

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH...**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

8:30am-9:30am United Methodist Men Fellowship Hall  
 9:30am-10:15am Adult Bible Sunday Library  
 10:30am-11:30am Worship Service Sanctuary  
 11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship Youth Room

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

6:30pm-7:30pm Trustee's Meeting Conference Room

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

5:00pm-6:00pm Community Café Fellowship Hall  
 6:00pm-7:00pm Finance Committee Conference Room

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

12:00pm-12:30pm Midweek Communion Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024 cont'd**

6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Practice Sanctuary  
 6:00pm-7:30pm Ignite Kid's Ministry Fellowship Hall/Classroom  
 6:00pm-8:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship Hall/Youth Room

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

5:00pm-6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Community Room

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

11:00am UWF Christmas Luncheon Western Sizzler-Athens

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

9:30am-10:15am Adult Bible Sunday Library  
 10:30am-11:30am Worship Service Sanctuary  
 11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship Youth Room

**Coffee Bar provided by:**

Susan Sherrer

**Ignite/Youth Supper:**

United Methodist Men

**Altar Flowers:**

All of December will be the beautiful Advent Flowers



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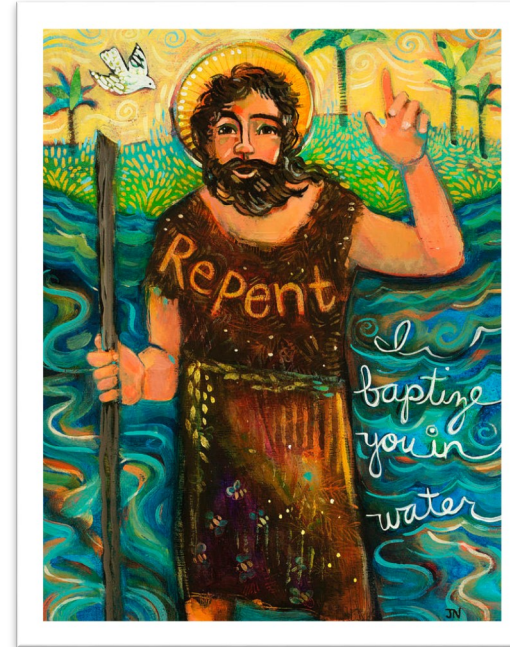


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# First United Methodist Church

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



## “John the Baptist? At Christmas?”

**Luke 3: 2b-18**

*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, brochures, devotionals, and refreshments are available in the gathering 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

**December 8, 2024**

**10:30AM**

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

## 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))*

## INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

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

## TRINITY CHIMES

## SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

Screen

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance;  
He preaches to us still.

P: **Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.**

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

#196/Screen

## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From the United Church of Canada*

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## ✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

## CONFESSION

L: Saints, let us trust in God's love for us and confess our sin, confident in God's mercy.

P: **Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(silence for personal confession)*

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*Peace*

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

## *New Prayer Requests*

- ◆ Family and friends of Larry Davis
- ◆ Ken Hibbert (Wes' brother)
- ◆ Barbara Baiz and Kat Ahart
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Dossett family
- ◆ Conley family



## *Continuing Prayer Requests*

- ◆ Kyle & family (Slouka)
- ◆ Scott and Julie Nelson
- ◆ Valerie Stratton (Nelson)
- ◆ Britney West's family and friends
- ◆ Ruby Levinson and family
- ◆ TWU's Love Thy Neighbor Outreach
- ◆ Family of Darrah Wiseman
- ◆ Jordan Watkins and family
- ◆ Allan and Julia Reedy and family
- ◆ John and Judy Maiuri and family
- ◆ Cheyenne Cruz
- ◆ Family of Mary Margaret Mason
- ◆ Pat Rapping and family
- ◆ Helga Bulger and the family of Ronald McNinch (Ruppel)
- ◆ Doug Riddle (Williford/Jones)
- ◆ Regina Moore (Penland)
- ◆ Kayla Couch and family
- ◆ Kellie Noe (Tierce)
- ◆ Jack and Janie Thomas (Hamilton)
- ◆ Gerald Picklesimer (Rapping)
- ◆ Michael Benlardy (Christopher)
- ◆ Mark Whitehead (Cafe' friend)
- ◆ Robert Mitchell (Nelson)

