

# First United Methodist Church

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost—October 29, 2023



*Two Roads Diverged... Psalm 1*

*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

October 29, 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      “He Has Made Me Glad”      Screen

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**P: In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.  
We dwell in you.**

L: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**P: In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.  
We dwell in you.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”      #89/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      A Modern Affirmation      #885/Screen

✠ GLORIA PATRI      #70/Screen

## CONFESSION

**Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silent in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accordance with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

*(Silence For personal confession.)*

## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

### 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

**"Wonderful Words of Life"**

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### 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** for directions and other options.*

### OFFERTORY

**"Thy Word Is a Lamp"**

Chancel Choir

### DOXOLOGY

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### SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 1**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

**"Two Roads Diverged..."**

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ CLOSING HYMN

**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

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### ✠ BENEDICTION

### ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"** (Chorus)

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### ✠ TRINITY CHIMES

### POSTLUDE

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

*Serve the Lord this week where you are able!*

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



This coming December our church is looking forward to celebrating a great milestone. 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 offices, and some classrooms. 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 2009. As of the October Finance Committee meeting, the original \$900k building debt is now down to \$12,104. The fact that this church community has paid down our building debt this significantly in just 16 years is absolutely incredible.

Our church community is now poised to celebrate this 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 in worship as well. December 10th, 2023 promises to be a great day of worshipping 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!

If you would like to donate to the remaining debt during the month of November, please signify "Building Fund" on your contributions.

## Trunk or Treat TODAY!

1st UMC Trunk or Treat Event TODAY, October 29th.



We will start the setup and decorating at about 3:00 PM this afternoon—all cars, trucks, tractors, and other decoratable vehicles need to be safely parked in the lot and ready to go before 4:30, so that they are ready before the little goblins arrive.

Trunk or Treat will begin at 5:00 PM, with the grill turning on at 4:30 PM, and things will wrap up at about 7:30 p.m. So far, we have 11 trunks (we can fit up to 20 or so) signed up. If you decide at the last minute you'd like to decorate a trunk, we can probably fit you in if you get here by 3:00 PM.

All the volunteers are needed as soon as you can to help us transform an ordinary parking lot into a fall festival for families and kids!

In addition to the Candy/Treat give away, there will be: a craft area, a fire pit for making s'mores, bean bag toss, and hot dogs/chips.



**October 29, 2023**

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Rose Cavett
- The Family of Joan Holland
- Doug Riddle (Patty W. Jones brother)
- The family of Robert Parker
- The family of Lawrence Johnson
- Jane Frerichs
- Blair (Barger) and Andrew Coppenger and new baby Aurora Emely Coppenger
- The people of Israel
- Unspoken Prayers

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Bryan Lee and daughter Evelyn (cousins of Julie Black)
- Barbara Penland
- Bryan Tallent
- Duane Dopkins
- Taber family (friends of Hibberts)
- Tara Stewart's friend Nancy and family (death of husband)
- Jordan Raper
- Hunter Cavett
- Patti and Jim Leamon
- Kimberly Leamon
- Cheyenne Cruz
- Donna Bradshaw
- Wayne (health) and Lucille Peery
- Family of Carl Stedham (Kathy Isbill's brother)
- Joseph Certo (Armida Conley's brother)
- Our Church (Marlee's request)
- Gene Bivens (Janet Tweed's in-law)
- Helga Bolger (Ruppel friend)
- Betty Hicks
- Sandy Taylor (friend of Jennifer McKenzie)

- Gary & Sue Hamilton
- John & Judy Maiuri
- Lynne Klan (Hibbert friend)
- Bill Beason (Bryan's dad)
- Mason family
- Greenwood family
- Peters family
- John Sands
- 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**

In-Person - 94 Online - 6 Youth - 14  
Ignite - 8 Sunday Bible Fellowship - 7

Tithing	\$ 4,292
<b><i>Needed in October</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 23,188</i></b>
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 12,653</i></b>
Building Fund	\$ 225
<b><i>Needed in October</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 6,400</i></b>
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 2,755</i></b>
Community Assistance Fund	\$ 60
<b><i>*Receipts in October</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 1,410</i></b>
Memorial Fund	\$ 100
<b><i>*Receipts in October</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 100</i></b>
Designated /Non Budget	\$ 300
<b><i>*Receipts in October</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 1,812</i></b>


## Check Out the Event Announcements Listed Below

- **Understanding Spiritual Gifts** - Today, 11:45 AM, Youth Room
- **Trunk-or-Treat** - Sunday, 5:00 PM (Set-Up Starts at 3), Upper Parking Lot
- **Head Start Parent Fair** - Monday, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, 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
- **Memorial Service for Joan Holland** - Wednesday, 12:00 PM, Columbarium
- **IGNITE Youth** - Wednesday, 6:00, IGNITE Room/Admin Wing
- **UMYF** - Wednesday 6:00 PM, Youth Room
- **Choir Practice** - Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Main Sanctuary
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Friday, 5:30 PM, Community Room
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** - Sunday, 2:00 AM
- **Adult Sunday School** - Sunday, 9:30 AM, Conference Room

Altar flowers today are provided by Ben and Wanda Barger in memory of their granddaughter Emily Barger.

The trustees for October are Bob Marshall & Mike Tallent.

Coffee bar today is hosted by Tara Stewart

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