



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026 **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 **LeeAnne Strickland**
(At this time, please register your attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE
"May the Peace of Christ be with you...and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *"His Name Is Wonderful"* **#174**

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

P: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

L: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

P: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

L: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

P: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Christ Is Alive"* **#318**

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From Romans 8 **#887**

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** **#70**

CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks to your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

silence for personal confession

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS **Rev. Chris Black**

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Chris Black**

Information for our Church Family

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 FUMC is to make disciples 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 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.

Attendance last Sunday

In-Person: 113 On-line: 34

Stewardship as of September 20, 2026

Giving last week: \$2,671.85

Weekly budget need: \$5,723.00

Year-To-Date giving: \$229,535.94

Year-To-Date budget: \$217,474.00

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of our church.



If you would like to give to the ministries of FUMC you may choose to use your phone to scan the QR code to give electronically.

Check us out at any of these spots.
Like and follow us too!



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Altar Flowers today

Given by Ed and Janet Ruppel in honor of their son Nathan's birthday.

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*\*Please see Kim Townson if you would like to place flowers at the altar in honor or memory of someone.*

## *Our Wonderful Volunteers*

**Coffee Bar:** Peggy and Donna Wengert

**Lay Leader:** LeeAnne Strickland

**Usher Team:** Steve Cornett and Larry Sellers

**Production Team:** Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and Zander Liszeski

**First Steps Helper:** LeeAnne Strickland

**Youth Ministry Leaders:** Jerry and Vanessa Barr

## *Prayer Requests*

*Requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and will be moved to our continuing prayer list at [1umcm.com](http://1umcm.com)*

- Quinn (knee surgery recovery) and Cole (health) Strickland and family
- Ann Barker and family
- John Maiuri (upcoming surgery) and family
- Kelly Osborne (surgery) (Judy Maiuri's niece) and family
- Hazel Collins (health) (Mikayla Hamilton's grandmother) and family
- Yael Chazes (health) and family (Briley Williford friend)
- Meg Winans and family (husband moved to memory care facility (Chad Chester's cousin)
- Gary Hamilton (health) and family
- Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- Tate and Merritt Sherrer and family
- Tara Stewart and family
- Sue Kromhaut (health) and family (Warfel)
- Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- Kris and Don Browder's son-in-law Rich Bouchard (health) and family
- Mary Kefauver and family
- Carolyn Peters and family
- Jill (Peters) Reeves and family
- Kevin and Bev Taylor and family
- Unspoken Prayers

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 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” #402

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rev. Chris Black

INVITATION TO OFFERING  
*(We worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)*

OFFERTORY Bev Taylor and Mary Alice Huff

✠ DOXOLOGY #94

SCRIPTURE *1 John 4: 7-21*  
L: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Perfect Love” Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #384

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE “They’ll Know We Are Christians”  
Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

**Choir Director:** Sue Hamilton  
**Pianist:** Bev Taylor  
**Organist:** Mary Alice Huff

FIRST STEPS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in our children’s church ministry following the Children’s Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft and a lesson based on the sermon text.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

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. 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. Lastly, we have crayons and children’s bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.

1st UMC Trunk or Treat event on  
Sunday, October 25th!

First United Methodist of Madisonville will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event in our upper parking area. This event will be happening at the same time as several other church events across Madisonville. We are planning on having games, a bonfire for s’mores, children’s crafts, and plenty of vehicle trunks open with goodies. We will also have hot dogs grilled by our own Pastor Chris Black. It will be a fun event for all who participate or happen to walk by.

Our Trunk or Treat will begin at 5:00 PM, with the grill turning on at 4:30 PM, and things will wrap up at 7:00 PM. To make this event as fun as possible we will need lots of cars (or SUVs, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, etc.), candy, and folks to give out candy. **We are already beginning to give our parking spots for this event so if you are interested in providing a truck to give out candy, please sign up on the orange sheet in the welcome center.** We are so excited about this event and how it welcomes the community to our church family!

Also...

We Need Candy!

If you are not planning to attend our Trunk or Treat, you can still participate by donating some candy for folks to hand out. There is a tote in the Welcome Center for your donations, as well as in the Church Office during normal business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Are you interested in joining our Church?

We are a faith community that is incredibly blessed because we have so many active members! We are blessed also because we have numerous folks who have been faithful as long-time visitors and some who have been wonderful short-term guests. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to join the church as a full member, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chris at [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org).

United Women in Faith September collection

Fresh Start has requested meal starters to help them cook daily meals at their shelter, such as Hamburger Helper and Macaroni & cheese. They need shampoo and shower wash for their women's shelter.

Educational opportunities for our Pastor this week

During this upcoming week Rev. Chris Black will have the chance to participate in two unique events. On Monday, September 28th Chris has been asked to join a panel of other local clergy to discuss vocational ministry with students at Tennessee Wesleyan University. This is an exciting opportunity and furthers our church’s unique connection with TWU and its students and faculty. Then on Tuesday, September 29th, Rev. Chris Black will journey to Leawood, Kansas to the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection to participate in a 3-day continuing education event called the “Leadership Institute.” This conference is sponsored by the Rev. Adam Hamilton and includes a variety of speakers and workshops in ministry leadership. Chris will be joining with several other UMC clergy from the Holston Conference in Kansas and he would appreciate your prayers as he travels and learns some new things!

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“Perfect Love”  
1 John 4: 7-21

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