

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: 95 On-line: 34

Sunday General Giving

\$1,928.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$1,625.00

(Vanco Fees-General)

-\$4.90

Total Giving for November

\$12,102.10

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: Tara and Robert Stewart

Coffee Bar: Open

11/19 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Kim Townson, Veronica Venable and
Janet Ruppel

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team:

Steve Cornett and Gary Hamilton

Production Team:

Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel,
Carter Kennedy and Briley Williford

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:

Jerry and Vanessa Barr

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

November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



“The Fruit of Imitating Christ’s Humility”

Philippians 2: 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 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.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves...”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 16, 202510:30AM

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.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE
“May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you.”

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP “Jesus, Name Above All Names” Screen

WORDS OF INVITATION
L: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
P: let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.
L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.
P: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.
L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and sorrows.
P: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!

HYMN OF PRAISE “I Sing The Almighty Power of God” #152/Screen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Corinthians & Colossians #888

GLORIA PATRI #70

CONFESSION
God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in 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 11/16/25

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

- Charlie Harrell and family
- Pat/Karen Rapking and family
- Chris and Mike Breyne (Brenda Alford’s aunt and uncle)
- Evan Kile (4 wheeler accident) and family
- Family of Dr. Robert Allen
- Casey Davis and family
- Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- Joe Grubb (now at Life Care in Athens) and family
- Prayer for food for everyone and for our country
- Family of Betty Harvey
- Family of Sam McDonald (grew up in our church)
- Tiffany Woody (Jennifer McKenzie)
- Selina Bryson (Jennifer McKenzie)
- George Issac (Nelson Arizona friend)
- Family of Wayne Peery
- Robert Swartz and family (Warfel)
- Ronnie Gay and family (Veronica Venable’s father)
- Kim Woods (Angela Tallent)
- Robert Parker Jr. (Glenda’s son) and family
- Norman Nelson and family (Ray’s brother) and Nelson/Stratton family
- Jim Richardson (Dopkins)
- Maiuri family
- Quinn Strickland and family
- Kefauver family
- Tate Sherrer and family
- Unspoken Prayers



Celebrating Sue's 50th Anniversary!

You are cordially invited to First Methodist Church of Madisonville today at 2PM-3PM!

Today is 50 years to the day that Sue Hamilton began as Adult Choir Director of First UMC. We, the congregation, Sue's family, friends, and co-workers are gathering for this brief afternoon ceremony in the sanctuary. A light reception in the gathering area will follow the half-hour service.

Smoky Mountain Dist. Day w/the Bishop

On Tuesday, November 18th Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will spend the day in the Smoky Mountain District with Laity, Clergy, and other leaders in the district. In the evening at 6PM she will be at Seymour UMC, 107 Simmons Road, Seymour, TN to meet with laity and clergy and do some listening. It should be a good conversation. If you would like to attend this event or have questions please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.



Let's Eat Together...

Wednesday November 19th we will be having a covered dish family dinner at 6PM to celebrate Thanksgiving. This will be a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and be in fellowship with one another. Bring a dish or two of food to share. The church will be providing two turkeys for all to share. Choir practice will be at 7:20PM this evening.

Deck the Halls and Taste the Season!

Come join us for a causal fellowship event called "**Deck the Halls and Taste the Season!**" On Sunday evening, November 23rd at 6:30PM we will deck the halls of our church by decorating for the Advent Season. We'll begin our time together by singing some Christmas Carols and sharing some unique things about the symbols of this season. Then we will begin decorating the church together! We will have hot chocolate, some sweet treats, and apple cider to fuel us during our time together. We hope you will make plans to join us for this fun kick off to the Christmas season!

Charge Conference in November

On Saturday afternoon November 22nd at 1:30PM our church will be having a Charge Conference in our sanctuary. This is the yearly meeting that our District Superintendent presides over to receive formal missional/ministry reports, and to hold votes on various church business items including (but not limited to) Pastor's compensation and nominated leadership for the upcoming year. The charge conference is one of the unique connectional points between the local church and the broader Annual Conference. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only those in our congregation who are members of the church council or current/retired clergy may vote. Lastly, this year will be a little different because our District Superintendent the Rev. Dr. Angela Hardy Cross has asked that we host 8 other church leadership groups for their charge conferences at our church. It should be a rich time of work and fellowship!

Advent is coming!

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th this year. Followers of Jesus often use the days leading up to Christmas to celebrate and prepare for the coming of Christ. Our congregation will mark the 4 weeks in Advent leading up to the Christmas season in some very rich, unique, and fun ways both on Sundays and throughout the week. Please be on the lookout for all the ways we will be preparing as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The last Sunday of the liturgical year will be "*Reign of Christ*" Sunday on November 23rd.



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

"Come, Christians Join To Sing"

#158/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

"How Great Is Our God"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

#94

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2: 1-11

L: The Word of God, for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Fruit of Imitating Christ's Humility"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

#160/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Let The Peace of Christ
Rule In Your Heart"*

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~

