

**WELCOME GUESTS
AND MEMBERS!**

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- I would like to become a member
- I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission
- I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

List each person present and update any info

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Hal & Joann Parker

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Beverly Beal, Arlen & Sue Belk, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Elvie Cranford, Catherine Douglas (Paul Douglas' mother), Kathy Douglas, Sandy Eldridge, Jane Finger, Pam Freeman, Donald Hartsell (brother-in-law of Kathy Dellinger), Ed Hatley, Betty Jo Helms, Jayce Heff, Susan Henthorn, Denise Hobbs, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Lessie Pendleton, Scott Sain, Gracie Sceascea, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Linda Smith, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless

NURSING FACILITIES: Ann Ford (The Addison), Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Judy Komas (The Addison), Brenda Noles (Heath House), Mary Jean Rollins (Summit Place - Mooresville)

HOMEBOUND: Brenda Ballard, Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Jo Huss, Donna Connor Morris, Bobbie Robinson, Mary Robinson, Verna Rufini

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

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| MINISTERS: | All Members of First UMC |
| LITURGIST: | Keith Dedmond |
| GREETERS: | Tim & Rosemary Leonard |
| ACOLYTE: | Owen Krech |
| HEAD USHER: | Carl Henline |
| MEDIA TECHS: | Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton |
| PEW KEEPERS: | Jeremy & Emily Krech |
| ROVER: | Pam Metzger |
| VALET: | Steve Morton |

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| PASTOR | Dr. Tim Roberts | 336-293-3698 | troberts@wncumc.net |
| PASTOR EMERITUS | Rev. Phillip Cole | | |
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| ORGANIST/PIANIST | Neil Underwood | nunderwoodband@gmail.com | |
| FINANCIAL ASSIST. | Letha Owen | lrowen520@gmail.com | |
| FACILITIES MGR. | Steve Herman | paherman@charter.net | |
| PRESCHOOL DIR. | Kristen Willis | preschool@fumclincolnton.com | |

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship
December 17, 2023

Kneel to Pray
Third Sunday of Advent

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Light the Advent Candle

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Reign of God is drawing near:
People: Our faith calls us to change our lives!
Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord:
People: A just and peaceful path!
Leader: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:
People: For the glory of God!

***HYMN** *Angels, From The Realms of Glory* UMH #220

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 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.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Krech Family

*O Come, O come, great Lord of Might, who to thy tribe's on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.*

A NEW & GLORIOUS MORN!

CELEBRATING THE LIGHT AND LIFE OF CHRISTMAS

*Written by LLOYD LARSON
Orchestration by ED HOGAN*

*Prepare for the Coming of the Lord
The Promised King of Heaven
Holy Child of Bethlehem
All Glory Be to God on High!
Rise Up, Shepherd, Go Tell It!
A Holy Silent Night
*Come, Adore the Newborn King!
(Congregation and Choir)*

*Music Director - Joanna M. Underwood
Piano/Accompanist - Neil S. Underwood
Narrators - F. Gordon Hubbell, Jan Duncan*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

****You are invited to stand, as you are able****

WELCOME: To all who need a church home, who mourn and need comfort, who are lonely and need friendship, who know how to pray and who do not, who sin and need a Saviour, who are displaced and are searching for community, who are tossed in turbulent waters and are seeking a safe harbor, and to whosoever will – First United Methodist Church opens wide its heart, mind, and doors, and in the name of Jesus the Christ says: WELCOME!.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS

*Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you."
- Mark 11:24 (CEB)*

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like for the church and/or the pastor to pray with you about, please let us know by writing it down on the slip below and dropping it in the offering plate.

Check here to have your prayer request to be shared with the church. Otherwise, it will remain confidential.

Use the space below to list any requests for more information about events or to provide additional information about yourself. Please place this slip in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: The offering plates are located at each entrance for you to give of your weekly tithe and offerings. You may also choose to use our online giving portal at: www.fumclincolnton.com/give-online

GRIEFSHARE: Our GriefShare group meets each Monday, at 10:00 am in the Annex. For more information about the group, please see Joey Lockman. The last meeting for this current session of Griefshare will be on December 28th at 10:00 am.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES:

- December 17 – 7:00 pm – Join us for our annual Moravian Lovefeast, a service of Christmas hymns and readings and fellowship as a church family.
- December 24 – Christmas Eve morning worship
- December 24 – 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service

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<https://tinyurl.com/First-RIPMedical>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:

Emergency Services is requesting:

- Blankets – Special need for the cold weather
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Wash and Body Lotion
- Backpacks for the homeless

Current Food Needs:

Peanut Butter, Crackers, Breakfast food (cereal, grits, oatmeal), Macaroni & Cheese, Pop-top cans of food (easy to use for our homeless)

Clothes Closet:

We will not be accepting any clothes donations from Nov. 1 thru Jan. 1st. Our clothes closet will reopen on January 2.

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MENTORS NEEDED: Lincoln County Schools is looking for mentors to outreach to their students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. If you feel led to volunteer for being a book buddy, tutor, or big brother/big sister, please contact Josh Henderson, assistant principal at Lincolnton Middle School. His phone number is 704-735-1120, ext 34106, or email him at Joshua.henderson@lincoln.k12.nc.us.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – December 24

Liturgist: Carol King

Greeters: Tim & Rosemary Leonard

Acolyte: Owen Krech

Time Mostly for Children: Robbie Combs

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Congregation and Choir**

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Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
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**Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
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