

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Pat Haire and children
to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Her husband,
Dr. Rev. Earle Haire,
whose birthday was February 16, 1930.

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*
Jennifer Gompf — *Acolyte*
Noreen Elshaw — *Cross Bearer*
Chancel Choir; Rev. Christy Sharp, flute — *Musicians*
Rev. Ed 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

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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 15, 2026
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary Prelude from Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Brenda Portman

† Hymn 660 God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need and grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

† 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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

As Christ's body, the church, we reaffirm our own baptism, our rejection of sin and our commitment to Christ. With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Cillian with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life. Cillian, we welcome you in the family of Jesus Christ!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-13; Ephesians 2:8-10

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

Sermon

Tomorrow: God's Grace Ahead of Me

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

A New Song

Craig Courtney

Sing a new song. Sing to the Lord a new song. For the word of the Lord is right and true and His work is done in faithfulness. The Lord loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of goodness of the Lord. Our soul waits for the Lord, our help and our shield. For our heart rejoices in Him because we trust in His holy name. May Your unfailing kindness be upon us, O Lord even as we put our hope in You. Amen

†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

Welcome of New Member

Congregational Response

We rejoice to welcome you as a member 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.

SENDING FORTH

†Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw dear;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

†Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary Tuba Tune in D Major

C. S. Lang

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.