

Upcoming Events

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. – 5:30 p.m. Blankets – EW

Monday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 a.m. YMCA Staff Meeting – FLC CR
9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
9:45 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC
6:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, August 13

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

Thursday, August 14

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Saturday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 17

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. – 5:30 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

Baird Lewis
Liturgist

Charlie Caldwell
Cross Bearer

Olivia Caldwell
Miller Baker
Acolytes

Josh White
Accompanist

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett
Visual

Steve Guttery
Audio



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 10, 2025

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 50:1-8*
The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Our God comes and does not keep silence, before whom is a devouring fire, round about whom is a mighty storm.
God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged:
"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
The heavens dedare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge.
"Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.
I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before me."
Amen. Let us worship God!

✚ Processional & Hymn of Praise
UMH 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

✚ 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 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

✚ 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 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 NSRV
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

✚ Hymn of Preparation *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION
UMH 529 *(vv. 1, 2, 3)*

✚ Gospel Lesson Luke 12:32-40 NRSV
³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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Sermon *Believing Is Seeing*

✚ 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 127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDA
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✚ Announcements

✚ Benediction

✚ Postlude

The Christian Year

The current cycle in the Christian Year is “Ordinary Time.” The designated color during this cycle or season is green except for the Sundays when we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On those special days, white is the color.

The word "ordinary” does not mean “routine” or “not special.” Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost).

In the Christian Year, there are two periods of Ordinary Time. We are in the second period of Ordinary Time, which is the Season after Pentecost. This second period begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.

Ordinary Time on the Christian calendar is a time for action. Evangelism, discipleship and living out God’s call are all central activities during the two periods of Ordinary Time each year.