

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 25

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Narthex
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Upward Celebration – FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets – Education Wing

Tuesday, February 27

- 9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, February 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, February 29

- 9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
- 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex

Saturday, March 2

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Narthex
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets – Education Wing
- 4:00 p.m. Dayspring – RH

FLC – Family Life Center  
 FH – Fellowship Hall  
 RH – Rawles Hall  
 TR – Trinity 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.



Form Link:

<https://min.link/GfZ>

## Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel  
 Pastor

Thomas Lemons  
 Liturgist

Josh White  
 Accompanist

Beth Feith  
 Worship Leader

Tori Armstrong  
 Children's Ministry Director

Steve Guttery  
 Audio

J. Dan Gullett  
 Visual



Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

✠ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,  
**the courageous and the fearful,**  
 the hungry and the hopeful,  
**the impatient and the reserved.**

God welcomes the young and the old,  
**the poets and the prophets,**  
 the faithful and the tired,  
**the curious and the convicted.**

Wherever you are on your journey,  
 whether your boat is at sea,  
**there is room for all to gather here.**

This is God's house.

**Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

✠ Hymn UMH 529 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION  
 (vss. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big.**

**In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.**

**Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you.**

**Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade may join Mrs. Todameka and Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 22:23-31 CEB

<sup>23</sup>All of you who revere the Lord - praise him! All of you who are Jacob's descendants - honor him! All of you who are all Israel's offspring - stand in awe of him! <sup>24</sup>Because he didn't despise or detest the suffering of the one who suffered - he didn't hide his face from me. No, he listened when I cried out to him for help. <sup>25</sup>I offer praise in the great congregation because of you; I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God. <sup>26</sup>Let all those who are suffering eat and be full! Let all who seek the Lord praise him! I pray your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>Every part of the earth will remember and come back to the Lord; every family among all the nations will worship you. <sup>28</sup>Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord, he rules all nations. <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship him; all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him; my being also lives for him. <sup>30</sup>Future descendants will serve him; generations to come will be told about my Lord. <sup>31</sup>They will proclaim God's righteousness to those not yet born, telling them what God has done.

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

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

‡ Doxology

OLD 100TH

***Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts.  
Amen.***

‡ Hymn UMH 512

*Stand By Me*  
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

STAND BY ME

‡ Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33 CEB

<sup>22</sup>Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>When he sent them away; he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. <sup>24</sup>Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. <sup>25</sup>Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed. <sup>27</sup>Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup>Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>And Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind settled down. <sup>33</sup>Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

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Sermon

‡ Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

**I believe in a God who moves towards me when storms rage. I believe in a God who invites me to be brave. I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey. I believe in a God who knows my name. I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. Amen.**

‡ Invitation to Discipleship

‡ Hymn UMH 398

*Jesus Calls Us*  
(vss. 1, 3, 5)

GALILEE

Announcements

Benediction

‡ Postlude