

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The greens on the altar are given
by Becky Kirtley
to the Glory of God
and in memory of her grandparents,
Mary and J. M. Foster.

The rose on the altar is given
by Jean and Gary Faulkner
to the Glory of God and
in honor of the birth of their granddaughter,
Georgina McArthur Vinicky.
Her parents are Elizabeth and John Vinicky

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*
Gaye Currier — *Acolyte*
Dennis Sanders — *Cross Bearer*
Carolyn Dibble, piano; Chancel Choir;
Don Jennings, guitar — *Musicians*
Nick Bayne — *Reader*
Jan Richards — *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.



FEBRUARY 2026 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$107,250.00
Funds Received - \$101,069.09

2026 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$214,500.00
Funds Received - \$215,969.02



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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

MARCH 22, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary

Were You There

arr. Cindy Berry

† Hymn 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain*

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

United Methodist Hymnal #881

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 70 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. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

†Gospel Lesson Luke 10:38-42; Proverbs 2:1-11
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Taking Sides at the Table Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn 3149 A Place at the Table PLACE AT THE TABLE
**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.
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!**

Invitation to Offering

Anthem Come, Labor On arr. Ryan Murphy
Come, labor on! Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves
the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."
Come, labor on! Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but
may do service here. By feeblest agents may our God fulfill His righteous will.
Come, labor on! No time for rest, till glows the western sky; till the long shadows o'er
our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Servants, well done!"
Come, labor on! The toil is pleasant, the reward is sure; blessed are those who to the
end endure. How full their joy. How deep their rest shall be, O Lord, with Thee!
Come, labor on!

†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.**

Musical Interlude First to Go Leo Kottke

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 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 451 Be Thou My Vision SLANE
**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

†Dismissal with Blessing

†Choral Response Go Forth for God Kenneth Dake
**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.

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.