

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: 128 On-line: 38

Sunday General Giving

\$2,588.00

Sunday Designated Giving

\$1,232.16

Total Giving for January

\$9,390.51

Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

Flowers: Open

Coffee Bar: Open

1/21 Ignite & Youth Dinner:

Family Night Supper-Breakfast for Dinner

Usher Team:

Ray Nelson and Wes Hibbert

Production Team:

Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel,
Carter Kennedy and Briley Williford

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:

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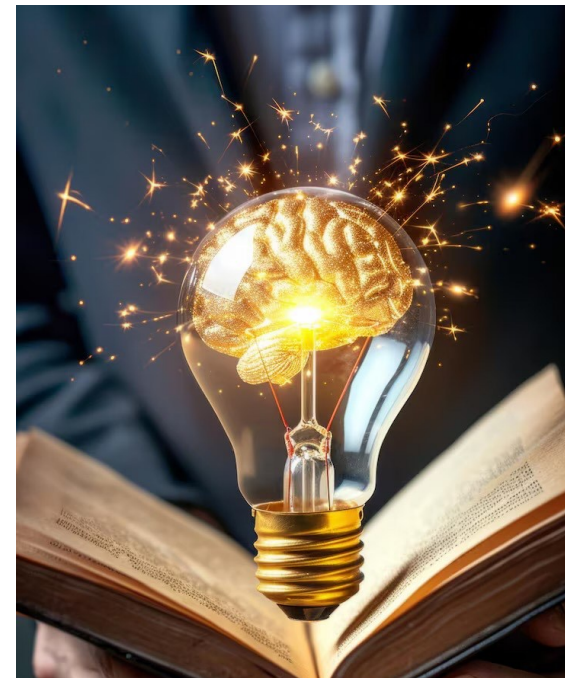
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First United Methodist Church

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



“Wisdom in a Fleeting World”

Ecclesiastes 1: 1-14

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 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.

“I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 18, 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

(At this time please register your in-person 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

L: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

P: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

L: Christ is the fountain of life.

P: In Christ we behold the Light of God. Let us worship him now.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"* #152/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation #885

✠ GLORIA PATRI #70

CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

silence for personal confession.

Sermon Notes

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

Prayer Requests for 1/18/26

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

- ◆ Family of Nelson Hearl
- ◆ Praise that Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father) is finally out of the hospital and is in rehab
- ◆ Linda Giles and family (Barbara Penland's daughter)
- ◆ Little Grady Givens
- ◆ Angie Sutton (McKenzie)
- ◆ Family of David Kefauver
- ◆ Strickland family
- ◆ Joe Grubb and family
- ◆ Family of Dr. Alan Brock (Isbill)
- ◆ Praise for Grant Hamilton and family (now has his own church as a pastor)
- ◆ Blair Clements and family
- ◆ Family of Kathleen Bailey (retired teacher)
- ◆ Shay Farnsworth (Community Cafe helper)
- ◆ Family of Ruel Tallent (Penland)
- ◆ Kaleigh Frye and family (Travis Frye's niece)
- ◆ Family of Dallas Maxwell (Maiuri)
- ◆ Kendall Wimmer (Charlie's brother)
- ◆ Houvenagle family
- ◆ Helga (Janet Ruppel)
- ◆ Mike and Sandy O'Neill and family
- ◆ Kat Ahart (surgery) and Barbara Baiz
- ◆ Miranda Larson and family
- ◆ Ron Leinart (surgery) and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers

**Mark your calendars
for breakfast for dinner!**

This Wednesday night, January 21st at 6 PM we will be having our monthly family night supper in the fellowship hall, and we want to invite you to bring your favorite breakfast dish! This could be biscuits with gravy, fruit salad, bacon, egg & sausage casserole, etc. Pastor Chris will be making pancakes to share. This dinner will be a wonderful time to be together on one of the coldest months of the year.

Resurrection is this Month...

January 23rd-25th, 2026

LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

Resurrection is an awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Each year thousands of youth and volunteers come together in Pigeon Forge, TN, to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. Resurrection is hosted by the youth ministry of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. Most of the youth and adults who attend Resurrection come from the geographical areas of the Holston Conference which includes northeast Georgia, eastern Tennessee, and southwestern Virginia. For more information, contact Vanessa Barr at vbruemmer@gmail.com.



**Altar Flowers-we
need you!**

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Altar, please contact Kim Townson directly at 423-836-5385 or townsonkjwp@gmail.com to sign-up.

New Senior Fellowship Event

You are invited to our New Senior Fellowship event on Wednesday, January 28th at 11am. We will have games, lunch (\$5 per person for pizza) and fun! Sign-up list is located at the Coffee Bar so we can get a general count. Contact Sue Hamilton or Regina Warfel with any questions.

United Women in Faith meets today

Please join us at 11:45am today for our first meeting of the 2026 new year. All women of FUMC are welcome! This group meets on the third Sunday of every month in the fellowship hall, where they share a meal as they work, learn, and strategize together. Contact Jill Alliman with any questions.



**Our Combined choirs on Sunday
were a real blessing!!**

We had such a beautiful time of worship last Sunday afternoon as our Chancel choir combined with Madisonville Presbyterian's choir to present the cantata *A Child is Born...All Is Well*. We had 118 total participants, and over \$1,142.00 raised for the Community Cafe Ministry. Also, many folks brought along canned goods for both churches' Blessing Boxes. A big thanks to our choirs, musicians, conductors, and technical support. We look forward to more opportunities to share in worship and service with our friends at Madisonville Presbyterian Church. You can view the video on our YouTube channel.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#526/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.)

OFFERTORY

"Thy Word"

Chancel Choir

✠ DOXOLOGY

#94

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1: 1-14

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Wisdom in a Fleeting World"

Rev. Chris Black

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

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✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Let the Peace of Christ
Rule in Your Heart"*

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~