

\$5,983.98

Total Giving for February

\$7,609.96

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: Open

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

2/18 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Ash Wednesday Soup & Bread Supper

Usher Team:

Ray Nelson and Wes Hibbert

Production Team:

Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter
Kennedy and Briley Williford

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:

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First United Methodist Church

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday



“A Life Altering Hike” Matthew 17:1-9

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 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.

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 15, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(At this time please register your in-person 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

“Majesty”

#176/Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Sing joyful songs to God, our Savior.

P: Remember the Lord, who set us free.

L: Blow the trumpet; sound the tambourine!

P: Remember the Lord, the God of life.

L: The Holy One is our Sovereign.

P: Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

#881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. 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 2/15/26

Printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our continuing prayer list on our website.

- ◆ Linda Giles (Barbara Penland's daughter) and family
 - ◆ Birthday congratulations to Floyd Reedy
 - ◆ Frank McKenzie (knee surgery) and family
 - ◆ Debbe Higgins' father-in-law
 - ◆ Martha McFarland and family and Mary Nelson and family (Nelson)
 - ◆ Praise that Kat Ahart and Barbara Baiz are doing much better
 - ◆ Houvenagle family
 - ◆ Kathy Hartley and family
 - ◆ Joe Grubb (at Athens Lifecare) and Strickland family
 - ◆ Our nation and world
 - ◆ Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father) and family
 - ◆ Family of Tanya Hughes (Cavett friends)
 - ◆ Ken Hibbert and family (Wes' brother)
 - ◆ Unspoken Prayers
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**Ash Wednesday Worship & Family
Night Supper on February 18th**

Ash Wednesday is a unique day in the church year where we gather to mark the beginning of the 40 day season of Lent. Our worship together will be a time to put aside past sins and failures through repentance, and to kick off a period of time to foster new beginnings in our relationship with Jesus Christ. In worship we will focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Christ.

While the use of ashes as a sign of mortality and penance may be new to some, it has a significant history in both Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes can be a powerful way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. We hope you will join us for a special service of worship on Wednesday evening February 18th at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary.

Before the service, at 6:00 PM, plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light soup and bread dinner. A variety of soups and breads will be provided. This will also be the dinner for the youth and ignite groups. Please join us!



Pastor's Weekly Bible Study Continues

Throughout February Rev. Chris Black will continue to host a weekly home style Bible study class at 7 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Even if you haven't attended yet you are welcome to drop in anytime! Between January and May Pastor Chris will offer an in-depth exploration of the gospel of Matthew and will utilize images/stories from his trip to Israel to illuminate the scripture in new ways. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend. If you have any questions about the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

Lenten Bible Study

Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back by Ray Buckley

In every culture and time, persons of faith, of all ages, have summoned trials and tribulations to find the endurance and strength to "dance". This study looks at the struggle in the lives of believers, while helping us to enter the continually crumbling world surrounding Jesus and the disciples in the days preceding Easter. The Bible Fellowship invites you to join their Lenten study beginning on Sunday, February 22nd after church. We share lunch. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you wish to join or need a book.



Have you missed Sue's weekly emails?

A few months ago we joined Constant Contact for our weekly mass emails and other church communications. This platform has been much easier to manage and use than our old one. We have been able to increase how often we send messages to the congregation and we are able to track engagement in a much easier way. In addition to our Monday/Thursday communications some folks have expressed that they miss the weekly Friday messages from our own Sue Hamilton. Sue has a wonderful way of making her messages uniquely personal, and detailed about the goings on at the church from week to week. If you would like to receive Sue's email correspondence once again then please reach out to the main office by email or phone and we will add you to her distribution list.



PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"* **#349/Screen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT **Rev. Chris Black**

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.)

OFFERTORY *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"* **Chancel Choir**

✠ DOXOLOGY **#94**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 17:1-9**
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"A Life Altering Hike"* **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ CLOSING HYMN *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* **Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (chorus)* **Screen**

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~