

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given  
by Madeleine and John Duncan  
to the Glory of God  
and in memory of  
Mary Frances McAbee

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*
- Greg Turnage — *Acolyte*
- Dr. Leslie Turnage — *Cross Bearer*
- Chancel Choir — *Musicians*
- Marge Heard — *Reader*
- Barbara Clay — *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.



JANUARY 2026 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$104,584.00  
Funds Received - \$112,936.43

2026 YTD GIVING

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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  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary I Love to Tell the Story Dale Wood

†Hymn 378 Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

†Affirmation of Faith

A Modern Affirmation United Methodist Hymnal #885

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 his 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

†Responsorial Hymn 71

GREATOREX

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

John 4:1-18; Ephesians 1:5-10

The word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Grace for Yesterday, Grace for Today

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Psalm 16 (My Refuge)

Craig Courtney

Keep me safe, O my God, for You are my refuge. You are Lord, You are God, apart from You I have nothing. You alone are my portion, You make my lot secure. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me even in the night. Keep me safe, O my God, for You are my refuge. I will keep my eyes on the Lord, for with Him I will not be shaken. Therefore now my heart is glad, my soul rejoices. In Your presence is fullness of joy, my heart, my tongue rejoices. At Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore. You are God, You are Lord, my joy, my hope, my refuge.

†Responsorial Hymn 94

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

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

†Hymn 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

†Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Hymn to Joy

Albert L. Travis

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.