Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 18
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
- 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group – RH

Tuesday, October 20
- 5:30 p.m. Garden Club – FH
- 5:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting – UCR

Wednesday, October 21
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Rh H
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal – FH
- 5:45 p.m. Bible Studies/Classes Begin

Sunday, October 25
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
- 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group – RH

EW – Education Wing
FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217
MS – Music Suite
Rh H – Rhea House
RH – Rawles Hall
UCR – Upper Conference Room

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…

Pastor
The Rev. Emily Sanford

Liturgist
Mark Hayes

Acolyte
Sawyer Hollingsworth

Cross Bearer
Miller Baker

Director of Children's Ministry
Tori Armstrong

Music Accompanist
Presley Dishman

Visuals
J Dan Gullett

Sound
Steve Guttery

First UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

Christ in Our Midst

✠ Hymn of Praise
UMH 144 *This Is My Father's World* ITERRA BEATA
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

╬ Opening Prayer

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, so that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Afterwards, children ages 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 *Come to Jesus* *Parish Choir*
Dion Cross, soloist

╬ Doxology OLD 100TH
UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 99 CEB

[1]The Lord rules - the nations shake! He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures - the earth quakes! [2]The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. [3]Let them thank your great and awesome name. He is holy! [4]Strong king who loves justice, you are the one who established what is fair. You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob. [5]Magnify the Lord, our God! Bow low at his footstool! He is holy! [6]Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel, too, among those who called on his name. They cried out to the Lord, and he himself answered them - [7]he spoke to them from a pillar of cloud. They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them. [8]Lord our God, you answered them. To them, you were a God who forgives but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds. [9]Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low at his holy mountain because the Lord our God is holy!

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

╬ Hymn of Preparation *Lord, Be Glorified* LORD, BE GLORIFIED
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

╬ Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:15-22 CEB

[15]Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. [16]They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions because you don't show favoritism. [17]So, tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" [18]Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? [19]Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. [20]"Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked. [21]"Caesar's," they replied. Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." [22]When they heard this, they were astonished, and they departed.

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Sermon *The Things That Are God's*

╬ Affirmation of Faith *Affirmation from Romans 8: 35,37-39*
UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?
No!
In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! 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.

Pastoral 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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY
UMH 89 *(vv. 1, 2, 3)*

╬ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

╬ Benediction

╬ Postlude

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A Shared Calling – A Common Mission
Why Membership Matters

We believe that membership matters because we are better together.

Our Christian faith is to be lived in the community called the church. Church membership matters. Through participation in the church's ministries, we are shaped into lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. Also, we can do things together that no one person can do alone.

A Shared Calling: We believe Christians are called to a lifelong journey of growth. Participation in the ministries of the church, such as worship, is a way God works in our lives and hearts.

A Common Mission: We also believe that our shared calling includes participating in the work of God in the world. Through our church membership, we participate in ministries in our community, our region, and around the world.
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