

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.

Ignite & Youth Supper on 4/16/25
Dora Nelson and Vanessa Barr



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Attendance Last Sunday

In-Person-84 On-line-5

General Giving Last Week

\$4,248.00

Designated Giving Last Week

\$1,228.98

Total Giving for April

\$5,476.98

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: Palm Sunday

Coffee Bar: Kris Browder

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team: Steve Cornett and
Chal Thompson

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

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday



“Another Celebration? Where?”

Luke 19: 28-40

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.

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 13, 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

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS *"Make Way"* **Chancel Choir**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Lee Anne Strickland**

“May the Peace of Christ be with you. . . *and also with you.*”

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Lift High The Cross”* #159/Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

P: We give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

L: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

P: We fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Blessed is the coming kingdom. Hosanna in the highest!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* #278/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation #885

✠ GLORIA PATRI #70

✠ CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes or idols of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(silence for personal confession)

Sermon Notes

We've had a few folks suggest adding some lines to our bulletin for sermon notes, personal reflections and even prayer requests. Feel free to utilize this space during our worship time as the Spirit leads.

Prayer Requests for 4/13/25

Our prayer list is very active each week with new requests and concerns. The printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then they will be moved to our ongoing prayer list on our website.

- ◆ Bobby Richman (health) & Lynn Hoover (health) (friends of the Nelson's)
- ◆ Praise that Mike and Gabi Tallent are going to be grandparents (Daughter Roxanna)
- ◆ Sharon Young (Hamilton friend)
- ◆ Travis Frye and family (Lindsay Liszeski's friends)
- ◆ Family of Doug Riddle (Patty Williford Jones' brother)
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Kayla Couch and family
- ◆ John and Judy Maiuri
- ◆ Charlie and Phyllis Harrell and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

A note about our office schedule

The office will be closed in honor of Easter Monday on April 21st. For pastoral emergencies please feel free to call Pastor Chris Black on his cell phone.

Free Dental Cleanings!

On Wednesday, April, 23rd the students of Tennessee Wesleyan Wilhelm Dental Hygiene Program will be giving free dental cleanings starting at 10:00am and lasting until 2:00pm in the Community Room. It's by appointment only; both children and adults are welcome. Please call (423) 252-1475 for one of the available hourly appointments.

United Women in Faith Scholarship Salad Bar

Join us after worship at 11:45am on Sunday, April 27th for a Salad Bar Extravaganza. UWF will gratefully accept donations to fund our scholarship program while you enjoy lettuce salad with lots of fixings, fruit salad, pasta salad, chicken salad, egg salad, and pimento cheese sandwiches plus some delicious desserts. There will be a silent auction, with great items to bid on. We hope you will join us to support our graduating seniors.

**Maundy Thursday Worship
with Tenebrae**

On Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00pm, our church will have a special evening service marking Holy Thursday. On this night we will remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Then, through scripture, prayer, light, sound, and darkness, we will also remember what led up to the death and crucifixion of Jesus with a service of Tenebrae. This service of worship will be a powerful way for us to participate in holy week as a community. It will mark the beginning of a vigil of prayer before we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday. We hope you will join us for this unique and powerful worship experience.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

On Friday, April 18th, at 11:00am Pastor Chris Black will lead the *Way of the Cross* through our downtown area. This will be a time for us to intentionally mark Good Friday as a faith community and to consider the full story of Christ’s passion. We will meet in the sanctuary of the church and then begin our contemplative walk through downtown, and arrive back at the church once we are done. As we go we will stop at various places to hear scriptures read and offer prayer together. If you would like to participate, please wear comfortable shoes. If it is raining that day, we will do our prayer walk within the church.

Easter Cantata

On Sunday morning, April 27th our Chancel Choir will present Russell Mauldin’s cantata “*One Day*” at our 10:30am morning Worship service. The choir has been working on the music for several weeks. This is a beautiful Easter cantata. It’s not too late to join the choir and be a part of this presentation. Choir practice is at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Sue.

Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt

FUMC’s Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00am in Houston Park, downtown Madisonville. Last year’s event was a huge success and we need the assistance of the entire church to make this year’s event even more spectacular. Our United Methodist Men will again be serving hot dogs from our command post—Volunteer Federal’s Weiner Wagon. Our United Women in Faith will be providing cookies. We’ll have some chips and drinks also. Our youth group stuffs and hides the eggs and we will need several more helpers to hide the eggs that morning. We need lots of individually wrapped candy. We have a collection tote in the gathering area. Please bring any donations by this Wednesday morning, April 16th.

Holy Week Worship Services

- ♦ **Wednesday, April 16th:** *Midweek Communion* at 12:00pm-Sanctuary
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 16th:** *Extended Brutality: A Study of Crucifixion* at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ **Thursday, April 17th:** *Maundy Thursday Communion Service with Tenebrae* at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- ♦ **Friday, April 18th:** *Good Friday Way of the Cross Prayer Walk* at 11:00am. Meet in the Sanctuary.
- ♦ **Saturday, April 19th:** *Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt* at 11:00am in Houston Park, Downtown Madisonville
- ♦ **Sunday, April 20th:**
~*Easter Sunday Worship Sunrise Service* at 7:00am at the home of:
Don and Kris Browder
645 W. Crestview Drive
Madisonville, TN 34354
~*Fellowship time* begins at 10:00am in the Gathering Area
~*Easter Worship Service* at 10:30am in our Sanctuary
(Don’t forget to bring your flowers for the outside cross)



PRAISES AND 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

“Tell Me Stories Of Jesus”

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

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Save Us, Lord”

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

#40

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 28-40
L: The Word of God, for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God

Rev. Chris Black

SERMON

“Another Celebration? Where?”

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✠ CLOSING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud And Honor”

Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Lift High The Cross”

Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!