

## 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: 86 On-line: 3

## Sunday General Giving

\$2,981.00

## Sunday Designated Giving

\$1,568.98

## (Vanco Fees-General)

-\$13.65

## Total Giving for October

\$15,134.33

## Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

**Flowers:** In memory of Ted Hall and Janice Dopkins by Reba & Duane Dopkins

**Coffee Bar:** Glenda Parker

## 10/22 Ignite & Youth Supper:

Carol McKenzie, Jennifer McKenzie & Peggy Wengert

**Lay Leader:** Lee Anne Strickland

## Usher Team:

Jeff McMillan and Chal Thompson

**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

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



**“Keep Knocking”**

***Luke 18: 1-8***

*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.*

***“And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones,  
who cry out to him day and night?”***

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 19, 2025

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

**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

## “Awesome God”

## Screen

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

**P: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

L: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the world, we do not lose heart:

**P: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

L: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, compassion, and mercy, we do not lose heart:

**P: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

L: God has sent redemption to us and made with us a covenant. Holy and awesome is God's name.

**P: Praise the Lord!**

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*“To God Be The Glory”*

## #98/Screen

## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

# The Apostles' Creed

# #881

**✠ GLORIA PATRI**

## #70

## Sermon Notes

We hope you use this space for reflections,  
and reminders from the sermon  
or throughout the service.

## Prayer Requests for 10/19/25

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

- ◆ Cleo Moore (Phyllis Harrell's father) & Phyllis and the rest of the family
- ◆ Gerald Leichty (health) (Warfel)
- ◆ Gary Lewis and family (Nelson)
- ◆ Little Bear Humphreys and family
- ◆ Johnanna Britton (Cheyenne & Cydney Cruz's grandmother)
- ◆ Cheyenne Cruz and family
- ◆ Maiuri family
- ◆ Ariel Chavez (Briley Williford's friend)
- ◆ The Kingsley's in-law (knee)
- ◆ Jennifer Vaughn and family (Harrell)
- ◆ Joe Grubb and family
- ◆ Quinn Strickland and family
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Nelson/Stratton family
- ◆ Tate Sherrer and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers



## Bells will ring on October 26th

 Our lay-led bell choir, *Joyful Ringers*, has been practicing consistently for several months and will perform for the first time! Our worship space will be transformed to accommodate our 12 member intergenerational bell choir. This group will perform prior to children's time and during the Offertory. If you are interested in joining the *Joyful Ringers* ministry please reach out to Marlee Tierce.

### Childcare Worker Needed

We are looking for a new paid childcare worker for our nursery area on Sundays and other days of the week. If you are someone who is 18 years old or older, who loves taking care of children and would be interested in working some extra hours each week then please reach out to us! You can get more information about working in our Nursery & Childcare ministries of play, love and care by emailing Pastor at [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org)

### 1st UMC Trunk or Treat Event

Next Sunday, October 26th, First United Methodist of Madisonville will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. This event will be happening at the same time as First Baptist Church. 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 should be a fun event for all who participate or happen to walk by. Our Trunk or Treat will begin at 5PM, with the grill turning on at 4:30PM and things will wrap up at about 7PM. 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 Gathering Area. We are so excited about this event and how it could welcome the community to our church family! **Also... We Need Candy!** If you are not planning to attend our Trunk or Treat you can still participate by donating some candy for folks to hand out. There is a tote in the Gathering Area for your donations, as well as in the Church Office Monday-Thursday, 9AM-2PM.



### Mid-Week Communion is shifting

Due to increased scheduling conflicts our midweek communion time will no longer be at noon on Wednesdays. We will be continuing this ministry in a new format at a different time. Please keep your eyes peeled for new worship opportunities to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion in the future!

### Church Council Meeting Today

The Church Council will have a brief meeting right after worship today in the sanctuary. This is a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting and all are welcome to attend. The council will be checking in with Rev. Chris Black, and will give an update about some things on the conference level, as well as updates on future events in our district. If you would like to hear about these things then please feel free to stick around.

### Check Out Mission Alley!

The hallway between the sanctuary and the office area was transformed a few weeks ago! "Mission Alley" is meant to be a vibrant destination for missions collections, and an area where our church can celebrate our missional identity. Make sure to take a walk down the hall to stay up to date on new opportunities for us to be in outreach. We will be doing different collections as we enter fall and winter, and we would encourage you to make plans to contribute!

### Interested in joining our Church?

We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed because we have so many active members! We are also blessed because we have numerous folks who have been faithful as long-time visitors, and some have been wonderful short-term guests. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to join the church as a full member, please feel free to reach out to Pastor at [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org).

### CONFESSION

**Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you—have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.**  
*silence for personal confession.*

### 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

*"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"*

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### 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

*"If My People Will Pray"*

Chancel Choir

### ✠ DOXOLOGY

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### SCRIPTURE

**Luke 18: 1-8**

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

**"Keep Knocking"**

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ CLOSING HYMN

*"Standing In The Need of Prayer"*

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### ✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"*

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### ✠ TRINITY CHIMES

### POSTLUDE

*~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~*