



All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

May 3, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Order of Worship

~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive
toward the embodiment of God's presence,
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

Chiming of the Hour - In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Chorale-prelude on *St. Columba*

C. V. Stanford

Choral Call to Worship

The Strife is O'er

Melchior Vulpius

The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won,
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Text: Latin 1695, tr. Francis Pott)

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

Leader: Leads me beside still waters, restores my life

People: Leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake

*Opening Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen. Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

Children's Sermon

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Anthem

The Lord's My Shepherd

Brother James' Air
Arr. Roger Price

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
My soul he doen restore again,
And in His love abide.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me;
And Thy rod and staff my comfort still.
My table Thou has furnished,
My cup Thou overfills.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

(Text: Metrical adaptation of Psalm 23)

*Doxology *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 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!*

*A Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH 138

*Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

Sermon

Take The Lead

Reverend Dave Leckrone

Holy Communion

Musical Setting C, UMH 20

*Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Send Us Now Into Your World

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord; may we love and serve the living God.

Postlude *(be seated)*

Chorale-prelude on Now Praise, My Soul, Thy Master

J. G. Walther

*indicates standing

Altar Table Flowers

To the glory of God, the altar flowers are given
*in appreciation for all who volunteered, donated and bought dinners
for our 69th Semi Annual Dinner*

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Sue Minner, Sally Sisterhen

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Ernie Boyd, Joe Brackett, Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Paul Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana, Woody Draper, Allison Engle Porter, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, Tylor Freeman, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Dee Heilman, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Julianne Phillips, Alicia Pullin, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Howard & Lillie Reynolds, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Private First Class ~ 2nd Lt Garrett Weldon
All troops deployed for the war on Iran

Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.



On Sunday, May 10, we will celebrate the women of our church during our 10am worship service.

Before and after the service, everyone is welcome to go to the Fellowship Hall for a complimentary photo session with Tony and Kim Reeder.

Photos are a record of how we have changed from year to year! One person or a large family—all are welcome.

On Sunday, May 17 you can pick up your complimentary photo in the Rudorah Welcome Parlor.



Disciple Fast Track is a streamlined Bible study designed for busy people. The program includes two 12-week sessions—one covering the Old Testament and the other the New Testament. Each week features manageable daily readings (3–5 chapters) and a 75-minute group session with video, discussion, and study materials.

Part 1 begins June 1 at 6:30 p.m. and runs for 12 weeks.

The study guide costs \$16.99. Please sign up with Gail Baker by May 18 so materials can be ordered. Pay the first night. Contact: gail@londonfumc.org, 740-852-0462

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Attendance—114 * ~ Offering—\$4,463.86
Monthly Need—\$24,800.00



End Times and Hope - **Saturday, May 9, 8am,**
Coffee and Muffins Provided

The topic of the end times often stirs curiosity and concern among believers. The Bible offers hope amid uncertainty, reminding us of God's ultimate plan for humanity. Discussing the end times encourages exploration of prophetic scriptures and what they mean for our lives today. This topic can lead to uplifting conversations about the promise of Christ's return, the restoration of creation, and the hope we have as followers of Christ. It also emphasizes the importance of living in readiness and sharing that hope with others.

The men's last Bible study will be May 23rd and then resume on Saturday, September 12.



Enjoy Sunday Brunch at **The Butcher Block Restaurant** and take this bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is graciously giving back to our church! 10% of your Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you present your church bulletin to your server. *Lots of great choices!!!*



May is FUMC's month at the Food Pantry

The congregation needs to provide 2-3 volunteers (in addition to Mike Jenkins and Joe Brackett who are regulars) each time the Food Pantry is open.

8:45 to 11:45 Wednesday and Saturday

**Please let Gail Baker know if you can cover any
or all of these dates:**

May 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 26, 30

The Madison County Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned soup, crackers (saltines, Ritz, e.g.) and bagged/boxed breakfast cereal. We have donation bins here at the church.

Sunday Leaders

Sound & Video Technicians

Brian Benedum
David Cover

Liturgist

April Ushers

David Emrick, Chair
Maryann Emrick

Lay Leader

Henry Comer

April Hospitality

David & Maryann Emrick

Children's Church

None—Holy Communion

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