

Upcoming Events	
Sunday, July 27	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
Monday, July 28	6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – YMCA Summer Camp – FLC 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC
Tuesday, July 29	6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – YMCA Summer Camp – FLC 9:00 a.m. YMCA Staff Meeting – FLC CR 9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC 6:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC
Wednesday, July 30	6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – YMCA Summer Camp – FLC 12:30p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Rh H
Thursday, July 31	6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – YMCA Summer Camp – FLC 9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC
Friday, August 1	6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – YMCA Summer Camp – FLC
Saturday, August 2	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC
Sunday, August 3	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. Acolyte/Cross Bearer Training – FH 4:00 p.m. Church Kickball – Old Y Field 5:00 p.m. Church Pool Party – Bird Residence
FH – Fellowship Hall FLC – Family Life Center FLC CR – Family Life Center Craft Room S.S. Hall – Sunday School Hall Rh H – Rhea House KC – Koinonia 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.



Assisting in Worship...

The Reverend Steven Lefebvre
Pastor

Steve Caldwell
Liturgist

Charlie Caldwell
Cross Bearer

Olivia Caldwell
Miller Baker
Acolytes

Josh White
Accompanist

Desiree Dolan
Director of Music

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett
Visual

Steve Guttery
Audio



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
 July 27, 2025
 ✚ Please rise in body or in spirit.
Bold words are spoken responsively.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Chimes

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 85*
⁸ Let me hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.
⁹**Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, that glory may dwell in our land.**
¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**
¹² The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness will go before the Lord and make God’s footsteps a way.**
 Amen. Let us worship God!

✚ Processional & Hymn of Praise
 UMH 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* *AZMON*
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Opening Prayer
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 aged Birth through Pre-K grade may join Mrs. Todameka in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music
Peace Like a River
Joe Palmer, Desiree Dolan

✚ Doxology
UMH 94 ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; OLD 100TH***
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 Lesson Colossians 2:6–15 NSRV
⁶As you, therefore, have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For, in him, the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him, also, you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

✚ Hymn of Preparation *Close to Thee* CLOSE TO THEE
UMH 407 (*vss. 1, 2, 3*)

✚ Gospel Lesson Luke 11:1-13 NRSV
¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring

us to the time of trial.” ⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence, he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹“So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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Sermon *Squeaky Wheels*

✚ 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
Invitation: Lord, in your mercy,
Response: hear our 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 369 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE
 (*vss. 1, 2, 3*)

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✚ Announcements

✚ Benediction

✚ Postlude

Worship Doesn’t Just Happen
There are many components to each worship service. The Worship Team assists the local church to become increasingly aware of the meaning, purpose and practice of worship. We work with the pastor, the music staff and others to plan for the worship, music, furnishings and other needs in order to facilitate the worship of the congregation.

Current members of the Worship Team are Debbie Hill and Nancy West, who serve as Co-chairs of the Altar Guild. They oversee the decorations that beautify our worship during the various seasons of the Christian Year. Eddie Dunagan is the Head Usher. In his role, he recruits ushers, greeters and Communion stewards. Tim and Cindy Taylor are the church’s sacristans. They prepare the elements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and dispose of the remaining elements following the worship service. At large members are Kristin Bird, Vicki Dunagan and Amy White. J Dan Gullett serves as Chair.

While these church members have been appointed by the Laity Gifts & Development Team to serve on the Worship Team, there are many others in our congregation who offer their talents and time to ensure that worship is meaningful for all and, foremost, that worship is our gift to God.

Please feel free to express concerns regarding worship to any of those who serve on the Worship Team. Our desire is to provide continuous improvement in our worship of the Triune God.