- ◆ Tara Stewart's sister Laura and family
- ◆ Leamon family (Green)
- ◆ Houvenagle family
- ◆ Doug Warren and family
- ◆ Andy Chermely (Alliman)
- ◆ Bev and Allan Potts (Dopkins)
- ◆ Shirley Leverton (Larry Davis' sister)
- ◆ Johnny Pickens (Rena Foster)
- ◆ Betty Byrum Hicks and family
- ◆ Wayne and Lucille Peery
- ◆ Baby Thomas & family (Nelson)
- ◆ John Stratton (Dora's brother)
- ◆ Ray Sammons & family (Slouka)

*The complete Prayer List is updated live at [www.1umcm.com](http://www.1umcm.com)*

## *Attendance*

In-Person-75 On-line-8

## *Giving last Sunday*

December 1st-\$3,957.00

## *Giving for December*

\$3,957.00

## *Needed each month*

\$23,153.00

## *Memorials*

Donations given in Memory of Larry Davis:

Kevin & Bev Taylor  
Alfred &Carolynn Greenwood  
Mike & Gabi Tallent

*Thank You*

## Advent Study of Almost Christmas

We continue with this four week study that draws on scriptures and the writings of John and Charles Wesley as they consider God's gifts of the traditional themes of Advent: peace, hope, love, and joy. Bible Fellowship invites you to continue with us each Sunday through Advent. We meet after church in the Youth Room for lunch, lessons & fellowship. Contact **Marlee Tierce** for a book.

## Christmas Cantata on December 15th



Please mark your calendars to be in worship on December 15th for our Annual Christmas Cantata! Our church choir has been working diligently and joyfully to lead us in worship on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. They are excited to share the cantata "The Living Gift" by Michael Frazier. We hope you will make plans to be in worship with us for this celebration of the advent season through song.

## Family Night Supper @ 6:00pm with Impromptu Nativity following

On Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00pm we will come together as a church family for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Then all will be invited to join us in the sanctuary for a brief, joy filled, funny, and exciting children's program and impromptu nativity that will be put on by our young people. This event is always a fun intergenerational way to remember the powerful story of Christ's birth. We hope that every child & youth in our church will be a part of the program. Bring a covered dish for dinner and join us for this exciting evening.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

Christmas Eve worship here at First United Methodist Church of Madisonville will be held at 7:00pm in our Sanctuary. We will have communion together and celebrate the birth of our Savior through song, scripture, sacrament, and light. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service of worship on one of the most holy nights of the Christian year.



## Into the Bible with Rev. Chris Black starts in January

*Have you ever been intimidated by the Bible? Or felt that you didn't know where to start with reading or studying scripture? Have you ever wanted to go deeper and to learn more?*

Beginning on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm Rev. Chris Black is beginning a new Pastor's Bible Study Class that will help you approach the Bible with confidence. This class will meet in the fellowship hall and will be a home-style Bible Study for all ages! Pastor Chris will offer an in-depth exploration of the gospel of John, and then he will move into other areas of the scriptures. In the midst of our study the group will discuss some fundamental ways to engage with the Bible, so that you may apply it to your life today. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend. If you have any questions about the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at [cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org](mailto:cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org)

## 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 OF PRAISE "Let The Peace Of Christ Rule In Your Heart" 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 [www.tithing.1umcm.com](http://www.tithing.1umcm.com) for other options.)*

OFFERTORY Cantata Selection Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY #94

SCRIPTURE **Luke 3: 2b-18**  
*L: The Word of God, for the People of God.*  
*P: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "John the Baptist? At Christmas?" Rev. Chris Black

✘ CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated" Screen

✘ BENEDICTION

✘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let The Peace Of Christ Rule In Your Heart" Screen

✘ TRINITY CHIMES

## POSTLUDE

✘ Please stand as you are able.  
*Serve the Lord this week where you are able!*