

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Hymn UMH 580 *Lead On, O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE

***Benediction**

*Choral Benediction (10:30am) Randy Edwards
Children, Go Forth in Peace

***Postlude**

Improvisation

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given by Ron and Becky Reel in honor of loved ones.

FEBRUARY USHER TEAMS

8:15am Capt. Rusty Cantwell, Dick Copeland, Ron Reel, Ralph Stelzman, Donna Winstead
10:30am Capt. Bob Schwalb, Matt Drinnon, Carrie Hoffmeister, Gary Johnson, Rob Kelly, Rich McGowan

ACOLYTE (10:30am) Kara Hotel
CRUCIFER (10:30am) Rory Stapleton

Sermon Notes

For more information about activities/events or calendar items, please go to the Church Center app. If you need assistance operating the app, see Lisa Cavallucci or Ben Stapleton. They are happy to assist you. You may also pick up a FUMC calendar of events in the narthex or gym.



Church Meetings and Events

ALL CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS must have a facility request form filled out in order to be put on the church calendar. The form takes minutes to complete and helps our custodial crew to be prepared for your event.

Coffee with the Pastor | 9:15am | Today

Discover what FUMC has to offer while visiting with others that are interested in putting down roots at FUMC.

Kids Choir | 5pm | Today

We are kicking off Kids Choir today at a new day and time. Join us on the third floor for kids ages 4-5th grade. We sing, learn about worship, play music games, and play instruments. If you have kids in your family, we would love for them to join our choir. We will sing 2-3 times during worship this semester.



Joyful Hearts | Thursday February 20 | 11:00am

Brad Jones will be presenting and demonstrating some of the history of the instruments at FUMC. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 11:00am followed by lunch in the Community Room. Register in the church office by noon tomorrow. Lunch is \$10 and will be provided by Jersey Girl.

Reshape Small Groups | begin week of March 2

Register on Church Center or in the Church office as we begin this program to help us hear God's next steps for FUMC's ministry.

- SUNDAYS @ 5:00PM (led by Marcia Whetsel)
- MONDAYS @ 6:00PM (led by Bob Trinklein)
- TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM (led by Mike Pittman)
- WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30AM (led by Denise Aludo)
- WEDNESDAYS @ 4:00PM (led by Teresa Ayers & Liz Neill)
- THURSDAYS @ 6:00PM (led by Randy Corlew)



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon | Sunday February 23 | 11:30am

We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers with a luncheon. We'll be serving turkey and meatloaf. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Gail Burkett. Please RSVP by noon on Feb. 17.

Foster Closet Volunteers needed

Contact Lori Hotel - youth@fumcmorristown.org

Rummage Sale | Friday and Saturday April 4 and 5

Drop off items Wednesday, April 2 from 5pm and Thursday, April 3 8am-7pm.

