

### 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: 97 On-line: 36

### Stewardship as of August 9, 2026

Giving last week: \$4,315.72

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$188,527.49

Year-To-Date budget: \$183,136.00

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

**Flowers:** Given in memory of Judy Christopher's 3rd anniversary in Heaven

**Coffee Bar:** Janet Tweed

**Lay Leader:** LeeAnne Strickland

**Usher Team:** Ray Nelson and Ben Barger

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

**Pianist:** Bev Taylor

**Organist:** Mary Alice Huff

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*Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries*

# First United Methodist Church

## August 16, 2026

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



## "Woman, Great Is Your Faith!"

### Matthew 15: 21-28

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.

*"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 16, 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

# LeeAnne Strickland

*(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

## *“Let’s Just Praise The Lord”*

# Screen

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

**P: With glad and grateful hearts let us praise the Lord!**

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above”*

## #96/Screen

## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

# The Apostles' Creed

# #881

**✠ GLORIA PATRI**

# #70

## CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*silence for personal confession*

*partnering with parents in disciplining the next generation."*

Please find some time to welcome Abby and her family and let her know how you can support her ministry here at First UMC!

# Senior Fellowship Lunch

Join us on Wednesday, August 26th at Lenoir City Chili's (320 Fort Loudon Medical Center Drive) at 11:30AM. If you would like to carpool meet in the upper parking lot by 10:30AM.

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## Sermon Notes

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

- Prayer Requests for 8/16/26**  
Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and  
will be moved to our continuing prayer list at  
1umcm.com

- ◆ Quinn Strickland (knee surgery) and family
- ◆ Gary Hamilton (hospitalization) and family
- ◆ Scott Venable (ankle surgery) and family
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ Lyddie Beason (illness) and family
- ◆ Kathy Isbill and family
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ John Maiuri and family
- ◆ Dan Cordial (health) (Taylor)
- ◆ Gary Cloud and family (Green)
- ◆ John West and family (passing of daughter) (Larson)
- ◆ Conlie Rasnake (health) and family (Dopkins)
- ◆ Praise that Abby Blair has joined our staff as our Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries
- ◆ Dr. Barbara Levin and family
- ◆ Ron Stiltner and family (health) (Rose)
- ◆ Margie Patton Burns and family in the death of her husband Dave Burns (Browder)
- ◆ Family of Gene Bivens (Tweed)
- ◆ Janice Grimm (Rose friend)
- ◆ Family of Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father)
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut (Warfel friend)
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers



**New Pastor’s Bible Study Beginning in September...“Mostly Methodical”**

Rev. Chris Black will once again host a home style Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00PM in classroom #5 which is a downstairs classroom across from the Community Room. This new class called “*Mostly Methodical*” will take a fun and inviting look at what it means to be Methodist today. We will rely heavily on scripture but will also delve into the history, theology and experience of what it means to be a Methodist. If you have questions about the upcoming class, please email Pastor Chris at [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org).



**Mark your calendars for Family Night Supper!**

This Wednesday, August 19th at 6:00PM we will be having our monthly family night supper in the fellowship hall, and we want to invite you to bring your favorite summer dish! This could be casseroles, deviled eggs, vegetables, fruit, bread, meat loaf, chicken, etc. Every time we have a family night supper it is a wonderful time to fellowship and break bread together and our dinner on August 19th will be no different!

**Bible Fellowship and Joyful Ringers**

We are continuing with the new series today, Sunday, August 9th after worship. Please join us for “*Think, Act, Be Like Jesus*”. A light lunch will be shared during the study.

\*On the 2nd and 4th Sundays come back/stay until 2PM for our amazing Joyful Ringers, FUMCs Bell Choir. You do NOT need to have musical talent to play with us and we would love to have a full bell choir!



**Welcome Abigail Blair to our Staff!**

On August 10th, Abby Blair officially joined First UMC’s staff as our new Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries. She will be coordinating and helping strengthen all our children’s programming, nursery ministry and helping to create new fellowship opportunities for young parents. Abby is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan University in Education, has a certification in grant writing and in Christian Counseling for Children and Teens. Prior to becoming a mother herself, she spent several years as a teacher for Knox County schools. She has also had experience as an



international missionary with children in Zambia and recently wrote a book about the importance of nursery ministries in the life of the church.

Abby, her husband Hayden??? and their little girl\_\_\_\_\_ all live in Etowah and have been United Methodist for quite some time.

In a letter to our SPRC/Pastor, Abby wrote...

*“I would love to expand my passion for helping children experience God’s truth and love into a vibrant ministry where pre-school-5th grade kids are served. My goal is to create a safe, joyful and Christ-centered environment where children are excited to come each week, grow in their understanding of Scripture, and develop the foundation for a lifelong relationship with Jesus. I am honored to join and serve the First UMC church family to help build a children’s ministry that points little ones to Christ while*

**PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Rev. Chris Black**

**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**

*“Freely, Freely”*

**#389/Screen**

**CHILDRENS 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**

**✠ DOXOLOGY**

**#94**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 15: 21-28**  
**L: The Word of God, for the People of God.**  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Woman, Great Is Your Faith!”*

**Rev. Chris Black**

**✠ CLOSING HYMN**

*“Victory In Jesus”*

**#370/Screen**

**✠ BENEDICTION**

**✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*“Victory In Jesus”*

**Screen**

**✠ TRINITY CHIMES**

**✠ POSTLUDE**

*~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~*