

**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

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Phone

Email

PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Family of Larry Wease, Kenny Finger, Elvie Cranford, Susan Henthorn

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Beverly Beal, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Catherine Douglas, Kathy Douglas, Sandy Eldridge, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Pam Freeman, Donald Hartsell (brother-in-law of Kathy Dellinger), Ed Hatley, Betty Jo Helms, Jayce Heff, Denise Hobbs, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Lessie Pendleton, Gracie Sceascea, Bobbie Robinson, Linda Smith, Laura Smallwood, David Wyant, 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, Mary Robinson, Verna Rufini

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Bryan Beal
GREETERS:	Steve & Jane Morton
ACOLYTE:	Noah Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Kathy Valentine
ROVER:	Betty Parker
VALET:	Jeff Noles

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship
January 21, 2024

Kneel to Pray
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

You Are Welcome Here

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The world is hard; our losses real, our grief tangible
our fear palpable.

People: Merciful God, quiet our rush to judgment.

Leader: The world is heavy; our anxiety clawing, our confusion large
our responsibility tenuous.

People: Brooding God, slow our impulsive actions.

Leader: The world is mystery; our faith rooting, our hope kindling
our love blossoming.

**People: Loving God, may we be quick in our understanding of
your call.**

***HYMN**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

UMH #724

***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.**

TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

Jan Duncan

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1: 2-4

ANTHEM

Gather by the River to Pray

Chancel Choir

SERMON

*Failure
3rd in Series:
Glimpses of Hope*

Dr. Tim Roberts

***HYMN**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH#577

***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 LIST: Please review the prayer list on the back of the bulletin.
If you know of any updates or deletions that need to be made, please
contact the church office.

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

FLOWER CALENDAR: The 2024 Flower Calendar is now posted outside of the church office in the Education Building. You may also contact the church office if you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for the coming year at now available for pick up on the counter in the Middle Building. You can pick up packs of 12, packs of 52, or single envelopes. If you have any questions, please see Letha.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Our Chancel Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room in the Middle Bldg. All are invited to come and help make a joyful noise to the Lord.

5TH WEDNESDAY READING GROUP: We will meet on January 31st at 11:30 am in the church library to talk about any book purchase recommendations from the 5 different categories of the 2024 UMW Reading Program. We welcome new readers to this group!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: We will be offering a confirmation class for the young people of the church (grades 6-12). This class will take place during the Sunday School time (10:00 til 10:45 am) beginning on Feb 4, and culminating with the participants becoming full members of the church on Easter Sunday, March 31st. More information will be made available in the next couple of weeks.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:

Emergency Services is requesting:

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Wash and Body Lotion
- Backpacks for the homeless
- Jeans waist size 30 and 32

In January, we are asked to provide volunteers to pack food boxes at Christian Ministries. The designated dates for our church is January 22, 23 and 24th.

Souper Bowl of Caring, which takes place on February 11th, has become an annual tradition for many congregations, schools and other youth-led groups, which can make a big difference for charities such as ours who serve the community's most vulnerable. During the week before the Super Bowl football game, dollars and canned goods are collected and donated through various Souper Bowl of Caring events.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is the ONLY fundraiser that every dollar goes to the Soup Kitchen. This is a great way to support their work. More information to follow.

UKRAINE UPDATE: We now have two additional sponsors for the Ivenenko Family: Keith and Kathy Dedmond will sponsor the mother and 5 children, and Paul and Liz Strachan will sponsor the father and 5 children. We are still looking for one more sponsor for the two older children. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Park for more information.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – January 28

Liturgist: Tim Leonard

Greeters: Charles & Pat Stevens

Acolyte: Lucas Demofonte

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