

ORDER OF WORSHIP
11:00 AM

ENTRANCE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

As you enjoy our prelude, please use this time to quietly meditate and prepare your heart for worship.

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
Everyone can be seated for the introit

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Theresa

*CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Cooley
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8404/worship-connection-September-17-2023>

Leader: When the tides of fear seem to overwhelm us, we cry out...

People: Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety!

Leader: When we feel lost and alone and we wonder if anyone cares about us, we cry out...

People: Lord, come and heal our wounded spirits!

Leader: When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out...

People: Lord, bring us peace. AMEN

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 127
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Everyone can be seated for the time of confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Betty Cooley

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Pastor Theresa
We stand before God - a God of justice, a God of forgiveness and acceptance. This God raises us up and upholds us in our living. Praise be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Theresa

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lynn Patterson
All children will remain in the sanctuary as we enjoy intergenerational worship together.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Joyful Psalm of Praise

*GOSPEL READING Pastor Theresa
Matthew 18:21-35
Please stand for the Gospel reading

SERMON Pastor Theresa

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 315
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Betty Cooley

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Betty Cooley
Give electronically or leave your offering in one of the offering stations in the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Pastor Theresa

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 170
O How I Love Jesus

*BENEDICTION Pastor Theresa

*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
The congregation is dismissed with the offering of the postlude as our final Alleluia of worship.

*Please stand as you are able.



Please sign the connect card & drop in the offering plate, or check-in online using the QR code (be sure to check 8:30 or 11:00 service time) so we might keep your information updated and better serve you.

Assisting with the services today

9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation: Trish Pendleton
11:00 AM Liturgist: Betty Cooley
Children’s Message: Lynn Patterson
Ushers/Greeters: Derwin Brownlow, Barbara Pierce
Nursery Volunteer: Michelle Martin

Assisting with the services September 24

9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation: Dorris Waldron
11:00 AM Liturgist: Betty Cooley
Children’s Message:
Ushers/Greeters: Derwin Brownlow, Barbara Pierce
Nursery Volunteer:



SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT
GATHERING 5:00 PM

If you can provide food on a Sunday night for the Youth, please contact Youth Director, Andi at youthministries@smyrnafirstumc.org or the church office.
Thank you so much for supporting our youth!

REINSTATING MEMBERSHIP



Ron & Lynn Patterson
150 Brandon Trail
Smyrna, TN 37167

WAYS TO GET CONNECTED AT SMYRNA FIRST

Sunday school classes available each week:

Fellowship, 10 am, room 201

MINGS (Men in Need of God's Strength),
10 am, room 312

Motley Christians, 10 am, room 303

Pairs & Spares, 10 am, room 307

Searchers, 10 am, room 305

WINGS (Women in Need of God's Strength),
10 am, room 310

W.I.P.S., 10 am, room 309

YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADES), 10 AM,
rooms 315-317

3RD-5TH GRADES, 10 am, room 101
PRESCHOOL-2ND GRADE, 10 am,
room 103

Nursery, 8:30 & 11:00 am, room 108

UPCOMING AT SMYRNA FIRST

DEPOT DAYS - We will have a booth and we need volunteers to help us meet our community neighbors on September 23

***ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** - You have the opportunity to write a devotional to be included in a handbook to be shared with the church during the Advent season. Please submit by October 15th.*

SALT

Senior Adults Living Triumphantly



DATES TO REMEMBER

Noon, Fellowship Hall

September 21 - Pizza, Salad & Bingo

October 19 - Costume party,
Soup & Sandwiches

November 16 - Thanksgiving Celebration

December 21 - Dinner & A Play (TBD)

THIS WEEK AT SMYRNA FIRST

SUNDAY
9/17

8:30 AM Modern Worship

9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

12:15 PM Church Council - FH

5:00 PM Youth

MONDAY
9/18

8:30 AM Sparrow's Nest

6:00 PM Sinfonietta Orchestra

6:30 PM Cub Scouts - FH

TUESDAY
9/19

11:00 AM Yoga Class - FH

6:30 PM Finance Committee

6:00 PM Cub Scouts - FH

6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Basement

WEDNESDAY
9/20

8:30 AM Sparrow's Nest

3:00 PM Food Pantry

5:30 PM Bible Study - FH

6:00 PM Hand Bells

7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY
9/21

12:00 PM SALT Luncheon - FH

6:00 PM Yoga Class - FH

6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal

SATURDAY
9/23

10:00 AM Depot Days

SUNDAY
9/24

8:30 AM Modern Worship

9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

5:00 PM Youth

FH=Fellowship Hall, Door D

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September 17, 2023

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM



Smyrna First United Methodist Church

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Worship Music Leader - Branson Clark

Pianist - Jesse Bobick Organist - Bobby Medlen

Youth Ministries Director - Andi Steinberg

Financial Secretary - Cheryl Byrd

Office Manager - Sandra Phelps

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