

***Postlude** *Improvisation*
(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jackie Sisson & Matthew & Rachel Ann (Sisson) Reading in memory of Rachel & Jack Johnson.

THE ROSEBUD on the altar is in honor of Rosalee Annabel Reading. She is the daughter of Rachel Ann and Matthew Reading and the granddaughter of Jackie Sisson.

ACOLYTE Samantha Gorghis
CRUCIFER Lulu Cavallucci

COMMUNION SERVERS Kris Bennett, Kat Morilak, Alice Shugart, & Paula Waldron

FEBRUARY USHERS Jerry Cranford, Captain; Susan Frazier, Charles Goddard, Darwin Kilday, and Jeff Wright

Sermon Notes



Worship Series | Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously | January
Pastor Asa will walk us through the new vision statement of the United Methodist Church- *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

Ash Wednesday | February 18 | 5pm supper | 6pm Service
Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a season of repentance and preparation for Easter. Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays) and is a time for reflection, spiritual renewal, and drawing closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and intentional practices.

RESCHEDULED! New Member Celebration | Wednesday | March 11 | 5pm
Bring soup, salad, or sandwiches to share as we celebrate those who joined our church family in 2025.

Altar Flowers | \$60
The Sundays of February 8, March 1, and May 17 are still available to give flowers in memory or in honor of someone. Signup on the Church Center app or in the church office.



Kids Choir | 6pm | begins February 25
We will have 2 rounds of Kids Choir this Spring. 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. The first round will be Wednesdays- Feb 25, Mar. 4, 11, and 18. We will sing in the Traditional Worship Service on Sunday, March 29 at 9am. The second round will be Wednesdays Apr. 8, 15, 29, and May 6. We will sing in worship Sunday, May 10 at 11am in the Modern Worship Service. We hope you will join us! Contact Ben Stapleton for more information.

Enews
Many have reported problems receiving the weekly church email. We are attempting to get to the bottom of this issue. Meanwhile, check your junk folder. The email subject line is What’s Coming Up. The sender is fumc@fumcmorristown.org. Add that email address to your list of contacts. We will keep you updated as we seek to solve this issue.



Rummage Sale | Friday and Saturday | April 10 and 11

Drop off items Wednesday, April 8 from 5pm-7pm and 8am-5pm on Thursday, April 9.

Camp in the Community| July 20-24
We are excited to announce that FUMC will be hosting *Camp in the Community* (CITC) this summer! CITC is a ministry of Holston Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries. It is a week-long day camp program for children in poverty. The camp operates in partnership with a host church located in an impoverished community in the Holston Conference. They provide a high-quality summer camp experience to those who could not otherwise afford to attend summer camp. Lisa and Asa will be sharing additional information soon. Sign up on the Church Center app or in the church office to volunteer.

WELCOME TO
First United Methodist Church
-est. 1852-

February 1, 2026

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 red 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.



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GROW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion
Liturgical Color: White

February 1, 20269:00am

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

PreludeFestival VoluntaryFlor Peeters

Choral IntroitThis is the DayRobert Wright

*Hymn UMH 715Rejoice, the Lord Is KingDARWALL’S 148TH

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*Gloria Patri UMH 70Glory be to the FatherMEINEKE

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.

*Passing of the Peace

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral PrayerPastor Asa

*Prayer for IlluminationBrad JonesLord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

*Old Testament LessonPsalm 100

*New Testament Lesson1 Peter 4:9-10The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.

SermonServe JoyfullyPastor Asa

Vision Statement of the United Methodist Church

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Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*Hymn UMH 625Come, Let Us EatA VA DE

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory AnthemA Call to JoyJon Paige

*Doxology UMH 94LASST UNS ERFREUENPraise 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!

*Prayer of Dedication

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:)

... as we praise your name and join their unending hymn: (Sing as directed.)

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of po - wer and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, in the high - est.

(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:) ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. (Sing as directed)

Christ has died, Christ is Ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:) All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. (Sing as directed).

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

Instructions for Communion

All are invited to come to the table as you are able. Please tell an usher if you would like to be served in the pew. Gluten-free bread is served at the center station. After being served, all are invited to kneel at the altar rail. Prepackaged wafers and juice are also available at the side stations..

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn UMH 733We’re Marching to ZionMARCHING TO ZION

*Benediction

*Choral BenedictionAmenFelix Mendelssohn