

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are always welcome in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do & say as we worship. However, if your child is actively upset we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to be calmed down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years old.

All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in a children's church ministry called First Steps following the Children's Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft, and a lesson based on the sermon text. Lastly, we have crayons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.



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Attendance Last Sunday
In-Person: 69 On-line: 5

PLEASE NOTE

**Due to our Financial Secretary being out of town, we will have the financial totals in the next few weeks.*

Flowers: Communion Sunday

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed

Ignite/Youth Supper: Veronica Venable,
Kim Townson and Janet Ruppel

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team: Kevin Taylor and Alfred Greenwood

Production Team: Steve Tweed,
Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy,
Briley Williford and Tate Sherrer

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders: Jerry and
Vanessa Barr

Rev. Chris Black
Pastor

Nikki Rutzen
Executive Assistant

Sue Hamilton
Director of Congregational Care
& Choir Ministries

Erin Strickland
First Steps Coordinator

First United Methodist Church

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion



“Count The Cost”
Luke 14:25-35

Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. Our mission here at First United Methodist Church is to make discipleship of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you would like to learn more about our church and its ministries you can find a copy of the church newsletter, welcoming brochures, and devotionals in the gathering area. There are also refreshments available at our coffee bar. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

“And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 7, 2025

10:30AM

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew or if you are watching on-line register at www.lumcm.com)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

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

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

P: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

L: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

**P: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart,
we will turn to you and live!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Sing The Almighty Power of God"

#152/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Timothy 1

UMH #889

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Black

✠ HYMN

“I Surrender All”

#354/Screen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chris Black

Sermon Notes

We hope you use this space for reflections,
and reminders from the sermon
or throughout the service.

Prayer Requests for 9/7/25

The printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our ongoing prayer list on our website.

- Cindy and William Brickey (Tweed)
- Tate Sherrer and family
- Family of Mitzi Robinson (Hamilton)
- Heather Summey (Harrell)
- Mike Milsaps (Charlie Harrell's coworker)
- Cooper Strickland and family
- The Hibberts good friends' grandchild (health)
- Tara Stewart's friend's Ginger's mother
- Tara Stewart's friend Tina
- Donatella (friend of Lois Green)
- Larson family cousin Caden
- Minneapolis shooting victims and families
- Dave Burns (Don Browder)
- Sue Leibert (health) (Kris Browder)
- Mary Alice Huff and family
- Tweed family
- Rose and Calvin Williams (Alford)
- Susie and Larry (car accident) (Tierce)
- Fran (Trotter) Goddard (health) and family (grew up in our church)
- Praise for the birth of baby Tyllie Sage Beason
- Carolyn Peters and family
- Dorothy Strickland (Dopkins')
- Kris Kefauver (Mary & David's daughter-in-law)
- Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- Rustie Stuke (Reba Dopkins' sister) and her caregiver Jim Richardson
- Anna Paquette and family (Dopkins' sister-in-law)
- Chuck (recovering from heart surgery) and Kathy Isbill and family
- Maiuri family
- Unspoken Prayers

Smoky Mountain District Conference

Please make plans to join members and leaders of the Smoky Mountain District for our annual District Conference which will be held at First UMC of Sevierville (214 Cedar Street, Sevierville, TN 37862) on September 21st at 3:00PM. District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Angela Hardy Cross, will be presiding. We will be discussing the business of the Smoky Mountain District, electing At-Large members to Annual Conference 2026, electing District officers/leaders and approving the 2026 district budget. If you have any questions about this event or would like to attend, please reach out to Rev. Chris Black.

Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for the Kiwanis Spaghetti dinner and auction that is being hosted here on September 11th at 4:30PM-6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. See Sue Hamilton for more information.

FUMC is hosting a community-wide baby shower! Diapers needed!

On Saturday, Sept. 27th from 10AM-2PM our church will be hosting a community-wide baby shower! This event is led by the Monroe County Health Council and the Monroe County Health Department along with many other community partners. There will be many opportunities at this event for families to learn, grow, and be celebrated. Our church has been asked to take the lead on a diaper drive for those parents who will be present at the event. Next time you are shopping we want to invite you to purchase diapers (Newborn/Size 1) and drop them off in Mission Alley. This will be a great way for our church to show the love of God to some new young families!

Pastor's Bible Study Continues in September!

Throughout the month of September, Rev. Chris Black will continue to host a home style Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Chris will do a deep dive into Paul's two letters to the Corinthian Church. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith or have studied the Bible for years, you are welcome to be part of this unique study of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. If you have questions about attending this class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.

First UMC Communications Update

First United Methodist of Madisonville is now on Constant Contact. We have been sending church-wide emails for the last several weeks. If you have not seen email updates from First UMC for a while, please feel free to look in your SPAM/promotions/social tabs in your email. If you still don't see any, then please call our church office so that we can make sure you are added to our email distribution lists. If it has been a while since you have visited our website please take a look!

Our web addresses are:
firstumcmadisonville.com
firstumcmadisonville.org
1umcm.com

On our website you can find our church calendar, worship times, a link to our YouTube Page and information about our outreach/programming. Also, we want to invite you to make sure you pick up the September edition of The Flame Newsletter in the welcome center. There are lots of fun updates as well as a devotion from Pastor Chris.

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, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or go to www.tithing.1umcm.com)

OFFERTORY

CHANCEL CHOIR

✠ DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 14: 25-35

L: The Word of God, for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Count The Cost"

Rev. Chris Black

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CONFESSION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life And Let It Be"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Take My Life And Let It Be"

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!