

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.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 26

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Children's Choir
- 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Foyer/Narthex
- 9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Upward ® Award Ceremony – FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets

Tuesday, February 28

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, March 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 6:00 p.m. Dayspring – RH

Thursday, March 2

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
- 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex

Saturday, March 3

- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

FLC – Family Life Center

FLC/CR – Family Life Center/Craft Room

FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

RH – Rawles Hall

TR – Trinity Classroom

Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
Pastor

Kathy Kail
Choir Director

Jay Bernheisel
Liturgist

Josh Bernheisel
Audio Technician

Clare Bernheisel
Visual Technician

Laney Garner
Acolyte

Tinley Newsom
Crossbearer

Tori Armstrong
Children's Ministry Director

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Prayer of Meditation

arr. Pamela C Hakins

O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take my heart, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new in me. I need your newness, God, the rough parts of me made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven. And then, by the power of your Spirit, I need to be turned toward Love again. Amen.

Greeting

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station – something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us – easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✚ Hymn UMH 365

MOODY

Grace Greater than Our Sin
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 1st grade may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 CEB

¹⁵The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. ¹⁶The Lord God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; ¹⁷but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!" ¹The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?" ²The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees ³but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! ⁵God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

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

Bringing Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology

OLD 100TH

*Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

✠ Hymn UMH 298

ROCKINGHAM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ROCKINGHAM
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

✠ Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11 CEB

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. ²After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. ³The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread." ⁴Jesus replied, "It's written, People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God." ⁵After that, the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, ⁶"Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone." ⁷Jesus replied, "Again it's written, Don't test the Lord your God." ⁸Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him." ¹¹The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

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Parish Choir Anthem

Sermon

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

✠ Hymn TFWS

Lonesome Valley
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

LONESOME VALLEY

✠ Announcements and Blessing

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude