

First United Methodist Church

January 1, 2023
1st Sunday after Christmas



A Sure
Foundation
for 2023



*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

January 1st, 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.)

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

TRINITY CHIMES

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP “Arise, Shine” Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION Rev. Chris Black

L: We recount the gracious deeds of God, all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us:

P: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.

L: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

P: Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.

L: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

P: God’s glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Page #251/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed Page #881/Screen

✠ GLORIA PATRI Page #70/Screen

✠ CONFESSION

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend. Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence, we fail to recognize our own complicity. Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children so vulnerable and precious in your sight. Forgive our misuse of power against people, and against your creation. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, but strengthen us in our time of testing. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ .

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

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

**"This Must Be the Place"
with "We Are the Reason"**

Chancel Choir
Reba Dopkins, Soloist

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

1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Sure Foundation for 2023 "

Rev. Chris Black

COVENANT MOMENT

✠ **CLOSING HYMN**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (1st Verse)

Screen

✠ **TRINITY CHIMES**

POSTLUDE

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

Read Together in 2023

This year Rev. Chris Black invites you to join him in participating in Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett's "Read Together" initiative. This initiative challenges us to read through the whole Bible in one year. (Plus the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each weekend.) Participating in this initiative as a whole congregation can uniquely bind us together as Christ's disciples all while rooting us more deeply in scripture. There will be book marks available in the welcome center with each month's readings, and the readings for the week will also be printed in the bulletin. As always if you have a question about a passage or verse you are reading then please call (or text) Pastor Chris or stop by the church office. Here are the readings for this coming week:

Read Together Schedule January 2023

Jan. 1st

Option 1: Revised Common Lectionary: First Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Option 2: Revised Common Lectionary: New Year's Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a 8; Matthew 25:31-46

2nd Genesis 1-2; Psalm 19; Mark 1

3rd Genesis 3-5; Mark 2

4th Genesis 6-8; Psalm 104; Mark 3

5th Genesis 9-11; Mark 4

6th Genesis 12-15; Psalm 148; Mark 5

Revised Common Lectionary: Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

7-8th Revised Common Lectionary: Baptism of the Lord, First Sunday after the Epiphany Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Mat-

thew 3:13-17

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Max Lucado's People of the Bible Studies

These two studies will get us through winter and into summer with breaks for holidays and meetings. These are not studies for just women or just men. We can all learn from the studies of how God intervened to change lives to impact the world. Each chapter is about a different person.

1. Ten Women of the Bible: For women in Bible times being overlooked, marginalized, having your contributions discounted because you're a woman...it's just the way things were. In this 10-lesson workbook, Max Lucado tells some of his favorite accounts of women in Scripture and the remarkable way God broke down cultural barriers to use them in the unfolding of His story.

2. Ten Men of the Bible: The men depicted in the Bible were not perfect by any means. We find story after story marked by scandal, failure, and intrigue. Yet we also find many stories of men who were able to look beyond their circumstances, completely trust in the Lord and follow Him wherever He chose to them. Like us, these men made both good and bad decisions along the way--and experienced both good and bad consequences--and we find our struggles and hopes in the pages of the Bible that tells their stories.

The study sessions are after church service beginning Sunday, January 22 with the fellowship of lunch. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you wish to join the study group: mtierce@aol.com or 423-884-2196 (landline). Marlee has a few books for use or purchase. Books are available online at cokebury.com (\$13.99).



January 1, 2023

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Eme Pyros
- Mary Reagan (Pastor Chris' grandmother)
- Infant Samuel Anderson (family friend of Jennifer McKenzie)
- C. A. Clark (Carolynn Greenwood's uncle)
- Mother and baby to be that our UMW is assisting
- Steve Alstat (Regina Warfel's brother in law)
- Donna Bowers (Kefauver friend)
- Cindy Page (friend of Marlee Tierce-heart surgery)
- Debbi Black and Family (Chris' stepmother)
- Children who are worried about food and shelter through the Christmas break
- Briley Williford's prayer request
- John and Judy Maiuri
- Betty Byrum Hicks
- Wayne and Lucille Peery

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joan Holland and John Summitt
- Tara and Robert Stewart
- Amber Powers (friend of Larry Davis)
- Jason Lynch and family
- Tim Johnson and family
- The family of Arlin Tate (Tallent family friend)
- Emma Jenkins (Hunter Cavett's cousin)
- Mike Brooks (Rice family)
- Mary Margaret and Richard Mason and family
- Wanda Barger
- Danny and Pat Simpson (Carla Anderson's family)

- Great niece of friend of Elizabeth McKenzie
- Richard Tallent (Mary Alice Huff's brother)
- Jody Stewart (Tara and Robert's niece)
- Ann Barker
- Andrea Freeburn and family (Hibbert's niece)
- Veronica Venable and family
- Barbara Kauffman (Peter Alliman's cousin)
- Matthew Sloan
- Sandy Underwood (Carolyn Peters cousin)
- Robert Scott
- Margaret and Chad Chester
- Carl Stedham (Kathy Isbill's brother)
- Man-Chiu "Wilson" Yeung
- Nancy Byrum
- Marilyn Depew
- Judy Lee
- Unspoken Requests
- Sam Grubb
- Pat Harvey
- Military personnel

Attendance and Giving on Christmas Eve

**End-of-year donations still coming in at time of printing*

In-Person - 125 Online - 12

In-Person Tithing	\$ 2,053
Online Tithing	\$ 1,335
<i>Needed in December</i>	<i>\$ 21,920</i>
<i>*Received</i>	<i>\$ 20,634</i>
In-Person Building Fund	\$ 275
Online Building Fund	\$ 285
<i>Needed in December</i>	<i>\$ 4,084</i>
<i>*Received</i>	<i>\$ 7,238</i>
Community Assistance Fund	\$ 40

Check Out the Event Announcements Listed Below

- **Office Closed, Monday, January 2 Cub Scouts** - Monday 6:00 PM, Youth Room
- **Scouts BSA** - Monday 7:00 PM, Community Room
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **United Methodist Youth** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Youth Room
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Friday, 5:30 PM, Community Room

A Big Thank You!

We want to thank all of you who donated items last week for our blessing box drive last week. The toiletry items, canned foods, and other essential nonperishable foods that were donated will go a long way in helping us keep our blessing box stocked during January. If you would like to donate to our blessing box in the next couple of months then feel free to drop some items into it anytime of day.

Here are some examples of things you can drop off: Canned foods (tuna & other meats, veggies, soups, chili/stews) Cereals, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese , Toothpaste/Toothbrushes Feminine Hygiene Products/ Baby Diapers, toilet tissue, gloves, toboggans

Trustee for January is Mike Tallent.

Coffee bar food is provided by Dora Nelson.



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