

# First United Methodist Church

Reign of Christ — November 26, 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

November 26, 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](http://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

"Give Thanks"

Screen

### ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: The Lord God is our shepherd.

**P: We are people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

L: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

**P: For the Lord is a great God, the great shepherd over heaven and earth!**

### ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

#715/Screen

### ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From 1 Corinthians & Colossians

#888/Screen

### ✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70/Screen

## CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

*(Silence For personal confession.)*

## PRAISES & 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 Will Glorify" 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. 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](http://tithing.1umcm.com) for directions and other options.*

**OFFERTORY** "Praise You/We Bow Down" Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY** #94/Screen

**SCRIPTURE** **Matthew 25: 31-46**  
 Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The Promised Separation" Rev. Chris Black

✠ **CLOSING HYMN** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" #581/Screen

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Make Me a Servant" Screen

✠ **TRINITY CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE**

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



## **Advent is coming!**

The last Sunday of the liturgical year is "Reign of Christ" Sunday which is today! That means the rich and festive season of Advent will begin next Sunday on December 3rd. Followers of Jesus often use the days leading up to Christmas to celebrate and prepare for the coming of Christ. 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. Please be on the lookout for all the ways we will be preparing as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

## **An Advent Study for Sundays**

The Bible Fellowship's Four Week Advent Study begins on November 26. We welcome you to join us in *Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey through the Gospels* by Margrey R. de Vega. The Christmas story we know so well is really a compilation of accounts found in each of the Gospels. Although the four books present the event somewhat differently, each of them leads us on the Advent journey of preparation for Christ's coming. *Awaiting the Already* takes us on a tour through the Gospel narratives, showing us what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel, and helps us to recognize that each Gospel writer invites us to encounter a fresh experience of the birth of Christ. Please join us after church service in the Youth Room for lunch provided by volunteers and a fellowship over the discussion of the scriptures. Let Marlee Tierce know if you want a book (mtierce@aol.com or call 423-884-2196). Otherwise just join us on the Sundays you are available.

## **Save the date for a celebration 16 years in the making...**

On Sunday, December 10th, 2023, our congregation will have the opportunity to share in a dedication service for our church building that will be free of debt! Many of you remember that on December 10th, 2007, a fire broke out in our church that destroyed the old church Sanctuary and offices. In order to rebuild the sanctuary, offices, classrooms, and additional gathering spaces of 1st UMC Madisonville, the church took out a building loan of \$900,000. These funds were combined with insurance money and other donations for the rebuild, which was finished in 2011.

Our church community is now poised to celebrate a great milestone by burning our mortgage note (Outside, of course!), and rededicating our debt-free Sanctuary & facility on the 16th anniversary of the devastating fire that destroyed it. Our resident Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett is planning on preaching for us that day, and our District Superintendent Rev. Sandra Johnson is also planning to be with us as well. Following worship we will join together for a wonderful meal in the fellowship hall. December 10th, 2023 promises to be a great day of worshiping our risen Lord and Savior...all while celebrating how the Holy Spirit has inspired us to strengthen our church so that it will be here for generations to come!

## **Advent Decorating Party on Wednesday the 29th at 7:15 p.m.**

Please come join us for a Christmas decorating party this coming Wednesday evening at 7:15 p.m. Folks will be gathering in the sanctuary to help put up Christmas trees, hang wreaths, and get our church ready for the beautiful season of Advent!



## November 26, 2023

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Tina Smith and family  
 Mary and Tony Nelson (Dora and Ray's family)  
 Joy P. (friend of Melanie Slouka in hospice care)  
 Family of Gregory Gay (Veronica Venable's cousin)  
 Allen Reedy and family  
 Quinn Strickland and family  
 The people of Israel  
 Unspoken Prayers

### CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Penland  
 Julie Sullivan's friends  
 Family of John Summitt and Joan Holland  
 Family of Brenda Alford's Uncle Donald  
 Dwight West (friend of Mike Tallent)  
 Vince Maiuri (John's brother)  
 Doug Riddle (Patty Williford Jones' brother)  
 John Tallent and family  
 Calvin and Rose Williams (friend of the Alfords)  
 Mike Cole (friend of Larry Davis)  
 Jane Frerichs and family  
 Family of Dean Rowe (Cavett friends)  
 Family of Robert Parker  
 Family of Lawrence Johnson  
 Patti and Jim Leamon  
 Kimberly Leamon  
 Wayne (health) and Lucille Peery  
 Our Church (Marlee's request)  
 Betty Hicks  
 John & Judy Maiuri  
 Lynne Klan (Hibbert friend)  
 Mason family  
 Unspoken Requests  
 Military personnel

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

### Attendance and Giving Last Week

Worship In-Person - 67  
 Worship Online - 7  
 First Steps - 3  
 United Methodist Youth - 16  
 Pastor's Bible Studies - 6  
 IGNITE - 11  
 United Women in Faith - 7

Tithing	\$ 3,253
<b><i>Needed in November</i></b>	<b>\$ 23,188</b>
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b>\$ 11,568</b>
Building Fund	\$ 1,585
<b><i>Needed in November</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,400</b>
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b>\$ 3,085</b>
Community Assistance Fund	\$ 313
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b>\$ 638</b>
Community Café	\$ 550
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b>\$ 750</b>
Designated /Non Budget	\$ 3,655
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b>\$ 4,405</b>

### Coming Up!

**Hanging of the Greens** Service on Sunday Night December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship time to follow. Bring your favorite finger foods.

**Breakfast with Santa** will be held in our church fellowship hall on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We need volunteers to help with crafts, games, and food. Let us know if you can help prepare and/or help the day of the event! If you can provide food, let Carolyn Greenwood know.

## Check Out the Event Announcements Listed Below

- **Advent Study for Sundays** - Today, 11:45 AM, Youth Room
- **Ornament Class** - Sunday, 11:45 AM, Fellowship Hall
- **Cub Scouts** - Monday, 6:00 PM, Youth Room
- **Scouts BSA** - Monday, 7:00 PM, Community Room
- **Community Café** - Tuesday, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Pastor's Bible Study** - Wednesday, 10:30 AM, Main Sanctuary
- **Midweek Communion Service** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **IGNITE Youth** - Wednesday, 6:00 PM - Fellowship Hall, then Admin Wing
- **UMYF** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, then Youth Room
- **Choir Practice** - Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **Advent Decorating Party** - Wednesday, 7:15 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Friday, 5:30 PM, Community Room
- **Breakfast with Santa** - Saturday, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
- **Adult Sunday School** - Sunday, 9:30 AM, Conference Room
- **Hanging of the Greens** - Sunday, 6:00 PM, Main Sanctuary

The trustee for today is Chad Chester.

Coffee bar today is hosted by Julie Sullivan.



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