

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 1, 2026

SERVICE TIME 11:00 AM

## GATHERING

*Greet others and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

## JOYS, CELEBRATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

## PRELUDE

*Please be seated and prepare for worship with quiet meditation and prayer.*

## INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

**God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.**

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

**Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light and we are saved through him. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 620

*One Bread, One Body*

## \*OPENING PRAYER

## \*A MODERN AFFIRMATION 885

## \*GLORIA PATRI 70

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY 95

## ANTHEM

*In Remembrance*

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Born Again*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 12

*Please use the musical responses on page 17. Your generous offering left on the Communion rail goes to Local Missions, which assists those of our community in need.*

\*HYMN 301 VS 1-3

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*To God Be the Glory*

\*POSTLUDE

*Items in **Bold** are unison. Items with an asterisk (\*) denote standing as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MISSIONS DONATIONS: First Sunday of the month or the Sunday we share Holy Communion.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS: We've been asked to provide dinner for an Inspiritus mission team this coming Tuesday at 6 PM. There will be 35 people consisting of college kids and Inspiritus staff. They are the group that brought the wonderful team from the Bahamas that stayed with us. Inspiritus is providing the food (pasta dinner) so we will need volunteers to set-up, cook, and serve. We're providing a welcoming place for the team to eat and rest after a hard day of helping others, and we will do it well. Thank you for your faithfulness. John

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome. If you didn't bring your *Prayer & Self Denial* offering, please bring it to the meeting. Hostesses: Terry Kerns, Wendy Folmar & Sharon Holder. Program: Bobbie Smith

UWIF: On March 21, Mountain City United Women in Faith will host the District Day Apart Fellowship Time. Coffee and breakfast pastries beginning at 9:30 with the program beginning at 10:00 AM. Cost \$10. Reservations required. Reverend Kim Goddard will be our spiritual leader for this event.

CHILDREN'S HOME: There are 5 Sundays in March. It's time to start putting dollars away for *Holston Children's Home* collection on March 29.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE: Every Wednesday and the first Saturday of the month and open from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Contact Sue Evans to serve in this church outreach mission.

NOTICE: If you want to make changes to the prayer requests or to have an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please contact John Crabtree.

#### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Time	Children's Church
01-Mar	Kruger	Folmars	Communion	Antczak
08-Mar	Hofmann	Hawkins	Millsap	Payne
15-Mar	Wright	Brown/Auld	Fortune	Pennington
22-Mar	Hadley/Wilson	Holdings	Crabtree	Bontrager
29-Mar	Payne	Evans/Peake	Hawkins	Mackley

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