

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Narthex  
 10:15 a.m. Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
 4:00 p.m. Blankets – Education Wing  
 4:00 p.m. Dayspring – RH

Monday, March 11

12:00 p.m. Organ Installation – Sanctuary  
 5:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Tuesday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC  
 10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting – TR  
 6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, March 14

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC  
 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex  
 5:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Saturday, March 16

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC  
 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. FLC Reserved

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Narthex  
 10:15 a.m. Worship

FLC – Family Life Center  
 FH – Fellowship Hall  
 RH – Rawles Hall  
 TR – Trinity Classroom

## 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.



Form Link:

<https://min.link/GfZ>

## Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel  
 Pastor

Elizabeth Lemons  
 Liturgist

Josh White  
 Accompanist

Katy Allen  
 Worship Leader

Tori Armstrong  
 Children's Ministry Director

Steve Guttery  
 Audio

Clare Bernheisel  
 Visual



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

✠ Please stand as you are able. **Bold words** are spoken responsively.

Prelude

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

On our worst days,

**God is good.**

On our best days,

**God is good.**

When life is consistent,

**God is good.**

When life turns on its head,

**God is good.**

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

**God is good.**

**God is here.**

**God is love.**

Hold that promise in your heart as we worship.

✠ Hymn UMH 117

*Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
 (vss. 1, 3, 4, 6)

ST. ANNE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!" We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with deceptions instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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.**

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade may join Mrs. Todameka and Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 CEB

<sup>1</sup>“Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!” <sup>2</sup>That's what those who are redeemed by the Lord say, the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies, <sup>3</sup>the ones God gathered from various countries, from east and west, north and south. <sup>17</sup>Some of the redeemed were fools because of their sinful ways. They suffered because of their wickedness. <sup>18</sup>They had absolutely no appetite for food; they had arrived at death's gates. <sup>19</sup>So they cried out to the Lord in their distress, and God saved them from their desperate circumstances. <sup>20</sup>God gave the order and healed them; he rescued them from their pit. <sup>21</sup>Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people. <sup>22</sup>Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and declare what God has done in songs of joy!

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

Bringing Our Tithes and 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 451

*Be Thou My Vision*  
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

SLANE

✠ Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21-33 CEB

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. <sup>22</sup>Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: “God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned to Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts.”

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Sermon

✠ Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a God of second chances,  
**a God who sees through my stubbornness  
and holds my fear with tenderness.**

I believe that this God of second chances  
uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

**Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me, too.**

I believe that from, time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from, time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

**This change is holy and important work, although challenging.**

**When fear and scarcity plague me,**

**or when the impossible feels out of reach,**

**I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.**

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

**Amen.**

✠ Decommissioning of Organ

✠ Invitation to Discipleship

✠ Hymn TFWS 2129

ASSAM

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

*Sermon Notes...*