

## 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: 23 On-line: 101

## Sunday General Giving

\$1,492.00

## Sunday Designated Giving

\$135.00

## Total Giving for February

\$1,625.98

## Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

## Flowers: Open

**Coffee Bar:** Janet Tweed

## 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:

Jerry and Vanessa Barr

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# First United Methodist Church

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



## “Wisdom That Prays” *Psalm 22*

*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.*

***“They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:  
He has done it!”***

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 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

*(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**      *“We Have Come To Join In Worship”*      **Screen**

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

**P: But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.**

L: Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

**P: We are listening for God's call in our lives.**

**✠ HYMN OF PRAISE**      *“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”* #139/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed      #881

## ✠ GLORIA PATRI #70

## CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our lord. 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 2/8/26

Printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our continuing prayer list on our website.

- ◆ Larry Sellers (health) and family
- ◆ Linda Giles (Barbara Penland's daughter) and family
- ◆ Houvenagle family
- ◆ Kathy Hartley and family
- ◆ Joe Grubb and Strickland family
- ◆ Karen McCue and family (Ruppel)
- ◆ Our nation and world
- ◆ Mary Nelson and family (Ray and Dora's daughter-in-law)
- ◆ Amy Depew Wolz and family
- ◆ Ronnie Gay (back in the hospital and new surgery) (Veronica Venable's father) and family
- ◆ Family of Tanyia Hughes (Cavett friends)
- ◆ Ron Leinart and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers





**Congregation-Wide Meeting  
Next Sunday, February 15th**

Pastor Chris will have a brief meeting before worship at 9:15

AM on February 15th, in the sanctuary to offer the State of the Church Annual Report. He will discuss the overall health of our church and summarize the fruits of our ministry together from 2025. He will also discuss some future disciple making goals for our church for 2026. If you are interested in hearing about these updates please feel free to show up to church a little earlier for worship on.

**Ash Wednesday Worship & Family  
Night Supper on February 18th**

Ash Wednesday is a unique day in the church year where we gather to mark the beginning of the 40 day season of Lent. Our worship together will be a time to put aside past sins and failures through repentance, and to kick off a period of time to foster new beginnings in our relationship with Jesus Christ. In worship will focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God’s redeeming love in Christ.

While the use of ashes as a sign of mortality and penance may be new to some, it has a significant history in both Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes can be a powerful way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. We hope you will join us for a special service of worship on Wednesday evening February 18th at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary.

Before the service, at 6:00 PM, plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light soup and bread dinner. Bread will be provided, so please plan on bringing along your favorite soups, salads, or desserts to share with the congregation. This will also be the dinner for the youth and ignite groups.  
Please join us!



**Pastor’s Weekly Bible  
Study Continues**

Throughout February Rev. Chris Black will continue to host a weekly home style Bible study class at 7:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Even if you haven’t attended yet you are welcome to drop in anytime! Between January and May Pastor Chris will offer an in-depth exploration of the gospel of Matthew and will utilize images/stories from his trip to Israel to illuminate the scripture in new ways. 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).



**The Susanna Study**

The Susanna Study (for widows) is beginning. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you are interested in joining this group of championship, fun and food at 678-525-0348 or [mtierce@aol.com](mailto:mtierce@aol.com).

**Lenten Bible Study**

*Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back* by Ray Buckley.



In every culture and time, persons of faith, of all ages, have summoned trials and tribulations to find the endurance and strength to “dance”. This study looks at the struggle in the lives of believers, while helping us to enter the continually crumbling world surrounding Jesus and the disciples in the days preceding Easter. The Bible Fellowship invites you to join their Lenten study beginning on Sunday, February 22nd after church. We share lunch. Please let Marlee Tierce know if you wish to join or need a book.

**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 *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”* #496/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** *“Lord, I Need You”* **Chancel Choir**

✠ DOXOLOGY #94

**SCRIPTURE** *Psalm 22*  
L: The Word of God, for the People of God.  
P: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** *“Wisdom That Prays”* **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ CLOSING HYMN *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”* #454/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION **Rev. Chris Black**

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”* Screen

✠ TRINITY CHIMES

**POSTLUDE**

*~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~*