

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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 *"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"* **#662/Screen**

✠ **WORDS OF INVITATION** **LeeAnne Strickland**
L: Rejoice and be glad!
P: For God is our salvation.
L: Rejoice and be glad!
P: For God is great.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"* **#569/Screen**

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

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** **#70**

CONFESSION **LeeAnne Strickland**
Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that shines, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.
silence for personal confession

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: 103 **On-line:** 41

Weekly Giving Update
Weekly Budget needs: $5,723.40
***Budget* giving for November 1:** $3,385.00
***Designated* giving for November 1**: $361.17

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.

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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 calm 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.

Altar Flowers today

Given by Shannon Larson in memory of her mom, Suzanna McKamey

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

Our Wonderful Volunteers

Lay Leader: LeeAnne Strickland
Usher Team: Ray Nelson and Wes Hibbert
Pianist: Bev Taylor
Organist: Mary Alice Huff
Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy, Briley Williford and Zander Liszeski
Coffee Bar: Open
First Steps Helper: Adalay Rector
Youth Ministry Leaders: Jerry and Vanessa Barr

Prayer Requests

*Requests to stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks then will be moved to our continuing prayer list on our website at **1umcm.com***

- Chad Chester (recovering back surgery) and family
- Shannon Larson (health) and family
- Amanda Cook and family (Marty Cook's daughter)
- Olivia Bowes and family (Fink family)
- Maureen Edmonston (health) (Fink friend)
- Gaila Gache and family (death of her son) (Fink family)
- Donna Wengert (health) and family
- Family of Angie Wilson (Janet Tweed)
- Praise for the beautiful memorial table for All Saints Sunday prepared by Barbara Penland
- Praise for our new outdoor sign
- Beason/Lowry family
- Duane Dopkins (upcoming eye surgery) and family
- Amy Jones (health) and family (Dopkins)
- Family of Mary Kefauver
- Richard and Armida Conley and family
- Lisa Wills and family (health) (Susan Sherrer's sister)
- Haley Cloud (health) and family (Lois Green's niece)
- Family of Darrell Taylor (Tweed request)
- Jo West and family
- Joe Pardue and family (Greenwood friend)
- Becky Chester and family (Chad's sister)
- Family of Stuart Robertson (Lois' brother-in-law)
- Billy Boyce (health and surgery recovery) and family
- Humphries family
- Ann Barker and family
- Miranda Larson (health) and family
- Tara Stewart (health) and family
- Gini Tallent (health) and family (Angela's daughter)
- Unspoken Prayers

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS **Sue Hamilton**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER **Marlee Tierce**

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 *"This Little Light of Mine"* **#585/Screen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT **Abby Blair**

INVITATION TO OFFERING
(By the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)

OFFERTORY *"As A Fire Is Meant for Burning"*
Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY **#94**

SCRIPTURE ***Isaiah 6:8***
L: The Word of God, for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Calling Planted in Childhood" **Glenda Parker**

✠ CLOSING HYMN *"Here I Am, Lord"* **#593/Screen**

✠ BENEDICTION **Glenda Parker**

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

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

✠ POSTLUDE

From all of us at First United Methodist Church…



Come and celebrate Erin & Greyson Strickland

Today, November 8th our United Women in Faith will be hosting a baby shower for Erin and Greyson Strickland from 1:30 PM-3:00 PM in our Gathering Area. Please feel free to make plans to attend, to shower them in gifts, and to celebrate with them!

Annual Charge Conference

On **Sunday afternoon, November 15th at 3:00 PM at Loudon UMC** we will be having our Annual Charge Conference meeting. This is the yearly meeting that our District Superintendent presides over to receive formal missional/ministry reports, and to hold votes on various church business items including (but not limited to) Pastor's compensation and nominated leadership for the upcoming year. The charge conference is one of the unique connectional points between the local church and the broader Annual Conference. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only those in our congregation who are members of the church council or current/retired clergy may vote.

Thanksgiving Supper at FUMC

On **Wednesday evening, November 18th** join us for our covered dish dinner at 6:00 PM to celebrate Thanksgiving. This will be a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and be in fellowship with one another. Bring a dish or two of food to share. We will have two Turkeys to share!

Mark your calendar for our District Day with the Bishop

On **Thursday, November 19th**, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will be with us in the Smoky Mountain District. She will spend the afternoon visiting some ministry sites and hosting some leadership meetings with some clergy groups. Then in the evening she will host a conversation with both the Laity and Clergy laity at Seymour UMC from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. *All are welcome to join in this discussion.*

Save the Date! We are celebrating 200 years in Ministry!

On **Sunday, November 22nd** we will have a special worship service and time of fellowship celebrating our church's 200th anniversary! This will be a very special day for us to go down memory lane, break bread together, and celebrate our church's long and storied history. Prior to and after worship on November 22nd there will be a historical display set out in our Gathering Area which will showcase some interesting moments from our church's past.

Project Appreciation

Bible Fellowship will be collecting snacks to be delivered to the First Responders of Madisonville in appreciation for all they do for us. The holidays bring more emergencies and stress to each one who answers a call. Please put any items in Mission Alley on the Bible Fellowship shelves. *Item ideas: granola bars, snack chips, Slim Jims (jerky with cheese sticks), packaged crackers, snack nuts, snack sized candy that won't melt, etc.*

Church Family,
Thank you so much for the food, flowers, memorials and other acts of kindness that we received from the church family. The care shown by the church made us feel truly supported and surrounded by love. Our friends at First United Methodist Church Madisonville will always have a special place in our hearts. ***~ The Kefauver Family***

First United Methodist Church

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"A Calling Planted in Childhood"

Isaiah 6:8

Pastor
Rev. Chris Black

Guest Speaker today…
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