



# MPUMC

## MIDDLEBROOK PIKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Worshiping Together**  
**September 8, 2024**

*On the corner where faith and life meet.*



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# Traditional Worship Service

## Words of Grace and Greeting

### Prelude

This Is My Father's World  
*arr. Hayes*

### Lighting of Altar Candles

### Trinity Chime

### Opening Hymn

O Spirit of the Living God, UMH 539

### Call To Worship

When the world divides us

**Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

When the world calls us orphaned

**Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

When the world leads us astray

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home. Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Come and fill this place!**

**Affirmation of Faith** From the United Church of Canada, UMH 883

### Gloria Patri

UMH 70

### Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul  
*arr. Hayes*

### Prayers of the People

**Offertory**

Mansion Over the Hilltop

*Ira Stamphill  
Susie Skinner*

**Doxology**

UMH 94

**Hymn of Preparation** Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy, UMH 340

**Scripture**

Genesis 1:1-2

**Sermon**

Before Us  
*Rev. Troy Forrester*

**Hymn of Discipleship**

It's Me, It's Me O Lord, UMH 352

**Welcome to New Member**

We welcome Trip Hope  
to Middlebrook Pike!

**Benediction**

**Trinity Chime**

**Postlude**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens  
*arr. Held*

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**Hearing devices and large print hymnals** are available.  
Please see an Usher for assistance.

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In honor of Rachel Buchheit's birthday by her mother, Sabra.



## **CONNECTION CARD**

Please let us know you're here today.

Scan this QR code and fill out the  
Connection Card so we can get acquainted.

**Or email [mtroutman@middlebrookpike.com](mailto:mtroutman@middlebrookpike.com)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Inagural Concert "Da Capo"

Sunday, Sept 22 at 6:00 pm.

All are invited to an evening of string quartet chamber music presented in our sanctuary!

These musicians are all members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. There is a suggested donation of \$20.

### Youth Mission

The youth will be bagging donations for the homeless on Sept 15. Bring donations to the Mission Table by Sept 15. Donation list is located on the Mission table.

### Offering at the Altar

On October 13th, we will hold a special "Offering at the Altar" initiative during our Sunday worship services. We will provide brown paper grocery bags with a list of needed items for our FISH food pantry and our Blessing Box. We will then place these bags in front of the altar in each of our worship services. More details will be available as we get closer to the event!

### Crop Drop

Mark your calendars for our first-ever Crop Drop on Saturday, October 26th! This event is an opportunity to come together as a church and community to sort and distribute fresh produce to those in need. We will need volunteers leading up to the event to prepare bags and volunteers the day of the Crop Drop. Stay tuned for more details!

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 8

- 8:30 am Small Groups
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Hospitality
- 11:15 am Small Groups
- 11:15 am BAMB!
- 1:00 pm Adult Handbells
- 2:00 pm Compassionate Friends

### Monday, September 9

- 10:00 am Mary Rayfield Circle
- 6:00 pm Trustees
- 6:30 pm Scouts
- 6:30 pm ELL

### Tuesday, September 10

- 9:30 am CEP
- 10:00 am Prayer at the Altar
- 10:00 am Rhythmic Aerobics
- 3:00 pm Casual Pickleball
- 6:30 pm Be Course
- 7:00 pm Pickleball

### Wednesday, September 11

- 3:00 pm Pickleball
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm ELL
- 6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday, September 12

- 9:30 am CEP
- 10:00 am Rhythmic Aerobics
- 6:15 pm Sisters in Christ

### Friday, September 13

No Events Scheduled

### Saturday, September 14

No Events Scheduled