



# MPUMC

## MIDDLEBROOK PIKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Worshiping Together October 13, 2024

*On the corner where faith and life meet.*



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

# Traditional Worship Service

**Words of Grace and Greeting**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
*arr. Payne*

**Prelude**

Come, Thou Almighty King, UMH 61

**Lighting of Altar Candles**

**Trinity Chime**

**Opening Hymn**

**Call To Worship**

Praise be to God who has called us together.

**We come here seeking healing and hope.**

Open your hearts to God's redeeming love.

**Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways.**

**Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed, UMH 881

**Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

**Anthem**

Holy Manna  
*arr. Raney*

**Prayers of the People**

## Offering At The Altar

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and hands full of gifts. Today, as we bring forth these offerings for our Blessing Box, we ask for Your blessing upon each item, each giver, and each person who will receive them. May these gifts be more than just food or supplies; may they be signs of Your love, hope, and care reaching out to those in need.

Lord, we thank You for the opportunity to be Your hands and feet in this community, sharing from the abundance You have given us. We pray that every person who receives these gifts will also feel the warmth of Your presence and the promise of Your grace. Let this act of giving draw us closer together as a church family and deepen our commitment to serve others in Your name.

As we offer these gifts, we ask that You use them to bring comfort to the weary, strength to the struggling, and hope to the hopeless. May Your love overflow from this place into the lives of those who need it most. We dedicate these offerings to You, trusting that in Your hands, they will become instruments of blessing, peace, and transformation.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to love and to serve. Amen.

### Offertory

Pure and Holy  
*Hudson and Farnsworth,  
Laurel Hokaj*

### Doxology

UMH 94

### Hymn of Preparation

Jesus Calls Us, UMH 398

### Scripture

Mark 10:17-27

### Sermon

Next Steps  
*Rev. Mark Gooden*

### Hymn of Discipleship

Close To Thee, UMH 407

### Benediction

### Trinity Chime

### Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!  
*arr. Callahan*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Helen Walker by her friends.

## GUEST PREACHER

We are blessed to welcome the Rev. Dr. C. Mark Gooden as our guest preacher today! Mark has served in the Holston Conference for 40 years. His last appointment was at First Centenary United Methodist Church in Chattanooga. He retired in June 2023 and began working full-time as Vice President of Development for the Holston Foundation in July 2023. Mark and his wife, Judy, live in Chattanooga with their dog Sally. They have two children: Tim, who lives in Winston-Salem, NC, and Kylie, who, along with her husband, resides in Dayton, Ohio.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Crop Drop

On October 26th we will come together as a church and community to sort and distribute and deliver fresh produce to those in need.

If you would like to participate in the Crop Drop please sign up to volunteer for Friday evening and/or Saturday morning. You can sign up by calling the church office (865) 690-8641 during office hours.

### Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30

6:00-7:30 pm

This event is open to the community.

To donate Halloween candy please put in the Fellowship Hall by October 27. To volunteer contact Ann at [acover@middlebrookpike.com](mailto:acover@middlebrookpike.com).

### MPUMC Arts and Craft Fair

Saturday, Nov 2

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$35 (\$25 church members)

\$25 and \$20 for 2nd table

Call the church (865) 690-8641

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 6

- 8:30 am Small Groups
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Hospitality
- 11:15 am Small Groups
- 11:15 am BAMM!
- 1:00 pm Lego League Challenge
- 1:00 pm Adult Handbells

### Monday, October 7

- 6:30 pm Scouts

### Tuesday, October 8

- 10:00 am Prayer at the Altar
- 10:00 am Rhythmic Aerobics
- 3:00 pm Casual Pickleball
- 7:00 pm Pickleball

### Wednesday, October 9

- 3:00 pm Pickleball
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Lego League Challenge
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday, October 10

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

### Friday, October 11

No Events Scheduled

### Saturday, October 12

No Events Scheduled



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