

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Anne Bethea
to the Glory of God
and in honor of
her children and grandchildren.

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley at 252-331-3431.

LICENSES

Some music for our worship experience is offered with express
permissions granted by One License A-734965.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne — *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Erin Yow — *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Steve Coss — *Associate Pastor*

Michael S. Brannon — *Director of Music*

Chancel Choir — *Musicians*

Dennis Sanders — *Reader*

Deborah Kirkman — *Altar Guild Volunteer*

Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson — *Sound Technicians*

GIVING

To support the ministries and missions of
First United Methodist Church, place a gift
in the offering plate, give online through the
QR code below, send a check to the church, or
give through regular bank drafts.
Thank you for your generosity.



AUGUST 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$105,833.00

Funds Received - \$91,577.19

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$846,664.00

Funds Received - \$749,559.15

A warm welcome to
all guests and
newcomers. Please
fill out the
attendance register
on your pew.

All persons are
welcome at First
United Methodist
Church, as
Jesus Christ has
welcomed us into
the love and grace
of God. Our mission
is to change lives
and make disciples
of Jesus Christ.

At the chiming
of the Trinity,
please silence your
mobile devices
and prepare
your hearts
and minds
for worship.

† Please rise in body
or in spirit

FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary In the Garden arr. Joel Raney

† Opening Prayer Upper Room Worship Book
New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working
for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our
neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

† Hymn 90 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, arch-angels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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✚Affirmation of Faith
The 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.

✚Responsorial Hymn 71
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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

✚Gospel Lesson
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:16-20

Introduction of Bishop Willimon

Sermon The Birth of the Church Bishop Will Willimon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Anthem Lead me, Lord David Blackwell
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face,
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

✚Responsorial Hymn 95 Doxology OLD 100TH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

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

SENDING FORTH

Welcome of New Members
Congregational Response
We rejoice to welcome you as members of First United Methodist Church.
With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service, and our witness. We will pray for you; we will serve with you; and we will
grow in faith and love with you, as together we seek to change lives, make disciples,
and follow Jesus Christ.

✚Hymn 664 Sent Forth by God’s Blessing THE ASH GROVE
Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

✚Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary O, How I Love Jesus arr. Joel Raney

As our time of
worship comes
to an end, our
time of service
begins; we
depart to be the
church in the
world.

The closing
voluntary is
offered as the
final act of praise
of God. Go forth
as the music
ends to continue
praising the Lord
with your life.