

PRAYER REQUEST

YOUR NAME – Please Print

Person or situation for which you are requesting prayer.

- ☐ Share this information with the congregation.
- ☐ For Pastors Only
- ☐ For Pastors & Prayer Team Only

OTHER REQUESTS

Living Legends Luncheon  
May 13, 2025 - Noon

Every life tells the story of God. Come hear life stories of your friends and the “living legends” of our church. We’ll be kicking off the first one with John Gill.

☐ I will attend.

☐ Order me a \$15 boxed lunch.

Name

Lunch Reservations for our Penetecost Block Party  
Sunday, June 8

In order to secure our Food Trucks, we need a head count! If you plan on ordering lunch from one of the Food Trucks, please register below!

Name & Number in Party: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Rock City Dogs #\_\_\_\_ (Gourmet Hot Dogs)
- ☐ Casa Mañana #\_\_\_\_ (Tex Mex)
- ☐ Tazz’s Tastee Temptations #\_\_\_\_ (Chicken Spaghetti)
- ☐ Grampa’s Catfish #\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Shake’s Frozen Custard #\_\_\_\_

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 11, 2025  
9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)  
5:300 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, May 12, 2025  
9:00 am Flower Girls  
1:00 pm Community Café  
6:30 pm Beginner Taiko

Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study  
9:00 am Staff Meeting  
10:30 am Worship Planning  
12:00 pm Living Legends Luncheon  
1:00 pm Community Café  
4:15 pm FANN  
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, May 14, 2025  
9:30 am CDC Chapel  
10:00 am CDC Graduation Practice  
1:00 pm Community Café  
5:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting  
5:00 pm Conclave Movie Night  
5:45 pm Center St Ringers Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 15, 2025  
11:00 am Sarah Mosley Retirement Celebration



First Time Guest?

We're glad you are here! As a thank you, we'd like to make a gift of \$5 in your honor to one of our community partners. Scan the QR code above to choose which organization to receive the donation. Thank you for being our guest today.



MOMENT IN MINISTRY



WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK. We have embraced our role in urban ministry. Our members and friends come because they are attracted to our vitality, warmth, friendliness, and energy. They stay because we travel with them on their journey.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS. An usher will be happy to help you find the large print bulletins and United Methodist Hymnals on the center table in the Narthex as you enter the church. Please return the hymnal to the table after the service.

AUDIO AND VIDEO OF TODAY’S SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. CDs and DVDs of today’s service are available by calling the church office at 501.372.2256 or by emailing Lesley Andrews at [landrews@fumclr.org](mailto:landrews@fumclr.org).

ATTENTION PARENTS. We understand worshiping with children can be an adventure, but it is essential to their growth in Christ. If your child is staying in worship, please see an usher if you would like a worship bag. However, one is available on the second floor outside the Sanctuary if you desire a nursery. If you need assistance, please see an usher or a member of the Hospitality Team.



May 11, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Fourth Sunday Of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE James Stanley  
Trumpet Tune on “Dix” | James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP † Rev. Eva Englert-Jessen  
When we attend to God’s Word in creation,  
**we are convicted with both gratitude and duty.**  
Turn our hearts, O God of great expectations and great mercy.  
**Turn our hearts.**  
In the respite of this hour, make us one with your purpose that all creation be reconciled to you.

**May we worship the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all that exists, interwoven through our hope and action.**

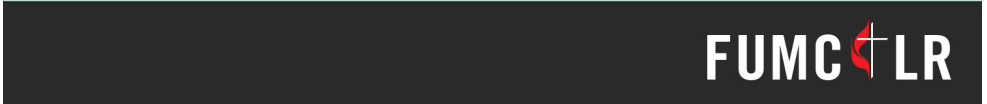
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 77 †  
How Great Thou Art | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †  
**Creator God, You are always making things new. Even when death and despair attempt to cling, you usher in resurrection and new life. Remind us that creation is not separate from us, and help us to respond to your earth that cries out for justice and wholeness. May we live in a spirit of interconnectedness, embodying with our full selves what it means to be stewards of the land and fellow creatures you have entrusted to us. Give us open eyes, ears, hearts and minds to witness your acts of creation, including in our own lives, every day. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE †  
May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 77 †  
**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!**  
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† PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE



**SONG**  
Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me– the Bible tells me so.

**CHILDREN’S TIME** Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Grayson Mack Yeary, Son of Mack and Jackie Yeary

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
Grayson, Grayson God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.  
Grayson, Grayson God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

**CELEBRATION OF FUMCLR FLOWER MINISTRY** Rev. David C. Freeman

**HYMN OF ILLUMINATION 92 VS 1-5**  
*For The Beauty of the Earth* \ United Methodist Hymnal

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Rev. Eva Englert-Jessen  
**Genesis 2: 4-9, 15**

This is the word of god for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. David C. Freeman  
Co-Creators

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**OFFERTORY** Chancel Choir  
*Song of the Creator* \ Geoff

**DOXOLOGY 94**  
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!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †**

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT 384 †**  
*Love Divine All Loves Excelling* \ United Methodist Hymnal

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**  
We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION †

**CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †**  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* | Peter Lutkin

**POSTLUDE** James Stanley  
*Toccata on “Pass Me Not”* | Phil Lehenbauer



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

**Clergy:**  
Rev. David C. Freeman  
Rev. Natasha Murray  
Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson  
**Music & Worship Arts:** Chancel Choir, James Stanley, Shannon Webb  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Eva Englert-Jessen  
**Audio/Visual:** Christopher Cone, Lesley Andrews  
**Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Small, Mary Thompson  
**Altar Flowers:** To the glory of God and in memory of our parents Al and Claribel Rentfro and Ken and Ruth Woodard. Given by Larry & Juanita Woodard.

IN OUR PRAYERS

**Requesting Prayer:**  
Kaye Hoover, Jim Gormone, Hilda Thomas, Josh O’Neill, Olivia Watson Neill, Holly Trantham, Sarah Mosley, Larry Woodard, Pat Blackstone, Jess Howard, Betty Wallace,





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JOURNEY CARD

We’re glad you’re here!  
*Please complete the card and place in the offering plate.*

☐ CHECK IF FIRST-TIME GUEST

FULL NAME – Please Print

CHILDREN & YOUTH PRESENT TODAY  
Names & Ages

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE

EMAIL(s)

- ☐ My info has changed. Please update my records.
- ☐ Repeat Guest
- ☐ Member
- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Subscribe to E-Newsletter
- ☐ I am interested in joining FUMC.
- ☐ I would like more information about FUMC.
- ☐ I would like a call from the pastor