

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 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

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"* **Screen**

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
P: but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.
L: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only son to suffering for our salvation.
P: Therefore, we will proclaim God's name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* **Screen**

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed **#881**

✠ GLORIA PATRI **#70**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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

OFFERTORY *"Great Is The Lord"* **Chancel Choir**

✠ DOXOLOGY **#94**

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: 99 On-line: 39

Stewardship as of September 27, 2026
Giving last week: $4,290.25
Weekly budget need: $5,723.00
Year-To-Date giving: $233,826.19
Year-To-Date budget: $223,197.00

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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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 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. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.

Altar Flowers

Communion Sunday

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

Our Wonderful Volunteers

Coffee Bar: Glenda Parker

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: Kathleen Cornett

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
- John Maiuri (upcoming surgery) and family
- Richard Conley (health) and family
- Kelly Osborne (surgery) (Judy Maiuri's niece) and family
- Hazel Collins (health) (Mikayla Hamilton's grandmother) and family
- Yael Chazes and family (health) (Briley Willford friend)
- Family of Lacy Crowder (Tweed)
- Della Rector (not feeling good) and family
- Prayer that no one gets hurt in upcoming tournament (Briley Williford)
- Lori (health) and Bryan Nelson (Hamilton neighbors)
- Doug Lynn and family (friends of Sue Hamilton and Carolynn Greenwood)
- Kat Ahart's internet friend (health)
- Gary Hamilton (health) and family
- Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- Tara Stewart and family
- Sue Kromhaut (health) and family (Warfel)
- Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- Mary Kefauver and family
- Carolyn Peters and family
- Unspoken Prayers
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SCRIPTURE ***Philippians 2: 1-13***

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Make My Joy Complete…" **Rev. Chris Black**

CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ CLOSING HYMN *"Trust And Obey" (vs 1 & 3)* **#467/Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"He Is Lord"* **#177/Screen**

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

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

Communion is today and you are welcome at our table.

The Lord's Supper or holy communion reminds us that Jesus Christ is the host and that we participate at Christ's invitation. Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he ate with his disciples the night before his crucifixion, and other meals he shared in homes and on hillsides. As United Methodists we affirm the real presence of God in the sacrament of Holy Communion but do not hold to transubstantiation (the bread becoming literally the body of Christ and the grape juice becoming literally the blood of Christ). We believe that the bread is an effectual sign of His body and the cup is an effectual sign of His blood shed for humanity. We believe that it is a means of grace and practice open communion. All are welcome to take communion with us. You do not need to be a member of this congregation or any congregation. We hold to just two conditions that are found in the New Testament: that you honor Jesus as Lord, and want to love your neighbors. The great thanksgiving is a shared prayer of blessing between the Pastor and all who are gathered to share in the sacred meal together.

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

FUMC will be hosting our Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. This event will be happening at the same time as several other church events across Madisonville. We are planning on having games, a bonfire for s'mores, children's crafts and plenty of vehicle trunks open with goodies. We will also have hot dogs grilled by our own Pastor Chris. It will be a fun event for all who participate or walk by. 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. ***We are already giving out parking spots for this event so if you are interested in providing a trunk to give out candy, 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!

We Need Candy!

If you are not planning to attend our Trunk or Treat, you can still donate some candy for folks to hand out. There is a tote in the Welcome Center for your donations or dropping off in the Church Office during normal business hours, Mon-Thurs, 9AM to 2PM.

Mark your calendar for our District Day with the Bishop

On Thursday, November 19th, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will be with us in the Smoky Mountain District. She will spend the afternoon visiting some ministry sites and hosting some leadership meetings with some clergy groups. Then in the evening she will host a conversation with both the Laity and Clergy laity at Seymour UMC from 6:00-8:00 PM. All are welcome to join in this discussion.

Come Join the Choir!

Our Choir ministry meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the Sanctuary. This group enjoys plenty of fellowship and fun as they learn new music to help lead our Sunday worship. If you wish to join, contact Sue at sue@firstumcmadisonville.org.

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.

First United Methodist Church

October 4, 2026
Communion



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Philippians 2: 1-13

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