

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 19

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

4:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 a.m. YMCA Staff Meeting – FLC CR

9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – SC

Wednesday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 26

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FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

S.S. Hall – Sunday School Hall

Rh H – Rhea House

KC – Koinonia Classroom

EW – Education Wing

RH – Rawles Hall

SC – Seller’s Classroom

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

Lena Lewis
Liturgist

Lou Lefebvre
Cross Bearer

Olivia Caldwell
Avery Peckenpaugh
Acolytes

Presley Dishman
Director of Music

Josh White
Accompanist

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry

J Dan Gullett
Visual

Steve Guttery
Audio



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025

✚ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold words are spoken responsively.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship *Psalm 121:1-8*

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;

The Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day

Nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil and will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen. Let us worship God.

✚ Processional & Hymn of Praise

UMH 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* *FAITHFULNESS*

(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ 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 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 *Amazing Grace* arr. James Ra
 Josh White, Saxophone

✚ 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

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34 NSRV
 ²⁷The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹In those days, they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” ³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

✚ Hymn of Preparation
UMH 451 *Be Thou My Vision* *SLANE*
 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8 NRSV
 ¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city, there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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Sermon *Breaking the Cycle*

✚ 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 593 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM. LORD
 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✚ Announcements

✚ Benediction

✚ Postlude

 Josh White
Josh’s first Sunday with us was November 12, 2023. Today is his final day. He is nearing the end of his studies at The University of Tennessee at Martin and wishes to devote more time to his studies, music practice, rehearsals and performances.

In his letter of resignation, Josh offered the following comments about his time at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church:

“I can speak with full assurance that my time at Dyersburg FUMC has been nothing short of amazing. You (the congregation) lifted me up to new heights I could never have reached on my own. You took a chance on me, at the time, only nineteen years of age and with little experience. You challenged my musicianship, all while being so encouraging and patient with me. You welcomed me with open arms and embraced me fully into the family of Christ. You helped revive my faith, through the Holy Spirit, at a time when I had fallen out of church attendance. This congregation has blessed me so very much, and I am so grateful that our God has brought us together to encourage and uplift one another in His Son, Jesus Christ.”