

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: 88 On-line: 47

Stewardship as of September 6, 2026

Giving last week: \$25,401.27

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$222,117.63

Year-To-Date budget: \$206,028.00

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

Flowers: Given by Margaret Chester

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland

Usher Team: Steve Cornett & Larry Sellers

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

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

First Steps Helper: Haven Rector

Youth Ministry Leaders:

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First United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“The Love That Makes Us Holy” **1 John 2: 3-11**

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 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 is how we know we are in him:
Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.”***

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 13, 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

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

P: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

L: Walk in the path of God's commandments with delight.

**P: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart,
we will turn to you and live!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Worship The King”

#73/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

#885

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word and not followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name.

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 9/13/26

Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks
and will be moved to our continuing prayer list

- ◆ Quinn Strickland (knee surgery recovery) and family
- ◆ Bob Richardson (health) (Dopkins family)
- ◆ Gary Hamilton (health) and family
- ◆ Cindy Gordon (health) (Higgins)
- ◆ Conlie Rasnake and family (Dopkins)
- ◆ Craig Miles (health) (Mertz)
- ◆ Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- ◆ Tate and Merritt Sherrer and family
- ◆ Ed Ruppel and family
- ◆ Praise that Dora Nelson's brother John is now home from rehab
- ◆ Prayers for mothers (Susan Pulliam)
- ◆ Tara Stewart and family
- ◆ Mary Humphries' friend whose baby is in NICU and the family of the baby who passed away
- ◆ Vanessa Barr's great niece-in-law (health) and family
- ◆ Family of Danny Green
- ◆ Sue Kromhaut (health) and family (Warfel)
- ◆ Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- ◆ Patty Williford Jones' mother (health) and family
- ◆ Kris and Don Browder's son-in-law Rich Bouchard (health) and family
- ◆ Scott Venable (surgery recovery) and family
- ◆ Mary Kefauver and family
- ◆ John Maiuri and family
- ◆ Gary Cloud and family (Green)
- ◆ Carolyn Peters and family
- ◆ Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- ◆ Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers



Happy Grandparents Day!

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." -Psalm 78:4

Today we celebrate grandparents and the lasting influence they have on their grandchildren and families! Research shows that Christian grandparents play an important role in shaping children's values and spiritual lives for years to come. *In fact, we know from Scripture that Timothy's own grandmother, Lois, helped shape his faith* (2 Timothy 1:5). Through prayer, example, stories, and love, grandparents help pass faith from one generation to the next. **Thank you for helping the next generation know and love the Lord! We celebrate you today!**

TWU Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic will be at FUMC on Wednesday, September 16th from 10AM-2PM. Dental cleanings will be provided free by *appointment only*. Tennessee Wesleyan Dental Hygiene program and their mobile clinic will provide services under the direction of Dr. Randa Colbert and local dentists led by Dr. James Dash, DDS. Participants receive free dental cleaning and exams.

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Join us on Wednesday, September 23rd at Gondolier in Athens at 11:30AM. If you would like to carpool meet in the upper parking lot by 10:30AM.

UWF September Mission

Fresh Start has requested meal starters to help them cook daily meals at their shelter, such as Hamburger Helper and macaroni & cheese. They need shampoo and shower wash for their women's shelter.

Join us for our Adult Bible Study

Son Seekers Bible Study meets at 9:30AM in the Library for fellowship, prayer and reflecting on God's word. Reba Dopkins is the host and teacher of this class. This group always has a great time reflecting and applying God's word together. Please join us or reach out to Reba.

The September Newsletter is now available!

Please feel free to pick up a print copy of the September Issue of *The Flame* newsletter in the gathering area. This new edition looks a little "different" than previous editions because it has been reformatted due to Microsoft Publisher is retiring in October 2026. Our new design allows us to expand the newsletter in many wonderful ways. The September edition includes lots of fun things happening in and around the church in addition to a devotion from Rev. Chris Black, Sue's News and a reflection from Abby, our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator. There are also digital copies of all newsletters and bulletins available on our website at 1umcm.com.

Sermon Series continues

During the month of September, we will journey through the First Letter of John in a sermon series exploring what it means to live as Wesleyan followers of Jesus. Drawing on themes that were central to our United Methodist founder John Wesley's preaching, we will consider grace, holiness, Christian love and the transforming power of God's presence in our lives. Together, we will discover that faith is more than what we believe—it is a life of love that changes us and sends us into the world. We hope you will join us as we seek to walk in the light, grow in holiness, and experience the perfect love of God.

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

"The Gift of Love"

#408/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

1 John 2: 3-11

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Love That Makes Us Holy"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

#64/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Make Us One"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~