

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: 104 On-line: 2

Sunday General Giving

\$5,716.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$3,980.00

Sunday Pass Thru/Other Giving

\$200.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$5.47

Total Giving for May

\$23,152.63

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: Mike and Gabi Tallent

Coffee Bar: Glenda Parker

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

June 1, 2025
Ascension Sunday
Communion



“Lifted Up, Looking Ahead”

Acts 1: 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.

“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 1, 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*

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 *“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”* **Screen**

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

P: The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”* **#163/Screen**

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Timothy UMH #889

✠ GLORIA PATRI #70

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Chris Black**

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

Sermon Notes

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

Prayer Requests for 6/1/25

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
- ◆ Carrie Robbins (Janet's mother)
- ◆ Don Stratton (Dora Nelson's brother)
- ◆ Sharon Young (Hamilton family)
- ◆ Family of Shirley Black (Chris Black's great aunt)
- ◆ Dr. Dennis Trammel
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- ◆ Donna (health) and Peggy Wengert
- ◆ Family of Kayla Couch (Sequoyah HS)
- ◆ Miranda (daughter of William & Shannon Larson)
- ◆ Jennifer Waller and family
- ◆ Diane Riley (health) (Tierce)
- ◆ Lee & family (Dopkins' son-in-law)
- ◆ Family of Wanda Williford (Bethany, Britney and Briley's grandmother and Patty's mother in law)
- ◆ Jimmy Liszeski (mother of Walter and grandmother of Zander and Zeke)
- ◆ Calvin and Rose Williams (Alford)
- ◆ Connie Carione (S. Hibbert's sister)
- ◆ Lucille Peery (health) and family
- ◆ Quinn and Cole Strickland and family
- ◆ Ruppel family
- ◆ Brett and Karen McCue (Ruppel)
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ John and Judy Maiuri
- ◆ Charlie and Phyllis Harrell and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

New Handbell Choir Opportunity

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

Vacation Bible School



Get ready! Our Vacation Bible School this year will be the week of July 13th, and the theme is **ROAD TRIP!** based on Joshua 1:9 *"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* We will discover new places, new friends and ways that we can discover God's goodness and presence everywhere. We will have classes for all ages: children, youth and adults. We already have several volunteers but we need lots more. Mark your calendar and let Sue know if you can help.

Mission Work: June 22-28

This year, our youth have chosen to stay here in Monroe County and help with local organizations and missions. We are so excited to serve our home community and be great representatives for our church. We currently are putting together our project list for the week, if you have a suggestion, let us know. Our team has been super at building ramps, painting, laying laminate flooring and so much more. Have you thought about going on a mission trip or wondered what it would be like? This is an opportunity for you, too, to work with us for a day or more. Perhaps mission work isn't your thing, but you'd like to get to

know our youth better. You may consider preparing supper for us one night and staying for fellowship. Mission Trip week is one of my favorite times with the youth. I'm so impressed by their hard work and positive attitude even when they are hot and tired. With us staying in Monroe County, it's a great opportunity for our whole congregation to share with us in the week. Please talk to Jerry or Vanessa for more details.

2025 Holston Annual Conference

We are excited about 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. The Conference will take place June 1st-4th, at the beautiful Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in North Carolina. This beloved gathering space will once again host clergy and laity from across the Holston Conference. These four days we will worship, celebrate the ways God works 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. Please see the packets that are on the table in the gathering area.



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

*"Amazing Grace"
(My Chains Are Gone)*

CHANCEL CHOIR

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

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

SERMON

"Lifted Up, Looking Ahead"

Rev. Chris Black

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CONFESSION

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.*

HOLY COMMUNION

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection" (v. 1)

#303/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Christ Is Alive"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!