

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: 106 On-line: 28
Sunday General Giving
\$2,434.00
Sunday Designated Giving
\$970.00
(Vanco Fees-General)
-\$1.02
Total Giving for November
\$19,069.99
Needed monthly
\$23,866.50

Flowers: Advent
Coffee Bar: Open
Ignite & Youth Supper 12/3:
Lee Anne Strickland, Jon & Whitney
Grubb

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 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent (Hope)



“Keeping Watch In Advent”

Matthew 24: 36-44

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.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 30, 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

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

#204/Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

P: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

L: that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths. Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

P: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#196/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Romans 8

#887

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Candles of Advent”

Chancel Choir

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Hope

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Black

Sermon Notes

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

Prayer Requests for 11/30/25

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
- ◆ Clifford Wilson and family
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Miranda Larson and family
- ◆ Donna Stone (Jones/Williford friend)
- ◆ Brandon Beason (collapsed lung) and family
- ◆ Linda Giles (health) (Barbara Penland's daughter)
- ◆ Linda White and family
- ◆ Ron Leinart (upcoming surgery) and family
- ◆ Pat/Karen Rapping and family
- ◆ Family of Chris and Mike Breyne (Alford family)
- ◆ Evan Kile (4 wheeler accident) and family
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- ◆ Joe Grubb and Quinn Strickland family
- ◆ Family of Wayne Peery
- ◆ Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father) and Veronica Venable and family
- ◆ Robert Parker Jr. (Glenda's son) and family
- ◆ Norman Nelson and family (Ray's brother) and Nelson/Stratton family
- ◆ Jim Richardson (Dopkins)
- ◆ Maiuri family
- ◆ Tate Sherrer and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Thank you!

Special thanks to all who helped decorate last week on Sunday evening! Our church looks so beautiful for Advent. Additional thanks to Lois Green, Wanda Barger and Susan Pulliam for the extra time they spent decorating on Monday.

Advent is here!

The season of Advent begins today. Followers of Jesus often use the days leading up to Christmas to intentionally prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas. 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. Each week leading up to Christmas Eve will have a different theme to be centered around:

November 30th: **Hope**

December 7th: **Peace**

December 14th: **Joy**

December 21st: **Love**

Please be on the lookout for all the ways we will be preparing as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Please mark your calendars to be in worship on December 14th for our annual Christmas Cantata! Our church choir has been working diligently and joyfully to lead us in worship on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. They are excited to share the Cantata, *A Child is Born...All Is Well* arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin. We hope you will make plans to be in worship with us for this celebration of the Advent season through song.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Our free annual Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday morning December 6th in our fellowship hall from 9:30AM-11AM. We will have lots of kid friendly breakfast food, crafts, games and a visit from Santa himself. Bring your camera (phone) and take pictures of your kids with Santa! Carolynn Greenwood will be in charge of breakfast food so let her know what you would like to bring or if you would like to help in the kitchen/serving area. Erin Strickland will be in charge of crafts and games, and she will need LOTS of helpers. Let her know if you can help in that area. We always have lots of kids attend! Join us for this fun event!

Advent Bible Study: Experiencing Christmas

Things just look, smell and taste differently during Advent and the Christmas Season. These differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. This study encourages us to pause, observe and immerse ourselves in the season. Bible Fellowship invites you to join us each Sunday through Advent. We meet after church in the Youth Room for lunch, lessons and fellowship. Contact Marlee Tierce for a book.

Family Night Supper

Wednesday evening, December 17th at 6PM we will come together as a church family for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Then all will be invited to join us in the sanctuary for a brief, joy filled, funny, and exciting live nativity and our Ignite children will also sing! This event is always a fun intergenerational way to remember the powerful story of Christ's birth. We hope that every child & youth in our church will be a part of the program. Bring plenty of covered dishes for dinner and join us for this exciting evening.

Christmas Eve Candlelight w/Communion

Christmas Eve worship at First United Methodist Church Madisonville will be held at 7PM in our Sanctuary. We will have communion together and celebrate the birth of our Savior through song, scripture, sacrament, and light. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service of worship on one of the most holy nights of the Christian year.

New Weekly Prayer Ministry

Beginning in December, Rev. Chris Black will begin sharing a community-wide email message called *"Weekly Prayers of the First UMC Family."* You should see this message in your inboxes on Mondays, and our hope is that this will act as a prayer for your week. Pastor Chris will write most of the prayers but will also invite members of the church to write as well. We will include the Lord's Prayer along with a list of requests that the congregation can pray over throughout the week. Please make sure you are subscribed to our Constant Contact emails to receive these messages.

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 *"Angels We Have Heard On High"* #238/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 *"Living In Me"* **Lindsay Liszeski & Bev Taylor**

✠ DOXOLOGY #94

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24: 36-44
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Keeping Watch In Advent"* **Rev. Chris Black**

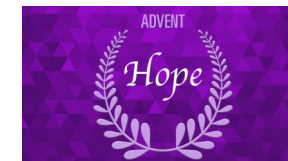
✠ CLOSING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"* **Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"* **Screen**

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE



~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~