

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 5

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

Wednesday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 11 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. KidMin Pool Party – Barton House

Sunday, July 12

9:15 a.m. Welcome Reception – FH
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217
Rh H – Rhea House

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 Rev. Robert Craig
Guest Speaker

Mark Hayes
Liturgist

Acolyte
Mitchell Dishman

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children's Ministry

Presley Dishman
Director of Music

J Dan Gullett
Visuals

Steve Guttery
Sound



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Prelude

Christ in Our Midst

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship *Psalm 13*

The love of God is more splendid than purple mountain majesties.

God's word of grace fills the spacious skies.

The amber waves of grain remind us of God's abundant care.

Above the fruited plain is God's eternal joy in anyone who turns from sin.

In every nation, in every heart, God is working for good.

Let our songs rise and let God's praise be heard from sea to shining sea.

Amen. Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn of Praise
UMH 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

ANGEL'S STORY

✠ 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.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ 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

Prayer of Illumination

***Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit
that, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.***

Scripture Reading Romans 7:15-25 NSRVUE

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But, in fact, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So, I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Response to the Word

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation
UMH 400

NETTLETON

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(vv. 1, 2, 3)***

✠ Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NSRVUE

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played

The flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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Sermon

✠ Affirmation of Faith Romans 8:35, 37-39
UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

***No!
In all these things, we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! 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.

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn
UMH 128

MATERNA

***He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought
(vv. 1, 2, 3)***

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude



Persistent Faith

Persistence...

What does that mean for us in worship? The fact that we gather week after week might be a part of that persistence. When we gather, few or many, week by week, we are holding fast to faith. We can celebrate that in worship. We can give God thanks for God’s divine faithfulness, even as we offer our own faithfulness.

Week after week, we pray for God’s kingdom to come and for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. And we are a part of that working of will.

As we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we are signing up again to be a part of the redeeming force at work, reconciling the world to God. It is a high calling, but we are up to it.

Our presence attests to that. So, embrace the moment not only as you worship but also as you leave to be Christ’s representatives in the world.