Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1
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, November 3
All Day Election Center – FLC

Wednesday, October 28
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. Wednesday Meal – FH
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Classes

Sunday, November 8
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
FLC – Family Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217
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
Rev. Emily Sanford

Liturgist
Amy Lewis

Acolyte
Sawyer Hollingsworth

Director of Children's Ministry
Tori Armstrong

Music Accompanist
Presley Dishman

Visuals
J Dan Gullett

Sound
Volunteer

Love Offering for Presley
If you would like to contribute to a love offering in appreciation of Presley's ministry, please indicate "Presley Dishman Love Offering" on the memo line of your check or in online giving.

First UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship
As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection.
We come as children of the Father,
reconciled by grace through the Son,
and filled with God's love through the Spirit.
Gather in, children of God! You are beloved. Come as you are. Leave different.
Let us worship God!

Christ in Our Midst

✠ Hymn of Praise
UMH 711 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

✠ Opening Prayer
Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Mission Moment

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ 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 — Revelation 7:9-17 CEB

9After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out with a loud voice: "Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11All the angels stood in a circle around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, 12saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen." 13Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you know." Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. 15This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. 16They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, 17because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Response to the Word

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

Hymn of Preparation — *Holy Ground* — HOLY GROUND
TFWS 2272

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 5:1-12 Voice

1Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain (as Moses had done before him) and he sat down (as Jewish teachers of his day usually did). His disciples gathered around him. 2And he began to teach them. 3Jesus: Blessed are the spiritually poor - the kingdom of heaven is theirs. 4Blessed are those who mourn - they will be comforted. 5Blessed are the meek and gentle - they will inherit the earth. 6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness - they will be filled. 7Blessed are the merciful - they will be shown mercy. 8Blessed are those who are pure in heart - they will see God. 9Blessed are the peacemakers - they will be called children of God. 10Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness - the kingdom of heaven is theirs. 11And blessed are you, blessed are all of you, when people persecute you or denigrate you or despise you or tell lies about you on My account. 12But when this happens, rejoice. Be glad. Remember that God's prophets have been persecuted in the past. And know that, in heaven, you have a great reward.

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Sermon — *Blessed*

Affirmation of Faith — APOSTLES' CREED

**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

Jesus, lover and friend, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.
We struggle with living as you lived and loving as you loved.
We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention.
We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly.
We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness.
We confess the ease with which we become conformed to the world's standards.
Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only. Strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love; who willingly serve our neighbors; who seek justice and mercy for all and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come. This we pray in your name and for your sake.
Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

"In Christ... when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, you also were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people" *(Ephesians 1: 13, 14).* Hear again the word of truth: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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 … And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and 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 God, 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 FOR TH

Sending Hymn — *Forward Through the Ages* — ST. GERTRUDE
UMH 555 — *(vv. 1, 2, 3)*

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

Postlude

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Those We Remember Today

Don White
Nadia Browning
Ginger Goldsby Smith
Ron Gathright
John Reaves, Jr.
Max Maddox, Jr.
David West
Janie Stafford
Dorothy Sue Avison
Katherine Evans
Will Hopper
Ardis Phillips
Nellie Ramey
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