

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 7

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

4:00 p.m. Fuel For The Soul – RH

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

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, September 10

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH

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

Thursday, September 11

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC

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

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

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

4:00 p.m. Fuel For The Soul – RH

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

RH – Rawles Hall

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

Thomas Lemons
Liturgist

Charlie Caldwell
Cross Bearer

Lou Lefebvre
Miller Baker
Acolyte

Josh White
Accompanist

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett
Visual

Steve Guttery
Audio



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 7, 2025

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-9
O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it altogether.
You pursue me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Amen. Let us worship God!

✚ Processional & Hymn of Praise
UMH 103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST.DENIO
(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.

Mission Moment

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

✠ Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11 NRSV

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶“Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?” says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment, I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

 Hymn of Preparation
 UMH 393 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

✠ Epistle Lesson Philemon 1:1-21 NRSV

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ²to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly, he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved

brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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Sermon *For the Love of Onesimus*

✠ 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

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

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.

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 ..
on earth and all the company of heaven
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

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	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	FREELY FREELY
UMH 389	(vv. 1, 2)	

⦿ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

⌞ Announcements

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude