

Prayer List

Jeff Abston
Randy & Pat Adams
Nicole Blevins
Kathy & Eddie Deakins
Alan Demascus
Phyllis Eckerson
Art & Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Clint Ferguson
Terri Fleenor
Family of Wayne Flint
Jim Furches
Tony Gentry
Jennifer Greene
Karen Hall
Hannah Hensley
Joanne Hoke
Tricia Huffman
Johnny & Peggy
Humphreys
Keith & Jean Jones
Anna Kapoor
Linda Kostreva
Timothy Livesay
Jim & CarolAnne
Milliken
Jason Mills
Don Parsons
Robin Potter
Donna Robbins
Family of Halie-Ann
Rex

Hannah Sage
Russell Scholz
Rebecca Smith
Tommy Thomson
Fred Tucker
Anna Grace West
Manna House

New Additions:

The Bryja Family
Scott Huff



Submit a prayer request.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2/22: Pastor Steve Send Off (11:30)
- 2/22: JC Youth Ignite (5:30)
- 2/28: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet (9:30)
- 3/1: Leadership Training (11:30)
- 3/29: Easter EGG-stravaganza (4:00)



*Full Church
Calendar*



*Submit an announcement
request.*

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Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent



WORSHIP GUIDE

PRELUDE

Arr. by Mark Hayes

"Abide with Me"

FIRST THINGS FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His.

People: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Leader: For the Lord is good and His love endures.

People: God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Screen

“Better is One Day”

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Holy God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offences against You.

People: You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: We are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You.

Leader: In Your mercy, forgive our sins.

People: Free us from our past, and cleanse our hearts from selfish desire, so that we may live holy, just, and generous lives to the glory of Your holy name.

(A time for personal reflection)

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us according to our sins. So, place your trust in God, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: In the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-7

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN OF TRUST

Screen

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

MISSION MOMENT

DOXOLOGY

#94

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23, 39-43

ANTHEM

“Christ is Always with You”

SERMON

Rev. Jodie Ifhe

“Paradise”

SONG OF REFLECTION

Screen

“Set a Fire”

LITURGY OF SENDING FORTH

HYMN OF OBEDIENCE

#467

“Trust and Obey”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

POSTLUDE

Franz Joseph Haydn/
setting by Charles Callahan

“Creation”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The churchwide Leadership Training has been rescheduled to March 1 right after worship. We will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch before getting started.

JC Youth Ignite is happening tonight! We are meeting at the ETSU Wesley Foundation (1100 Seminole Drive JC, TN). Drop off is at 5:30 and pickup is at 7:30. Dinner will be provided.

Sunday, March 29 starting at 4pm is our Easter EGG-stravaganza, and we need your help. We are collecting bags of *individually wrapped* candy and other small items to fill Easter eggs the next several weeks.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Final Words from the Cross

Menu: Taco Salad, Dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30, classes begin at 6:30. Please make reservations by Monday, 2/23 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

SAVE THE DATES:

- June 8-12 - Youth Mission Week. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.
- June 22-26 - Camp in the Community. Contact Pastor Jodie for more information.
- July 14 - Senior Adult Trip to see *Guys and Dolls* at Barter Theatre. Registration deadline is May 1. Contact Nancy Campbell for more information.

Clare’s Closet continues during all Food Pantry Saturdays through March. The collection box is in the connector for donations of **new or gently used winter wear:** coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, and scarves.

Food Pantry Items - February

- Laundry Detergent
- Crackers in sleeves
- Dish Detergent
- Toilet Paper

Help your neighbors in need.

Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector