

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 1

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
 2:00 p.m. Parish Choir Practice – MS
 4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW
 4:00 p.m. Fuel For the Soul – RH

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH
 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Rh H
 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Small Groups

Thursday, March 5

9:30 a.m. Pre-School Character Classes – Chapel

Sunday, March 8

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FH – Fellowship Hall
 S.S. Hall – Sunday School Hall
 Rh H – Rhea House
 KC – Koinonia Classroom
 MS – Music Suite
 EW – Education Wing
 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...

The Reverend Steven Lefebvre
 Pastor

Mark Hayes
 Liturgist

Thomlin Lefebvre
 Cross Bearer

Lou Lefebvre
 Mitchell Dishman
 Acolytes

Presley Dishman
 Director of Music

Tori Armstrong
 Director of Children's Ministry

J Dan Gullett
 Visuals

Steve Guttery
 Sound



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Second Sunday of Lent
 March 1, 2026

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.
Bold words are spoken responsively.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship *Psalm 121*
 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
 The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps
 you will not slumber.
Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right
 hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
 The Lord will keep you from all evil; and will keep your life.
**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this
 time on and forevermore.**
 Amen. Let us worship God!

✠ Processional & Hymn of Praise
 UMH 451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✠ Opening Prayer
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
 from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Mission Moment *Preschool*
Kristen Caldwell

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *Before the Throne of God Above*
Parish Choir

✠ Doxology
UMH 95 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.***

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-4a NSRV

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation *Trust in You* LAUREN DAIGLE

✠ Epistle Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 NRSV

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For, if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason, the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in

whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Sermon *Nothing to Prove*

✠ Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now reverently and sincerely declare:

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.

✠ Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE
UMH 70

***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.***

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation & 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.

Silent Prayers

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ
As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And, also, with you.

Call to the Table
TFWS 2200 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* HEARMY PRAYER

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
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
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

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn *Blessed Assurance*
UMH 369 (vv. 1, 2, 3) ASSURANCE

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude