

Order of Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *"Bless His Holy Name"* **Screen**

✠ **WORDS OF INVITATION**
L: Clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.
P: The Lord is with us! Let us worship God.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"* **Screen**

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Statement of Faith from the United Church of Canada **#883**

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** **#70**

CONFESSION
Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.
silence for personal confession

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

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: 95 **On-line:** 46

Weekly Giving Update
Weekly Budget needs: $5,723.40
***Budget* giving for November 8:** $5,614.00
***Designated* giving for November 8**: $406.98

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.

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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 calm down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years. Lastly, we have crayons, children's bulletins and Busy Bags for those who would like to be creative during worship.

Altar Flowers today

Created by Margaret Chester

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*Please contact Kim Townson if you would like to place flowers at the altar.

Our Wonderful Volunteers

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland
Usher Team: Ray Nelson and Wes Hibbert
Pianist: Bev Taylor
Organist: Mary Alice Huff
Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and Zander Liszeski
Coffee Bar: Open
First Steps Helper: LeeAnne Strickland
Youth Ministry Leaders: Jerry and Vanessa Barr

Prayer Requests

*Requests to stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks then will be moved to our continuing prayer list on our website at **1umcm.com***

- Chad Chester (recovering from back surgery) and family
- Mark Higgins (upcoming knee surgery) and family
- Praise that the Higgin's son Anthony has moved to Chattanooga and is on his own
- Prayers for travelers
- Prayers for flood victims in Georgia and Chattanooga
- Family of Norman Nelson (Ray's brother)
- Praise for the upcoming birth of Adaylia and Austin Walton's baby boy (Ray and Dora Nelson's great-grandson)
- Amanda Cook (health) and family (Marty Cook's daughter)
- Larson family
- Olivia Bowes and family (Fink family)
- Maureen Edmonston (health) (Fink friend)
- Gaila Gache and family (death of her son) (Fink family)
- Family of Angie Wilson (Janet Tweed)
- Beason/Lowry family
- Duane Dopkins (eye surgery) and family
- Amy Jones (health) and family (Dopkins)
- Family of Mary Kefauver
- Richard and Armida Conley and family
- Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- Haley Cloud (health) and family (Lois Green's niece)
- Billy Boyce (health and surgery recovery) and family (Lois Green's brother in Ecuador)
- Humphries family
- Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- Unspoken Prayers
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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 *"Freely, Freely"* **#389/Screen**

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

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

OFFERTORY *"The Answer"* **Chancel Choir**

✠ DOXOLOGY **#94**

SCRIPTURE ***Matthew 25:14-30***
L: The Word of God, for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Will He Find When He Returns?"
Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN *"A Charge to Keep I Have"* **#413/Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Lead Me, Lord"* **Screen**

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

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Annual Charge Conference

This afternoon, join us at 3:00 PM at Loudon UMC we will be having our Annual Charge Conference meeting. 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.

We need *your* help to get our church ready for Advent!

Beginning today (*and throughout the week of November 16th-20th*) we will begin decorating around the church building for Christmas/Advent. We will be "decking the halls" everywhere but the sanctuary. If you could stick around briefly after worship today to help, get out our large gathering area Christmas tree, hang a wreath or two, and decorate parts of our building that would be wonderful! **On November 23-25** Lois Green will be leading an effort to decorate our sanctuary for Advent. If you are interested in helping her with this fun project, please reach out to her and let her know!

Thanksgiving Supper at FUMC

This **Wednesday evening, November 18th,** join us for our covered dish dinner at 6:00 PM 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. We will have two Turkeys to share!

Mark your calendar for our District Day with the Bishop

This **Thursday, November 19th**, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will be with us in the Smoky Mountain District. In the evening she will host a conversation with both the Laity and Clergy laity at Seymour UMC from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. *All are welcome to join in this discussion.*

You are invited to join us in celebrating 200 years in Ministry

Next Sunday, November 22nd we will have a special worship service and time of fellowship celebrating our church's 200th anniversary!
-There will be a historical display set up in the Gathering Space at 9:00am.
-At 10:30am we will have our usual worship service but with some historical flair.
-At 11:40am there will be a brief visual presentation given by our own resident historian Don Browder in the sanctuary.
-At noon we will share a potluck meal together in the fellowship hall. The church will be providing some BBQ, and you are invited to bring along your favorite side dish or dessert!

Princess Tea Community Outreach

Saturday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m., the City of Madisonville will host its annual **Princess Tea** at the Cora Veal Center. Nearly 75 children, ages 0-12, attend each year dressed as their favorite princesses to enjoy tea and cookies, meet princess characters, and take photos and collect autographs. Since many families naturally park at our church and walk across to the event, we are partnering with the city to extend a warmer welcome. Our church will provide a **princess photo booth**, a **red-carpet walkway**, **princess parking signs**, and **princess wands** for children to color and decorate. If you would like to help with this fun community outreach opportunity, please contact **Abby Blair**. We look forward to helping make this special day even more magical for local families as we help young girls feel special, loved, and cherished.

Help Us Ignite Faith in the Next Generation

Beginning January 2027, Ignite Kids Ministry is launching a refreshed Wednesday night program focused on building strong biblical foundations, meaningful relationships, and engaging activities for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We're looking for volunteers who are passionate about investing in the next generation, so, whether you can serve every week or during one season of the year, there's a place for you on the team! *The opportunities include…* **K-2nd Grade Lead Teacher, K-2nd Grade Assistant Teacher, 3rd-5th Grade Lead Teacher, 3rd-5th Grade Assistant Teacher, Seasonal Music Leader** (Fall), **Seasonal Craft Leader** (Winter) **& Seasonal Recreation Leader** (Spring). Visit the sign-up table in the Gathering Area or attend an interest meeting in the Gathering Area on Sunday, November 29th at 10:00 AM to learn more and find where God may be calling you to serve.

First United Methodist Church

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"What Will He Find When He Returns?"

Matthew 25:14-30

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