Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, November 11
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 15
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Youth Spaghetti Prep – FH
4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW

EW – Education Wing
FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217
Rh H – Rhea House
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…

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Tori Armstrong

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Sound
Steve Guttery

First UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Welcome

✙ Call to Worship
Set your hope in God, who is worthy of our trust.
We remember the glorious deeds of the Holy One.
Set your hope in God, who orders our days and redeems our lives.
We rejoice in the wonders the Holy One has done.
Set your hope in God, who leads us.
We recommit to the ways of the Holy One. Our hope is in God!

Christ in Our Midst

✙ Hymn of Praise
UMH 702 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* HYMN TO JOY
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

✙ Opening Prayer
Holy God, we remember the ways you freed your people from bondage, led them through the wilderness, and forgave their turning away from you. Today, we come before you, asking your guiding Spirit to lead us, your Beloved Son, Jesus, to teach us, and your creating power to draw us once more into full life. Pour out your life-giving Spirit on us, even as we offer you our praise and thanks. 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 *Give Me Jesus*
Roy Tipton, 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.

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 CEB

13Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have
died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope.
14Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that
God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. 15What we
are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still
around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who
have died. 16This is because the Lord himself will come down from
heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on
God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. 17Then,
we who are living and still around will be taken up together with
them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we
will always be with the Lord. 18So encourage each other with these
words.

Response to the Word

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

Hymn of Preparation *Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG
UMH 347 *(vv. 1, 2)*

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25 CEB

1Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned
the elders of Israel, its leaders, judges, and officers. They presented
themselves before God. 2Then Joshua said to the entire people, "This
is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors
lived on the other side of the Euphrates. They served other gods.
Among them was Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor. 3I took
Abraham, your ancestor from the other side of the Euphrates. I led
him around through the whole land of Canaan. I added to his
descendants and gave him Isaac.

14"So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put
aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and
in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15But if it seems wrong in your opinion
to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose
the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the
gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I
will serve the Lord." 16Then the people answered, "God forbid that
we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods! 17The Lord is our God.
He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of
Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs
in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we've gone and in
all the nations through which we've passed. 18The Lord has driven
out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the
land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God." 19Then
Joshua said to the people, "You can't serve the Lord, because he is a
holy God. He is a jealous God. He won't forgive your rebellion and
your sins. 20If you leave the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will
turn around and do you harm and finish you off, in spite of having
done you good in the past." 21Then the people said to Joshua, "No!
The Lord is the one we will serve." 22So Joshua said to the people,
"You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve
the Lord." They said, "We are witnesses!" 23"So now put aside the
foreign gods that are among you. Focus your hearts on the Lord, the
God of Israel." 24The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord
our God and will obey him." 25On that day, Joshua made a covenant
for the people and established just rule for them at Shechem.

Response to the Word

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

Sermon *Serve the Lord*

✠ Affirmation of Faith UMH 884
Creed of the Korean Methodist Church

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in 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.

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.

SENDING FOR TH

✠ Sending Hymn *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE
UMH 369 *(vv. 1, 2, 3)*

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude