

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Visitation for Jerry Weaver – Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Jerry Weaver - Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Dayspring – RH

Monday, January 8

- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Upward® Practices – FLC

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, January 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, January 11

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
- 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Upward® Practices – FLC

Saturday, January 13

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Upward® Games – FLC
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Dayspring – RH

FLC – Family Life Center
 FH – Fellowship Hall
 RH – Rawles Hall

Tithes and offerings...

The mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC is now more vital than ever. Although you can bring your offerings with you to church on Sunday, you can also mail them or give online. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, online @ <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>, or scan the following QR code with your phone.



Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
 Pastor

Mark Hayes
 Liturgist

Linda Peckenpaugh
 Special Music

Tim and Cindy Taylor
 Joe and Patty Yates
 Communion Stewards

Tori Armstrong
 Children’s Ministry Director

Clare Bernheisel
 Video

Steve Guttery
 Audio

Clare Bernheisel
 Mission Moment



Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2024

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome and Centering Words

✠ Hymn of Praise UMH 220 REGENT SQUARE
Angels from the Realms of Glory
(vss. 1-3)

✠ Nicene Creed (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation: Gracious God, Lord of Light,
Response: hear our prayer.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 5 may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*
Linda Peckenpaugh, Soloist

✠ 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!*

Mission Moment Lakeshore

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 CEB
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. ²They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. ⁴He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶‘You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.’” ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I, too, may go and honor him.” ⁹When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star; they were filled with joy. ¹¹They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn of Preparation UMH 219 GREENSLEEVES
What Child Is This
(vss. 1-3)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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.

Silent Prayers

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

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.

Music during Holy Communion

Prayer after Holy Communion (in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

✠ Hymn UMH 245 *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOEL
(vss. 1- 5)

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Sermon Notes...