

Upcoming Events

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/Crossbearer Training – Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Church Kickball – Old Y Field

5:00 p.m. Church Pool Party – Bird Home (900 Acadian Blvd)

Monday, August 4

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 a.m. YMCA Staff Meeting – FLC CR

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting – KC

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC

6:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, August 6

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH

12:30p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Rh H

Thursday, August 7

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Saturday, August 9

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall

10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW

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

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

David Hayes  
Liturgist

Lou Lefebvre  
Cross Bearer

Thomlin Lefebvre  
Acolyte

Josh White  
Accompanist

Tori Armstrong  
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett  
Visual

Volunteer  
Audio

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 3, 2025

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Chimes

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-9  
O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell;  
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.  
Then, in their trouble, they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress,  
and led them by a straight way, till they reached a city in which to dwell.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.  
For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.  
Amen. Let us worship God!

Processional & Hymn of Praise  
UMH 102 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET  
(vv. 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.*

Mission Moment

Third Grade Bible Presentation/Backpack Blessing/Educators’ Blessing

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

✚ 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 3:1-11 NRSV  
<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these, the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal, there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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

✚ Hymn of Preparation  
TFWS 2129 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM  
*(vv. 1, 2, 3)*

Sermon *Dragon Skin*

✚ 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

Invitation & Prayer of Confession  
*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silent Prayers

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ  
As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
*And, also, with you.*

Call to the Table *Jesus, Remember Me* REMEMBER ME  
UMH 488

The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.  
**And, also, with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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*

Music during Holy Communion  
TFWS 2036 *Give Thanks*  
UMH 620 *One Bread, One Body* (vv. 1,2,3)  
UMH 618 *Let Us Break Bread Together* (vv. 1,2,3)

Prayer After Holy Communion  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✚ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✚ Sending Hymn *Seek Ye First* SEEK YE  
UMH 405 *(vv. 1, 2)*

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✚ Announcements

✚ Benediction

✚ Postlude