

### 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: 94 On-line: 35

### Sunday General Giving

\$2,687.00

### Sunday Designated Giving

\$890.00

### (Vanco Fees-General)

-\$12.09

### Total Giving for November

\$15,667.01

### Needed monthly

\$23,866.50

**Flowers:** Margaret and Chad Chester

**Coffee Bar:** Open

**Youth Supper 11/26:** *Ignite* won't meet, but youth will meet at 6PM for dinner and our Thanksgiving lesson

**Lay Leader:** Lee Anne Strickland

### Usher Team:

Steve Cornett and Gary Hamilton

### 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

**Rev. Chris Black**

*Pastor*

**Nikki Rutzen**

*Executive Assistant*

**Sue Hamilton**

*Director of Congregational Care  
& Choir Ministries*

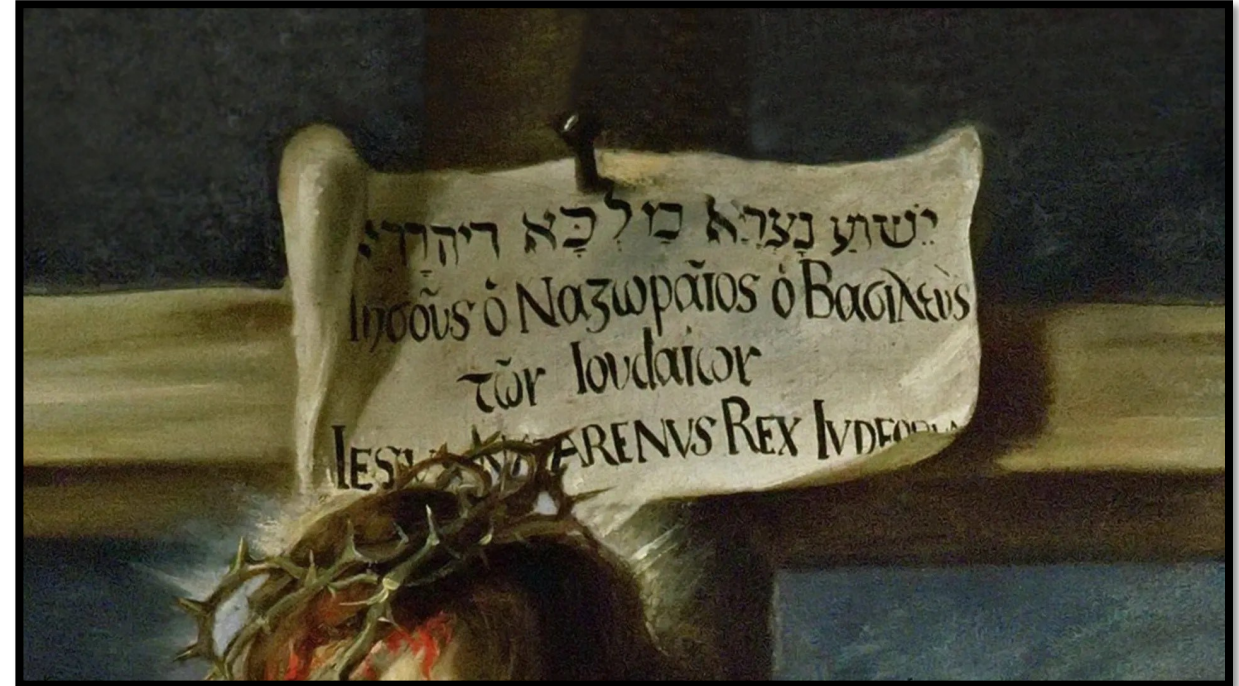
**Erin Strickland**

*First Steps Coordinator*

# First United Methodist Church

November 23, 2025

*Reign of Christ*



**“The Crucified King”**

*Luke 23: 33-43*

*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.*

***“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”***

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lee Anne Strickland**

*(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

*“Majesty”*

## #176/Screen

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,

**P: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of earth.**

L: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**P: The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”*

## #715/Screen

## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From 1 Timothy

#889

**✠ GLORIA PATRI**

## #70

## CONFESSION

**Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you.**

**Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven,  
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**  
*silence for personal confession.*

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rev. Chris Black**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Rev. Chris Black**

Member, Residence in Ministry (RIM) Sub-Committee

Member, Division of Elders

*Thank you for your support!*

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## Sermon Notes

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

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## Prayer Requests for 11/23/25

