

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The altar greens are given by Jan and Pete Richards to the Glory of God and in memory of their parents, Dr. George and Helene Richards and Paul and June Durham.

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

LICENSES

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne
Lead Pastor

Rev. Erin Yow
Associate Pastor

Rev. Steven Coss
Associate Pastor

Michael S. Brannon
Director of Music

Chancel Choir; Carolyn Dibble, soprano soloist
Musicians

Dennis Sanders
Acolyte

Noreen Elshaw
Cross Bearer

Joy Williams
Reader

Jan Richards
Altar Guild Volunteer

**Becky Kirtley, Jan Richards,
Phyllis Owens, and Mike Owens**
Communion Servers

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 this QR code, send a check to the church, or give through regular bank drafts. Thank you for your generosity.



If you have not returned your 2026 Commitment Card, you may place it in the offering plate today, or in the deposit opening in the Finance Office.

JANUARY 2026 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$107,500.00
Funds Received - \$136,781.02

2026 YTD GIVING

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



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MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness arr. Brenda Portman

† HYMN 612 Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness SCHMÜCKE DICH

**Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; there with joy thy praises render
unto Christ, whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded.
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.**

**Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth;
at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.**

**Jesus, bread of life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited.
From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.**

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

All pray in silence.

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.

† RESPONSORIAL HYMN 70 Glory Be to the Father MEINEKE

**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**

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

† THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:9-13; Hosea 6:1-3, 11:1-4

† RESPONSE TO THE LESSON
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

† HYMN 3149 A Place at the Table PLACE AT THE TABLE
For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Room At the Table David Lantz III

† 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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en 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.
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!
A - men, a - men a - men.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 620 One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

COMMUNION HYMN 613 O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread LAND OF REST
O Thou who this mysterious bread didst in Emmaus break,
return, herewith our souls to feed, and to thy followers speak.

Unseal the volume of thy grace, apply the gospel word;
open our eyes to see thy face, our hearts to know the Lord.

Of thee communing still, we mourn till thou the veil remove;
talk with us, and our hearts shall burn with flames of fervent love.

Enkindle now the heavenly zeal, and make thy mercy known,
and give our pardoned souls to feel that God and love are one.

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN 273 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

† DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

† CHORAL RESPONSE
Go forth for God, Go to the world in peace;
Go forth for God, Go to the world with love.

THERE WILL BE NO CLOSING VOLUNTARY DURING LENT.

The ushers will direct you to receive Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar to receive Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; ask your server if needed. If you are unable to walk to the altar, let the usher know and you will be served at your seat. All are invited to join in singing the Communion hymns while others are being served.

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.