

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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:** Family of Bobbie Robinson, Family of Rosie Modlin, Judy Komars

**CONTINUING:** Thomas Allen, Beverly Beal, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Colton (Friend of Karson Shrum), Elvie Cranford, 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, Susan Henthorn, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Lessie Pendleton, Mae Reasoner, Gracie Sceascea, 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), Brenda Noles (Heath House), Mary Jean Rollins (Summit Place - Mooresville), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels – Rehab)

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

**THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

<b>MINISTERS:</b>	All Members of First UMC
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Paul Strachan
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Joann Parker & Kay Lowe
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Noah Hardin
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Joe & Susan Wigley
<b>ROVER:</b>	Keith Dedmond
<b>VALET:</b>	Bo King

**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*  
March 17, 2024

*Kneel to Pray*  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Rise to Serve*  
11:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Chancel Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord.

**People: Cleanse and refresh us from every transgression.**

Leader: Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

**People: and the recreating power of your Spirit make us new.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us O God,

**People: and let your Spirit lead us in truth and righteousness.**

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*My Hope Is Built*

UMH #368

**\*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**

Suzanne Peeler

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

*The Weeping Tree*

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 7: 24-25

**SERMON**

*Built To Last*

Dr. Larry Kimel

**\*HYMN**

*Standing on the Promises*

UMH #374

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth*

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 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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**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:** Dr. Kimel will be in the church office from 10:00 am until Noon on Tuesday mornings. During that time, he will also be leading Chapel for our preschool. To make an appointment with him, please contact the church office.

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**GRIEFSHARE:** Our Griefshare group meets each Monday morning, at 10:00 am in the Annex. To register, visit our website [www.fumclinton.com/ministries-missions](http://www.fumclinton.com/ministries-missions) and click on the Griefshare link. You can also see Joey Lockman with any questions.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:**

Emergency Services is requesting:

- Backpacks for the homeless
- Jeans waist size 30 and 32
- Long sleeve T-shirts for men
- Men's underwear – all sizes
- Penny candy for Easter Basket eggs
- Tennis Shoes for Men and Women – Any size
- Women's undergarments (new – underwear and bras) – any size

Soup Kitchen Wish List items:

- Self Rising Flour, Self Rising Corn Meal or Jiffy, Butter, Gallon size Freezer and Quart size Storage bags

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