

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 1/14: Kids' Crafternoon (11:30)
- ◆ 1/16: Men's Bible Study begins (7:15 am), Women's Bible Study (1:00), Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 1/17: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 1/19-21: Resurrection youth event
- ◆ 1/22: Finance Meeting (6:00)
- ◆ 1/27: Leader Training (10:00)

Kids Crafternoon Fun! Right after worship today, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for games and crafts. Lunch is provided.

A men's Bible study class will begin on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:15 am in the Conference Room at FUMC. The class will gather each Tuesday morning for prayer and study led by Drew Cradic.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of January, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are toilet paper, laundry detergent, and boxes of crackers in sleeves. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Dianna Boarman

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Gina Billings
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
Karl Cavanary
Family of Steve Cochran
Penny Cole
Steve Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Mary Goodwin
Bob Gore
Betty & Earl Gouge
Nora & Tony Haynes
Cindy Holmes
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Family of Bonnie Marrs
Bob & Wanda May
Kent & Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Bobby Seay
Bill Spence
John Staley
Mike Terry
John & Susan Trotter
Anna Grace West
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

Prelude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Arr. Robert Lau

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: Let us worship and sing praises to our God,

People: for God is gracious and worthy of praise.

Leader: God welcomes the outcast and heals the brokenhearted.

People: God is always with us, offering healing and forgiveness.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's steadfast love.

People: We will worship our God, the source of goodness and strength.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy God, You bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts.

People: Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to things that break Your heart.

Leader: You would have us share our gifts with the world,

People: but we keep our resources close, and our minds closed.

Leader: You would have us live in faithful community,

People: but we isolate ourselves, and eye our neighbors with mistrust.

Leader: You would have us see all people as our siblings,

People: but we try to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort.

Leader: Forgive us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Heal us, O God. Open our hearts, renew our minds, and transform us into agents of Your mercy and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Because God has chosen us, God will work in us and bring us to the joy of salvation. Always remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Psalm 103:1-14

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #121

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

Gospel Reading Mark 2:1-12

Anthem "Merciful God"

Sermon "Christ in Capernaum" Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Mighty to Save" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

The First Church youth will attend Resurrection on January 19-21 in Pigeon Forge. You can support our youth by providing drinks, chips, cookies, or other snacks. Donations can be left in the print room by January 17.

On Sunday, February 11, we will have a potluck soup lunch after worship. Please plan to bring a pot of soup or chili (or bread or dessert) to share, and fellowship with church friends. We will also be collecting canned soups during January & February to use in our food pantry. A sign up sheet will be available on Sundays for people to sign up for what they want to bring.

Save the date! The annual Leader Training Event will be hosted by the Three Rivers District on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Wesley Memorial UMC from 10:00-3:00. Each leader will choose 4 workshops to attend and lunch is provided. Contact Pastor Jodie for more information.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Gospel of Mark

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 1/15 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

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