

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.



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

✚ Hymn UMH 73

LYONS

O Worship the King
(vss. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 1st Grade may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 CEB

¹We don't need to write to you about the timing and dates, brothers and sisters. ²You know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. ³When they are saying, "There is peace and security," at that time sudden destruction will attack them, like labor pains start with a pregnant woman, and they definitely won't escape. ⁴But you aren't in darkness, brothers and sisters, so the day won't catch you by surprise like a thief. ⁵All of you are children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to night or darkness. ⁶So then, let's not sleep like the others, but let's stay awake and stay sober. ⁷People who sleep sleep at night, and people who get drunk get drunk at night. ⁸Since we belong to the day, let's stay sober, wearing faithfulness and love as a piece of armor that protects our body[a] and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹God didn't intend for us to suffer his wrath but rather to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰Jesus died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 19

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex
10:15 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, November 20

Preschool on Thanksgiving Break
(11-20 thru 11-24)

Tuesday, November 21

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC
6:30 p.m. Garden Club – FH

Wednesday, November 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, November 23 – Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Offices/FLC closed

Saturday, November 25

10:00 a.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, November 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex
10:15 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Blankets
4:00 p.m. Youth

FLC – Family Life Center

FLC/CR – Family Life Center/Craft Room

KO – Koinonia

FH – Fellowship Hall

TR – Trinity Classroom

Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
Pastor

Janie Stafford
Liturgist

Josh White
Accompanist

Tori Armstrong
Children's Ministry Director

Steve Guttery
Audio

Youth Volunteer
Video

will live together with him. ¹¹So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

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

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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!

✠ Hymn UMH 452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30 CEB

¹⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant’s ability. Then he left on his journey. ¹⁶“After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. ¹⁸But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. ¹⁹“Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained five more.’ ²¹“His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’ ²²“The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained two more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’ ²⁴“Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven’t sown. You gather crops where you haven’t spread seed. ²⁵So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what’s yours.’ ²⁶“His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven’t sown and that I gather crops where I haven’t spread seed? ²⁷In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. ²⁸Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. ²⁹Those who have much will receive more, and they will

have more than they need. But as for those who don’t have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. ³⁰Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.’ “People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

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Special Music Boltz
The Anchor Holds
Roy Tipton, Soloist

Sermon

✠ Apostles’ Creed (in unison)
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.

Invitation to Discipleship

✠ Hymn UMH 399 MESSIAH
Take My Life and Let It Be

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Sermon Notes...