

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: 109 On-line: 58

Sunday General Giving

\$4,499.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$1,085.00

Total Giving for January

\$5,584.00

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: Poinsettias

Coffee Bar: Open

1/14 Ignite Dinner:

Carol McKenzie, Jennifer McKenzie &
Peggy Wengert

Usher Team:

Ray Nelson and Wes Hibbert

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

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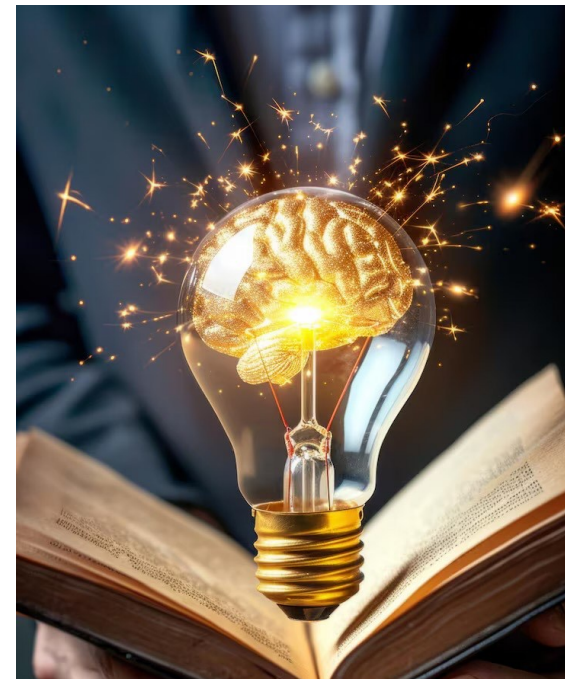
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First United Methodist Church

January 11th, 2026

First Sunday after the Epiphany



“Wisdom When Life Falls Apart”

Job 1: 1-22

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.

“In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 11, 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

(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

"To God Be The Glory"

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✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Trust and do not be afraid.

P: The Lord is our strength and salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah. Amen.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Stand Up And Bless The Lord”

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✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Romans 8

#887

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 1/11/26

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

- ◆ Linda Giles (Penland's Daughter)
- ◆ Joe Grubb and family
- ◆ Blair Clements and family
- ◆ Strickland family
- ◆ Family of David Kefauver
- ◆ Family of Dr. Alan Brock (Isbill)
- ◆ Praise for Grant Hamilton and family
(now has his own church as a pastor)
- ◆ Lila (Patti Jones' friend) (new job)
- ◆ Family of Kathleen Bailey (retired
teacher)
- ◆ Shay Farnsworth (Community Cafe
helper)
- ◆ Family of Ruel Tallent (Penland)
- ◆ Kaleigh Frye and family (Travis Frye's
niece)
- ◆ Family of Dallas Maxwell (Maiuri
friend)
- ◆ Kendall Wimmer (Charlie's brother)
- ◆ Houvenagle family
- ◆ Helga (Janet Ruppel)
- ◆ Mike and Sandy O'Neill and family
- ◆ Kat Ahart (upcoming surgery)
- ◆ Barbara Baiz (fall)
- ◆ Miranda Larson and family
- ◆ Ron Leinart (surgery) and family
- ◆ Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father)
and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

Choir Concert is Today!

Reminder to join us today at 3PM for the cantata performance of *A Child is Born...All is Well* by our chancel choir and Madisonville Presbyterian Church's choir in our sanctuary. An offering for the Community Café will be taken, and we are encouraging folks to bring items for the blessing boxes located at both churches.

Ignite Meets This Week...

Please join us this Wednesday, January 14th at 6:00 PM for our Ignite Children's Ministry. We are excited to welcome all the kids back after this long Christmas break! Contact Carol McKenzie or Jennifer McKenzie with any questions.

Mark your calendars for breakfast for dinner!

On Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 PM we will be having our monthly family night supper in the fellowship hall, and we want to invite you to bring your favorite breakfast dish! This could be biscuits with gravy, fruit salad, bacon, egg & sausage casserole, etc. Pastor Chris will be making pancakes to share. This dinner should be a wonderful time to be together during one of the coldest months of the year.

United Women in Faith (UWF) invites you to join them!

Our group United Women in Faith is very strong and active here at First UMC of Madisonville. As we enter a new year the leadership of our UWF wants to invite all women of the church to come be a part of their conversations and their outreach and missions initiatives. This group meets on the third Sunday of every month in the fellowship hall, where they share a meal as they work, learn, and strategize together. Their next meeting will be on January 18th and they would love for you to join them in 2026!

Resurrection is this Month...

January 23rd-25th, 2026
LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

Resurrection is an awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Each year thousands of youth and volunteers come together in Pigeon Forge, TN, to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. Resurrection is hosted by the youth ministry of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. Most of the youth and adults who attend Resurrection come from the geographical areas of the Holston Conference which includes northeast Georgia, eastern Tennessee, and southwestern Virginia. For more information, contact Vanessa Barr at vbruemmer@gmail.com.

We have a New Nursery Worker

Our own Mary Humphries will be joining us as a new staff person in our nursery beginning in the month of January. She and her husband Cory (along with their two children) officially joined our church in November but they have been with us for many months. Mary comes to us with lots of practical experience with young children. She also has lots of enthusiasm around our children's ministry and has the desire to see these ministries grow. I know that many of you have met Mary and her family already, but please feel free to welcome her this month as our new staff person.

Altar Flowers-we need you!

If anyone is interested in providing flowers for the Altar, please contact Kim Townson directly at 423-836-5385 or townsonkjwp@gmail.com.



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

"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

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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

"Heaven's Child"

Jennifer McKenzie &
Bev Taylor

✠ DOXOLOGY

#94

SCRIPTURE

Job 1: 1-22

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Wisdom When Life Falls Apart"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"What Friend We Have In Jesus"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Let The Peace of Christ
Rule In Your Heart"*

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~