

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 8

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 10

9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC

Wednesday, March 11

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 12

12:00 p.m. 3 Practice Circle – Zoom Call with Pastor Steve
 5:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting – KC

Sunday, March 15

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

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 Amanda Crice
 Guest Pastor

Steve Caldwell
 Liturgist

Charlie Caldwell
 Cross Bearer

Avery Peckenpaugh
 Miller Baker
 Acolytes

Presley Dishman
 Director of Music

Tori Armstrong
 Director of Children's Ministry

J Dan Gullett
 Visuals

Steve Guttery
 Sound



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship *Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God and a great Ruler above all gods in whose hands are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.

The sea belongs to God, for he made it, and the dry land, because God formed it.

O come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For the Lord is our God.

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Amen. Let us worship God!

✠ Processional and Hymn of Praise

UMH 354

I Surrender All

SURRENDER

(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

✠ Opening Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages Birth through 2nd grade may join Mrs. Tori and Mrs. Todameka in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *One Day at a Time* WILKIN & KRISTOFERSON
Linda Peckenpaugh, soloist

✠ Lenten 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 Exodus 17:1-7 NSRV

¹From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Response to the Word

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation W&S 3093 *Fill My Cup, Lord* FILL MY CUP
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✠ Gospel Lesson John 4:5-42 NRSV

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the

well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and, with his sons and his flocks, drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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Sermon

✠ 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayers of the People

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.

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn UMH 569 *We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations* MESSAGE
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Our Lenten Doxology

Why are we singing a different doxology after Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings? During the season of Lent, our practice is to refrain from singing the “Alleluia,” which is contained in “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow,” our customary doxology. Refraining from singing the “Alleluia” is a way of recognizing the solemnity of the season and anticipating the glorious praise we will get to sing as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday.