Upcoming Events

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

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

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 24

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 25

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC

Saturday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals – Front Lawn

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

Sunday, September 28

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 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

Pierce White Liturgist

Avery Peckenpaugh Cross Bearer

Charlie Caldwell Thomlin Lefebvre Acolytes

Presley Dishman Director of Music

Josh White Accompanist

Tori Armstrong Director of Children's Ministry

> J Dan Gullett Visual

> Steve Guttery Audio



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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 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all!

Amen. Let us worship God!

Processional & Hymn of Praise

JMH 154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (vv. 1, 4, 5, 6)

CORONATION

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

Woke Up This Morning Linda Peckenpaugh, Roy Tipton

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!

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 NSRV

¹⁸My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. ¹⁹Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") ²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." ²¹For the brokenness of the daughter of my people, I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

¹O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Response to the Word

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

Hymn of Preparation

UMH 348 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling THOMPSON (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Gospel Lesson

1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then

the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is

taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 10"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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Sermon

Shrewd

Affirmation of Faith

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 UMH 70

Glory Be to the Father

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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 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

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Sending Hymn UMH 354

I Surrender All (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

SURRENDER

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Worship is not an escape from the world but a place where we are uplifted and equipped to live as the people of God in the world.