

First United Methodist Church

February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday



Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, large print hymnals, name tags, and refreshments are available in the welcoming area. 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 God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children's bulletins available. 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 the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 19, 2023

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew; or if you are watching on-line register at www.1umcm.com and continue sending us your comments via Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you. . . *and also with you.*"

TRINITY CHIMES

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP	"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"	Page 349/Screen
✠ WORDS OF INVITATION		Rev. Chris Black

L: Sing joyful songs to God, our Savior.

P: Remember the Lord, who set us free.

L: Blow the trumpet; sound the tambourine!

P: Remember the Lord, the God of life.

L: The Holy One is our Sovereign.

P: Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Page 89/Screen
✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	Page #881/Screen
✠ GLORIA PATRI		Page #70/Screen

CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

— *Silence for Personal Confession*

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

"Holy Ground"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

"Holy Ground"

Chancel Choir

*During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, P O Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354, or go to our website: **tithing.1umcm.com** for directions and other options.*

DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17: 1-9

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Life Altering Hike "

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

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✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Great and Mighty

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

✠ *Please stand as you are able.
Serve the Lord this week where you are able!*

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship & Family Night Supper

Ash Wednesday is a unique day in the church year where we gather to mark the beginning of the 40 day season of Lent. Our worship together will be a time to put aside past sins and failures through repentance, and to kick off a period of time to foster new beginnings in our relationship with Jesus Christ. In worship will focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Christ.

While the use of ashes as a sign of mortality and penance may be new to some, it has a significant history in both Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes can be a powerful way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. We hope you will join us for a special service of worship this coming Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.



Before the service, at 6:00 PM, plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light soup and bread supper. Soup and bread will be provided. This will also be the dinner for the group. Please mark your calendars to join us!

Lent Begins this week...but what is it?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. (The Saturday before Easter Sunday.) Lent comes from the

Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. (This content comes from UMC.org)

Mark your calendars:

Following worship on Sunday, March 5th, Rev. Chris Black will provide a brief update on the special called Holston Annual Conference meeting scheduled for April 22nd, 2023. Take note that this special session does not replace our regularly scheduled Annual Conference that will take place on June 4-7, 2023 at Lake Junaluska. We hope you will stick around after the close of worship that day for this brief discussion.



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NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

The people of Monroe County and victims of the Sweetwater shootings

Quinn Strickland (knee surgery this week)

Penn Hazuda and family

Duane and Reba Dopkins

The family of Guy Johnson

Jason Walton (friend of Lindsay Liszeski)

Reverend Alta Raper (mother of SQHS principal)

Brian McKeehan (friend of Megan Cavett)

Bryan and Mia Sage Beason/Jan Lowry (almost baby time)

Newborn Ella Turner and parents Sarah and Nathan Turner (Cavett cousins)

Ellen Barker (friend of Barbara Penland)

William Dailey (friend of Janet Tweed)

Carol Leamon and family (Lois Green)

Bill Lewis

Sam Grubb and family

Art Slouka and family

Molly Gilroy (Melanie Slouka)

Richard and Mary Margaret Mason and family

Pat Rapking and family

Debbi Black and Family (Chris' stepmother)

John and Judy Maiuri

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

Joan Holland and John Summitt

Kat Ahart and her friends

Sue Hayes

Ray and Dora Nelson

Carolyn Peters and family

Molly Gilroy (Melanie Slouka)

Sarah (Alliman) Chermely (knee surgery)

David Fritts (friend of Jan Johnson)

Allan Potts and family (friends of the Dopkins)

Family of Jim Walton (friends of Lindsay Liszeski)

Casey Kirkland and family

Reverend Tony Rutherford and family (Baptist Association)

Tara Stewart and family

Sandy and Wes Hibbert and extended family

Carol King (Laurie McNeece's aunt)

Allen Reedy and family (Floyd's son)

Barbara Pennington and family

Kloey Shaw (friend of the Willifords)

Betty Byrum Hicks

Wayne and Lucille Peery

Margaret and Chad Chester

Nancy Byrum

Marilyn Depew

Judy Lee

Unspoken Requests

Pat Harvey

Military personnel

There are more continuing prayer requests in The Flame (our monthly newsletter). The Prayer List is constantly updated live at 1umcm.com

Attendance and Giving Last Week

In-Person - 79 Online - 10

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In-Person Tithing \$ 1,585

Online Tithing \$ 646

Needed in February **\$ 23,188**

****Received*** **\$ 9,886**

In-Person Building Fund \$ 600

Online Building Fund \$ 85

Needed in February **\$ 4,213**

****Received*** **\$ 4,898**

Community Assistance Fund \$ 50

****Received in February*** **\$ 145**

Check Out the Event Announcements Listed Below

- **United Methodist Women** - Today, 11:45, Fellowship Hall
- **Cub Scouts** - Monday, 6:00 PM, Youth Room
- **Scouts BSA** - Monday, 7:00 PM, Community Room
- **Pastor's Bible Study** - Wednesday, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
- **Soup & Bread Dinner** - Thursday, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Ash Wednesday Service** - Wednesday 7:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **Kiwanis Chili Supper/Cookoff** - 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Friday, 5:30 PM, Community Room
- **Adult Sunday School** - Sunday, 9:30 AM, Conference Room

Trustees for February are Carolynn Greenwood & Wes Hibbert.

Coffee bar food is provided by Jill Alliman.
Altar Flowers are provided by Kim Townson.



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