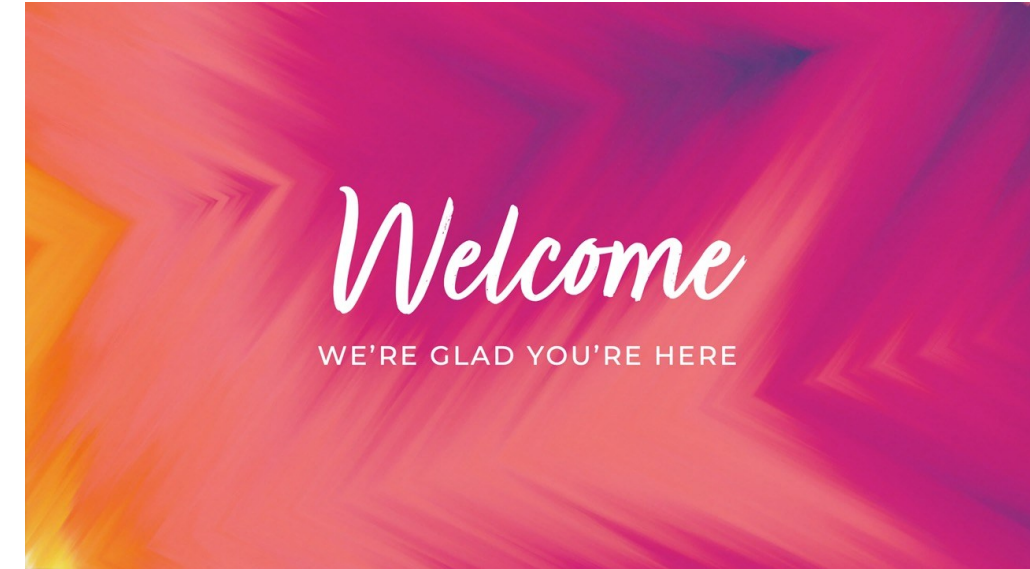


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WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

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February 16, 2025

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.

WELCOME to **F**irst **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**hurch (FUMC). We would love to have you fill out your name and any information you feel comfortable sharing on the attendance pad. If you need help with anything today, please contact one of our ushers, pastors, or security team members. We hope you will join us again as we *Gather, Grow, and Go* at FUMC.



GATHER



GROW



GO

CONNECT WITH US



Scan our QR code to find FUMC on social apps, including the Church Center app, which connects you to our Small Groups, events, calendars, and more!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

February 16, 2025

8:15am & 10:30am

Please remember to silence cell phones.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and devices for the hearing impaired are available for this morning's service. Please see an usher.

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Allegro for Two Flutes* John Stanley

Choral Introit (10:30am) Hal Hopson
Make Joyful Music to the Lord

***Hymn** UMH 103 ST. DENIO
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885
A Modern Affirmation
(8:15am) Ben Stapleton (10:30am) Ellen Fisher

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all is works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** UMH 70 *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Congregational Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Asa

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.

Anthem (10:30am) Arr. by Mark Hayes
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
(text on UMH 175)
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination
(8:15 am) Brad Jones (10:30am) Ellen Fisher
Loving God, who speaks to us through your Scriptures and in the collective wisdom of your people throughout the ages: Help us to hear anew what you would speak to us this day. For your word is always fresh, a message of life and hope in the world that needs to know and heed your will. Through Christ the Living Word and your Spirit of illumination who with You is the truth that sets us free. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 6:10-13
The Word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God***

***Hymn** *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* CLOSER WALK



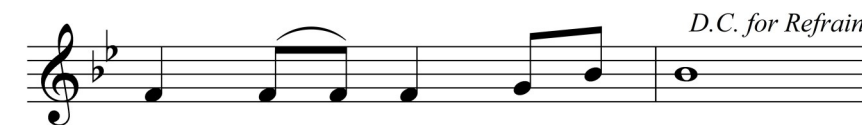
1. I am weak, but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toils and snares,
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,
Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee,



Je - sus keep me from all wrong; —
if I fal - ter Lord who cares? —
time for me will be no more; —
grant it, Je - sus is my plea,



I'll be sat - is - fied as long — as I
Who with me my bur - den shares? — None but
guide me gent - ly safe - ly o'er — to thy
dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: Let it



walk, let me walk close to thee.
thee, dear — Lord, none but thee.
King dom — shore, to thy shore.
be, dear Lord, let it be.

***Old Testament Lesson** 1 Samuel 17:33, 42-46
The Word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God***

Sermon *Taking a Risk:* Pastor Asa
Ignore the Critic

Prayer of Confession
Lord, we come before You today, acknowledging the many times we have listened to the voices of critics. We have allowed fear and the words of others to discourage us from standing firm in faith. We confess that we have allowed the challenges and giants in our lives to overshadow the truth that You are greater. We have let our struggles distract us from the battles You've called us to fight. Forgive us, Lord, for relying on the wrong armor, the expectations of others, the approval of the world, or our own limited understanding—instead of the spiritual resources You provide.

Assurance of Pardon
We are reminded, O Lord, that You are our strength and shield. Just as You empowered David to face the giant with only a sling and five stones, you equip us with everything we need for the battle. You have given us the full armor of God, with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. So, hear these words dear people of God:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Refuge and Strength* Mark Hayes
Ben Stapleton

***Doxology** UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***