

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 14

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall

10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Laity/Gifts Development – KC

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Blankets – EW

4:00 p.m. Fuel For the Soul – RH

Monday, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 a.m. YMCA Staff Meeting – FLC CR

9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC

6:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, September 17

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH

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

5:30 p.m. Dinner – FH

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Small Groups

Thursday, September 18

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC

Saturday, September 20

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

12:45 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. KidMin Lock In

Sunday, September 21

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall

10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

12:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. KidMin Lock In

4:00 p.m. Youth Bowling – Primetime Bowling

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

Mark Hayes  
Liturgist

Bailee Bird  
Cross Bearer

Miller Baker  
Olivia Caldwell  
Acolytes

Josh White  
Accompanist

Tori Armstrong  
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett  
Visual

Steve Guttery  
Audio



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 14, 2025

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship *Adapted from 1 Timothy 1:12-17*  
We are grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened us because he judged us faithfully and appointed us to his service.  
**We received mercy and grace overflowed with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**  
We received mercy, so that in us, Jesus Christ might make us an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.  
**To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.**  
Amen. Let us worship God!

✚ Processional & Hymn of Praise  
UMH 381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* *BRADBURY*  
(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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Scripture Reading      Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28 NSRV  
<sup>11</sup>At that time, it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, <sup>12</sup>a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

<sup>22</sup>“For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.” <sup>23</sup>I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. <sup>24</sup>I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. <sup>25</sup>I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. <sup>26</sup>I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. <sup>27</sup>For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. <sup>28</sup>Because of this, the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented; nor will I turn back.

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation  
UMH 400      ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing      NETTLETON  
(vv. 1, 2, 3)***

✠ Gospel Lesson      Luke 15:1-10 NRSV  
<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go

after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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Sermon      *Less Lost*

✠ 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.***

The Prayers of the People  
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence.*  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
***For our families, friends and neighbors and for those who are alone.***  
For this community, the nation and the world;  
***For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.***  
For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble;  
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.***  
For the peace and the unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.***  
For David Graves, our presiding bishop and for Nancy Varden-Johnson, our district superintendent and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***  
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation which we now name silently.  
*Silence.*  
Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

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 368      *My Hope Is Built*      THE SOLID ROCK  
*(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)*

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

***As we leave today, let us remember that our hope is in the Lord.***

***We find and keep hope when we name all that is hard in our world, take a breath and then remember, but God.***