ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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 *"O Worship the King"* **Joyful Ringers**

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

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *"This Is the Day"* **#657/Screen**

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION
L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
P: In you, we come home--to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.
L: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.
P: In you, we are home--we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"* **#160/Screen**

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Timothy **#889**

✠ GLORIA PATRI **#70**

CONFESSION

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace.
Forgive us and lead us. Amen.
silence for personal confession

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: 91 On-line: 49
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**Giving update**
**Weekly Budget needs:** $5,723.40
***Budget* giving for Oct 18:** $2,441.00
***Designated* giving for Oct 18**: $3,960.00

*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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## *Altar Flowers today*

**Given by Carolynn Greenwood in honor of Alfred's birthday.**

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

## *Our Wonderful Volunteers*

**Coffee Bar:** Janet Tweed

**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:** Abby Blair

**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
- Mary Kefauver and family
- Family of Darrell Taylor (Tweed request)
- Praise that Briley Williford's friend is doing good
- Praise that Hayley Derby has been accepted into TWU
- Praise that the Blair family is expecting a new baby in February
- Praise that we had a wonderful Welcome Drake Barr celebration event and that 10/18 is Mia Barr's 9th "Gotcha" celebration day
- Becky Chester and family (Chad's sister)
- Lee Pitts (health) (Dopkins son-in-law) and family
- Scott Cole (Stewart family starting churches in Isaan)
- John Maiuri and family
- Heather Boss and family (death of her husband) (Larson friends)
- Family of Stuart Robertson (Lois Green's brother-in-law)
- Billy Boyce (surgery) and family (Lois Green's brother)
- Dennis Cardarella and family
- Mary (health) (Slouka request)
- Miranda Larson (health) and family
- Richard Conley (health) and family
- Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- Tara Stewart (health) and family
- Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- Unspoken Prayers
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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 *"O How I Love Jesus"* **#170/Screen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT **Abby Blair**

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

OFFERTORY *"The Angelus"* **Joyful Ringers**

✠ DOXOLOGY **#94**

SCRIPTURE ***Matthew 22: 34-46***
L: The Word of God, for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Everything Hangs on love" **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ CLOSING HYMN *"Let All Things Now Living"* **Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Make Me A Servant"* **Screen**

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

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

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 calm 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.

1st UMC Trunk or Treat TONIGHT!

Our Trunk or Treat will begin tonight at 5:00 PM, with the grill turning on at 4:30 PM, and things will wrap up at 7:00 PM. We hope you come for the fun and fellowship!

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Join us on this **Wednesday, 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.

United Women in Faith October collection

We are collecting canned fruits and vegetables for FUMCs Blessing Box. Drop off any donations on our UWF shelves in Mission Alley all of October. Thank you for all your support!

Bible Fellowship-new study starts in November

Please join the Bible Fellowship for a new study leading into Advent and the Christmas season. We meet after church on Sunday mornings in the Youth room downstairs for lunch. Let Marlee Tierce know if you want a book and/or can join us **beginning November 1st**. Lee Strobel, with a journalism degree from the University of Missouri and a Master of Studies in Law degree from Yale Law School, was the award-winning legal editor of the Chicago Tribune and identified himself as a staunch atheist. When his agnostic wife Leslie converted to Christianity, Strobel launched a two-year journalistic and legal investigation into the historical, medical, and scientific evidence surrounding Jesus Christ, intending to disprove the faith. Overwhelmed by the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus, Strobel embraced Christianity in November 1981. Lee Strobel weighs the evidence to distinguish myth from truth about what happened in Bethlehem. Join Strobel as he invites us to push past the distractions of the holiday season and come into the presence of the baby who was born to change us and rewrite our eternal destination: the greatest gift of all.

Come and celebrate Erin & Greyson Strickland

On Sunday, November 8th our United Women in Faith will be hosting a baby shower for Erin and Greyson Strickland from 1:30 PM-3:00 PM in our Gathering Area. Please feel free to make plans to attend, to shower them in gifts, and to celebrate with them!

Save the Date! We are celebrating 200 years in Ministry!

On Sunday, November 22nd we will have a special worship service and time of fellowship celebrating our church's 200th anniversary! This will be a very wonderful time for us to go down memory lane, break bread together, and celebrate our church's long and storied history. There will be more details about our celebration coming soon but, in the meantime, mark your calendar now!

Interested in making the nursery ministry your own?

Our nursery is an important part of our Sunday morning worship experience and is an invaluable ministry for our young families and our children. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer with our children who are 6 months-3 years old in our nursery then please sign up on the sheet in the welcome center. If we can get enough volunteers our hope will be to begin this ministry back in full this month. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Abby Blair, our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator.

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"Everything Hangs on Love"

Matthew 22: 34-46

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