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

- ◆ Charlie Harrell and family
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Donna Stone (Jones/Williford friend)
- ◆ Linda White and family
- ◆ Ron Leinart (upcoming surgery) and family
- ◆ Brandon Beason (collapsed lung) and Family
- ◆ Linda Giles (heart surgery) (Barbara Penland's daughter)
- ◆ Pat/Karen Rapking and family
- ◆ Chris and Mike Breyne (Brenda Alford's aunt and uncle)
- ◆ Evan Kile (4 wheeler accident) and family
- ◆ Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- ◆ Joe Grubb and family
- ◆ Family of Wayne Peery
- ◆ Ronnie Gay and family (Veronica Venable's father)
- ◆ Robert Parker Jr. (Glenda's son) and family
- ◆ Norman Nelson and family (Ray's brother) and Nelson/Stratton family
- ◆ Jim Richardson (Dopkins)
- ◆ Maiuri family
- ◆ Quinn Strickland and family
- ◆ Tate Sherrer and family
- ◆ Unspoken Prayers 



**Deck the Halls and Taste the Season!**  
Join us tonight for a casual fellowship event called **“Deck the Halls and Taste the Season!”** This evening, at 6:30PM we will deck the halls of our church by decorating for the Advent Season. We’ll begin our time together by singing some Christmas Carols and sharing some unique things about the symbols of this season. Then we will begin decorating the church together! We will have hot chocolate, some sweet treats, and apple cider to fuel us during our time together. We hope you will make plans to join us for this fun kick off to the Christmas season!



**Advent is coming next week**  
The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 30th. Followers of Jesus often use the days leading up to Christmas to celebrate and prepare for the coming of Christ. Our congregation will mark the 4 weeks in Advent leading up to the Christmas season in some very rich, unique, and fun ways both on Sundays and throughout the week. Please be on the lookout for all the ways we will be preparing as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**United Women In Faith**  
Our UWF group is collecting canned goods for the Blessing Box and to give to needy families throughout Madisonville. Please bring any donations to their shelf in Mission Alley before the end of December. Thank you!!  
**YOU ARE INVITED.**...All women of FUMC are invited to the UWF Christmas Luncheon on December 6th at 1:30PM, which will be held at Kahiti Country Club. Please RSVP to Regina Warfel at 219-964-8989.

**Coffee Bar Volunteers Needed!**  
Do you love hosting? If so, sign-up to be a volunteer host for our Sunday Coffee Bar. You only need to provide the food, hosting and clean-up. Hosting is a great fellowship opportunity. If this sounds like something you are interested in, contact Janet Tweed.

**New Responsibilities for Rev. Chris Black**  
I wanted to send a quick note of thanksgiving to the church. Thanks to all of you who have been so supportive of my ministry among you over the last 5 years, and for how you have supported me as a young leader. I am in a unique season as a young pastor in our annual conference. I have been asked to serve the broader church (or in education) in a variety of new ways over the last couple of years and it has been a true blessing. My responsibilities have taken me out of the office some days more than others but I am learning a tremendous amount! I want to thank you all as a congregation for your support and flexibility as I have been tasked with serving in a variety of new and unique ways. It has been challenging to balance it all, especially with a young family but I am striving to do it with your support. Again, Thank you!

Also, for some additional context here are my current administrative responsibilities both within and outside our local church here at 1st UMC of Madisonville.  
**Current List of Administrative Responsibilities for Rev. Chris-Fall 2025**

- 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of Madisonville**  
Chairperson, Nominations and Leadership Development  
Member, Church Council  
Member, Finance Committee  
Liaison, Trustees  
Liaison, SPRC
- Appointed Pastor of Eleazar United Methodist Tennessee Wesleyan University**  
Member, Board of Trustees Member  
Member, Religious and Student Life Sub-Committee  
Member, Academic Affairs Sub-Committee
- Smoky Mountain District**  
Member, Hiwassee District Leadership Team
- Holston Annual Conference**  
Member, Congregational Development Team  
Member, Board of Ordained Ministry Executive Committee  
Chairperson, Board of Ordained Ministry Vocational Recruitment & Support Committee  
Member, Board of Ordained Ministry



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| THE LORD’S PRAYER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |                  |
| <i>Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.<br/>Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.<br/>Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,<br/>as we forgive those who trespass against us.<br/>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:<br/>For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i> |                                                                    |                  |
| ✠ HYMN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | “Crown, Ye Thankful People, Come”                                  | #694/Screen      |
| CHILDREN’S MOMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    | Rev. Chris Black |
| INVITATION TO OFFERING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                    |                  |
| <i>(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |                  |
| OFFERTORY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | “O, Worship The King”                                              | Joyful Ringers   |
| ✠ DOXOLOGY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                    | #94              |
| SCRIPTURE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Luke 23: 33-43</i>                                              |                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | L: The Word of God, for the People of God.<br>P: Thanks be to God. |                  |
| SERMON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | “The Crucified King”                                               | Rev. Chris Black |
| ✠ CLOSING HYMN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | “Crown Him With Many Crowns”                                       | #327/Screen      |
| ✠ BENEDICTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                    | Rev. Chris Black |
| ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | “Let The Peace of Christ<br>Rule In Your Heart”                    | Screen           |
| ✠ TRINITY CHIMES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                    |                  |
| POSTLUDE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                    |                  |



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