

First United Methodist Church

March 5, 2023
Second Sunday in Lent



*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

March 5, 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: As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

P: God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.

L: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

P: Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE “In the Cross of Christ, I Glory” Page295/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Romans 8 Page#887/Screen

✠ GLORIA PATRI Page #70/Screen

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Black

HYMN “O How He Loves You and Me” Screen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING “Jesus Paid It All”

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

John 3: 1-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Only A Personal Encounter Will Do ”

Rev. Chris Black

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

✠ CLOSING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

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✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“To God Be the Glory” (CHORUS)

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

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

Church Council Meeting

We will be having a special called Church Council Meeting in the fellowship hall this coming Sunday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss entering the discernment phase of the disaffiliation process. (*Discernment is a period of intentional community-wide prayer, reflection, information gathering, and study around the issue of disaffiliation from the UMC.*) This comes after some folks from within our church membership have formally expressed their desire to enter this process. All are welcome to attend our Church Council meetings, but only Church Council members will be able to vote on this issue

Read Together in March Schedule:

- 1 Numbers 1-2; Ps. 64; Hebrews 11
- 2 Numbers 3-5; Hebrews 12
- 3 Numbers 6-7; Hebrews 13
- 6 Numbers 8-11; Colossians 1
- 7 Numbers 12-14; Ps. 28; Colossians 2
- 8 Numbers 15-18; Ps. 113; Colossians 3
- 9 Numbers 19-21; Colossians 4
- 10 Numbers 22-25; Luke 1
- 13 Numbers 26-29; Luke 2
- 14 Numbers 30-33; Psalm 35; Luke 3
- 15 Numbers 34-36; Luke 4
- 16 Deut. 1-3; Psalm 36; Luke 5
- 17 Deuteronomy 4-5; Luke 6
- 20 Deuteronomy 6-9; Luke 7
- 21 Deut. 10-14; Psalm 5; Luke 8
- 22 Deut. 15-18; Psalm 115; Luke 9
- 23 Deut. 19-22; Psalm 6; Luke 10
- 24 Deuteronomy 23-26; Luke 11
- 27 Deuteronomy 27-31; Luke 12
- 28 Deut. 32-34; Psalm 13; Luke 13
- 29 Joshua 1-4; Psalm 143; Luke 14
- 30 Joshua 5-8; Psalm 14; Luke 15
- 31 Joshua 9-13; Luke 16

Lectionary Readings

4-5 Second Sunday in Lent: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
11-12 Third Sunday in Lent: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
18-19 Fourth Sunday in Lent: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
25-26 Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Fifth Sunday in Lent: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Mark your calendars for Family Night Supper!

On Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m. we will be having our monthly family night supper in the fellowship hall, and we want to invite you to bring your favorite dish!

This could be casseroles, vegetables, bread, meat loaf, chicken, etc. Every time we have a family night supper it is a wonderful time to fellowship and break bread together and our dinner on March 15th will be no different! Please join us!

Baby Essentials for March 19th

You are invited to bring diapers and/or baby wipes to worship with you on Sunday morning March 19th. The staff in partnership with the United Women in Faith are leading an effort to collect essential items for newborns, infants, and young parents within our community.

All donations that are received will go to community ministries that directly support families/children who have emergency needs.



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NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Bryan and Mia Sage Beason/Jan Lowry and new baby Lyddie Sage Beason born 2/20/23
 Family of George Fooshee (Kefauver cousin)
 The family of the McConkey's niece's fiance'
 The Ruppel family (death of pet bird Loco)
 Rick Foster (Larry Davis's friend Rena's son)
 Mary Nelson and family (Ray and Dora's daughter in law)
 Matthew Nicholson (friend of band director Linda Trout)
 Quinn Strickland and family (successful knee surgery)
 Bobby Dailey (Janet Tweed's family)
 Penn Hazuda and family
 Kat Ahart's family
 The family of Sue Hayes
 William Dailey (friend of Janet Tweed)
 Sam Grubb and family
 Pat Rapking and family

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

Joan Holland and John Summitt
 The Monroe County people and shooting victims
 Danny Stratton (Dora and Ray Nelson's nephew)
 Newborn Ella Turner and parents Sarah and Nathan Turner (Cavett cousins)
 The family of Carol Leamon (Lois Green)
 Duane and Reba Dopkins
 Ellen Barker and family (friends of

Barbara Penland)
 Brian McKeehan (friend of Megan Cavett)
 Jones Family (death of friend)
 Mia Stewart' Grandmother
 Love Thy Neighbor Thrift Store (Athens)
 Richard and Mary Margaret Mason and family
 Jason Walton (friend of Lindsay Liszeski)
 Debbi Black and family (Chris' stepmother)
 John and Judy Maiuri
 Kat Ahart and her friends
 Carolyn Peters and family
 Tara Stewart and family
 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 - 96 Online - 14 IGNITE-8
 Youth - 20
 In-Person Tithing \$ 2,537
 Online Tithing \$ 385
Needed in February \$ 23,188
***Received \$ 17,547**

In-Person Building Fund \$ 450
 Online Building Fund \$ 335
Needed in February \$ 6,400
***Received \$ 6,086**

Community Assistance Fund \$ 40
***Received in February \$ 185**

Check Out the Event Announcements Listed Below

- **People of the Bible** - Today, 11:45, Youth Room
- **Church Council (Called)** - Today, 1:00 PM, 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
- **IGNITE** - Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Meet first in Fellowship Hall
- **UMYF** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Meet first in Fellowship Hall
- **Choir Practice** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Friday, 5:30 PM, Community Room
- **Adult Sunday School** - Sunday, 9:30 AM, Conference Room
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS** - NEXT SUNDAY

Trustees for March are Wes Hibbert and Carolyn Greenwood

Coffee bar food today is provided by Janet Tweed



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