

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 17

9:15 a.m. Breakfast to Honor Our Graduates and Farewell Reception for Pastor Steve
 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW

Wednesday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 24

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
 10:15 a.m. Worship* – Sanctuary

**Dr. Phillip Cook, Guest Preacher*

FH – Fellowship Hall
 G.S. – Gathering Space – Room 217
 Rh H – Rhea House
 EW – Education Wing

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

Elizabeth Jewell Lemons
 Morgan Elyse Peckenpaugh
 Caroline Franklin White
 Graduates

Miller Baker
 Cross Bearer

Avery Peckenpaugh
 Mitchell Dishman
 Acolytes

Presley Dishman
 Director of Music

Tori Armstrong
 Director of Children's Ministry

J Dan Gullett
 Visuals

Youth Volunteer
 Sound



*ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Seventh Sunday of Easter
 ~ Senior Sunday ~
 May 17, 2026*

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

✠ Procession of Graduates *Pomp & Circumstance* ELGAR

Elizabeth Jewell Lemons
 Morgan Elyse Peckenpaugh
 Caroline Franklin White

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 68*
 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
O Rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; God's voice goes forth, a mighty voice.
 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
Wondrous is God in the sanctuary, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to the people.
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
 Amen. Let us worship God!

✠ Processional & Hymn of Praise
 UMH 110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG
 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

✠ 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.

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 *Prelude* BACH

✠ Doxology
UMH 94 OLD 100TH

**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!**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14:5:6-11 NSRV

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion, your adversary, the devil, prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him, be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation *Oceans* BETHEL MUSIC

✠ Gospel Lesson John 16:32-33;17:1-11 NRSV
³²The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I

am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world, you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!”

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me, I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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Sermon *Ten Things I Wish I'd Known Before Starting College*

✠ 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

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

Senior Presentation

Senior Slideshow

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES
UMH 374 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction



We Celebrate Our Graduates:

Elizabeth Jewell Lemons – Dyersburg High School
Daughter of Patrick & Brandi Lemons

Morgan Elyse Peckenpaugh – Dyersburg High School
Daughter of Brian Peckenpaugh & Amanda Winegarten

Caroline Franklin White – University School of Jackson
Daughter of Pierce & Amy White



The Culmination of the Easter Season

Today marks the end of the season of Easter, or Eastertide. We celebrate the culmination of the season that honors Christ’s resurrection and reflects on what it means to live as Easter people.

In today’s Gospel reading, we focus on Jesus’ farewell prayer in John 17 and consider how it paints a picture of who we are to be as followers of Jesus and as the body of Christ in the world.

How we live and love in this world is the presentation of Christ to those who do not know him yet. How we share and give does not just reflect on us, but on Jesus. How we treat one another, honor one another, and celebrate one another, and the commitments we have made – these are part of our faith.

Christ is glorified by the way we live in community. Unity matters and is part of our witness, part of our telling the story that matters. Disunity is a denial of the very content we claim to want to present. To belong to him, to belong to the story that matters, is to be in partnership with the whole church.