

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 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be MESSIAH

*Benediction

*Sung Benediction As We Go AS WE GO

As we go, may your Spir - it go be - fore us. As we go,

may we fol - low where you lead. May we

live what we have learned, share the mes - sage we have heard, and be a

light un - to the world as we go.

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Gary Bean in memory of John & Christine Bean

ACOLYTE Claire Wyke
CRUCIFER Rory Stapleton

COMMUNION SERVERS Melanie Hime, Carole Jones, Becky Reel, John Stroud

USHERS Bob Schwalb, capt., Carrie Hoffmeister, Gary Johnson, Rob Kelly, Rich McGowan, Rebecca Skeen

Church Financial Update

Finance as of July 2026	
Month End Revenue:	\$75,600
Month End Expenses:	\$72,572
Year to date Revenue:	\$474,908
Year to date Expenses:	\$513,722
Net Total:	(\$38,814)



GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Hymn Service | Sunday | September 27 | 6pm

Join us for a night of sharing the congregation's favorite hymns. All the choirs will sing; brass, percussion, and handbell choirs will play; and lots of congregational singing. Make plans now to attend!

Pizza with the Pastor | Wednesday | September 30 | 6pm | Community Room

New to our church or interested in learning more? Join pastor Asa for some pizza and to learn about FUMC, United Methodism, and more.



GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Faith and Football | Wednesday | September 9 | 5pm meal | 6pm program

Scott Altizer, Director of Football Relations for the University of Tennessee and a member of FUMC, and Brent Hubbs, owner of volquest.com, will discuss the ever-changing landscape of college athletics; how the Vols look going into this season; and answer lots of those behind the scenes questions you have always wanted to ask! Registration and payment required if you are eating. \$8 full plate. \$4 half plate. Register on the Church Center app or in the church office by Monday, September 7, at Noon.

Disciple 2 Bible Study | begins Monday | September 14 | 6:00pm | Room 207

Led by Ed Cunningham. Books available through Cokesbury.com

Best We Forget: 59 Days at Ground Zero | Thursday | September 17 | 11am

Joyful Hearts welcomes Arthur Bohanan, a renowned forensic detective and one of five East Tennessee men that were sent to New York to help after 9/11. Meal \$12. Sign up on the Church Center app or in the church office by noon on Monday, September 14.

Parent Group | Wednesdays | Starts September 16 | 6pm | Room 207

Come share the parenting journey and find comfort among friends. Workbooks will be \$16. You can register in the Church Office or on the Church Center app.

Rez27 | January 22-24 | October 12 Early Bird Registration due | \$50 deposit

Resurrection is an annual weekend retreat filled with worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors.



GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Deborah Circle Annual Picnic | Tuesday | September 8 | 6pm

Join us for our annual picnic at Lyn Mar Downs Community Club House. Invite your spouse & a friend to share in our covered dish meal. Address: 1310 Secretariat Dr., Morristown, TN.

Rummage Sale | Friday & Saturday | September 18 & 19

Drop off items 5pm-7pm on Wednesday, September 16 and all day Thursday, September 17.

Fish Fry | Friday | September 25 | 5-7pm | FUMC Gym

The United Methodist Men are hosting a fish fry fundraiser.

WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

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September 6, 2026

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.



WELCOME to First United Methodist Church (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.



GATHER



GROW



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Liturgical Color: White

September 6, 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

*Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.
God's name endures forever,
his faithfulness to all generations.
We rejoice in the gift of his Spirit, we seek the righteousness that comes from God.
Bring thanksgiving and supplication to God,
who supplies needs and answers our prayers.
God has been our refuge and strength and will supply our every need.

PreludePrelude on PisgahDale Wood

IntroitThis is the Day the Lord Has MadeRobert Wright

*Hymn UMH 559WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 883Tony Anderson
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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.

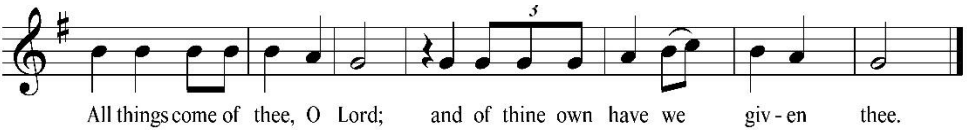
Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral PrayerPastor Asa

Prayer for IlluminationTony Anderson

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson1 Chronicles 29:6-14
Sing Response as directed. The first time the leader will sing then all join.



*New Testament LessonEphesians 3:20-21
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SermonPartners in GracePastor Asa

Stewardship TestimonyMisty Graham-Stapleton

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.

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Scan here to give online:



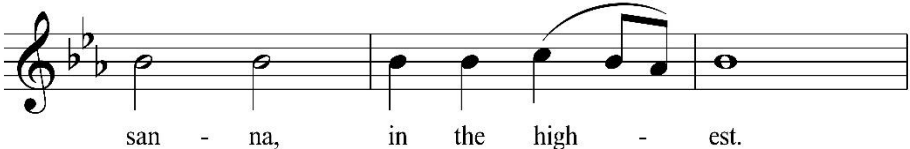
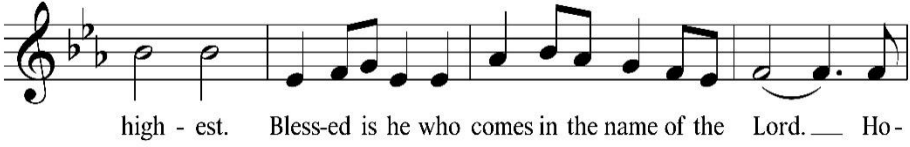
Offertory AnthemOne Faith, One Hope, One LordCraig Courtney
Chancel Choir

*Doxology UMH 94LASST 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!**

*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.)



(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)



(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).



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.

(service continues over the fold)