

**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: Family of Mary Jean Rollins, Judy Komars, Bunny Nantz

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), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels – Rehab)

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

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Katie Hardin
GREETERS:	Chase & Katie Hardin
ACOLYTE:	Lucas Demofonte
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
ROVER:	Kay Hermann
VALET:	Steve Morton

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

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God’s people.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH #278

***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

Robbie Combs

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12: 12-32

ANTHEM

Blessed Is He Who Comes

Chancel Choir

SERMON

The Crowds

Dr. Larry Kimel

***HYMN**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

UMH #280

***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

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North Tower, Noble West, Room 2107A

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:

Emergency Services is requesting:

- Backpacks for the homeless
- Jeans waist size 30 and 32
- Men's underwear – all sizes
- Tennis Shoes for Men and Women – Any size
- Women's undergarments (new underwear and bras) – any size

Soup Kitchen – Most Needed Items for Pantry

- Crackers, Peanut butter, breakfast foods, detergent, bar soap, toilet paper

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