

**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)

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**In your daily prayers, please pray for:**

**NEW:** Kenny Finger, Elvie Cranford, Pastor Dale Pederson, Bryon Stevens

**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 Hartzell (brother-in-law of Kathy Dellinger), Ed Hatley, Betty Jo Helms, Jayce Heff, Susan Henthron, Denise Hobbs, Billy Howell, 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**

<b>MINISTERS:</b>	All Members of First UMC
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Tim Leonard
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Charles & Pat Stevens
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Lucas Demofonte
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Chase & Katie Hardin
<b>ROVER:</b>	Joann Parker
<b>VALET:</b>	Jerry Park

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Tim Roberts 336-293-3698 troberts@wnccumc.net
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<b>ORGANIST/PIANIST</b>	Neil Underwood nunderwoodband@gmail.com
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**First United Methodist Church  
Lincolnton**

**Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.**



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Enter to Worship*  
January 28, 2024

*Kneel to Pray*  
4<sup>th</sup> 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: Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other.

**People: With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us we can we must love one another.**

Leader: And it is in this our love for one another that the world will know whom and what we worship.

**People: Come, children of God, brothers and sisters, let us love one another.**

**\*HYMN**

*A Charge To Keep I Have*

UMH #413

**\*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**

Genesis 2: 15-18

**ANTHEM**

*Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*

Chancel Choir

**SERMON**

*Lonliness  
4<sup>th</sup> in Series:  
Glimpses of Hope*

Dr. Tim Roberts

**\*HYMN**

*Pass It On*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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**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.

*The beautiful flowers are placed to the Glory and Honor of God and in memory of David Allen Duncan by Jan Duncan.*

**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.

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**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.

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