

**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: Judy Komars, Rev. Sarah Underwood, General Conference

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Beverly Beal, Richard Beeker, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Elvie Cranford, Kathy Douglas, Sandy Eldridge, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Rev. Keiko Foster, 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, Susan Henthorn, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Gracie Sceaseca, Linda Smith, Laura Smallwood, David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, our country

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

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| MINISTERS: | All Members of First UMC |
| LITURGIST: | Jennifer Carroll |
| GREETERS: | Steve & Jane Morton |
| ACOLYTE: | Lucas Demofonte |
| HEAD USHER: | Carl Henline |
| MEDIA TECHS: | Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton |
| PEW KEEPERS: | Chase & Katie Hardin |
| ROVER: | Pam Metzger |
| VALET: | Jerry Park |

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
April 28, 2024

Kneel to Pray
5th Sunday of Easter

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
You Are Welcome Here

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.
People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.
Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.
People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.
Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ’s words will abide in us.
People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.
Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
People: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.
ALL: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

***HYMN** *We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH #569

***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 Cale Thornburg

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Corinthians 3: 1-3

ANTHEM *What A Friend* Chancel Choir

SERMON *Letters Written in the Flesh* Dr. Larry Kimel

***HYMN** *We Are The Church* UMH #558

***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.

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COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: All are invited to join us every Sunday morning, from 9:00 am until 10:00am in the fellowship hall for a time of coffee and conversation, prior to morning Sunday School.

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CONTACT INFO FOR DR. TIM ROBERTS: Pastor Tim has notified us about how we may keep in contact with him while he is deployed. His email address is roberts.tk@gmail.com, and to send anything by mail, please use the following address:

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 5, 2024

Liturgist: Vickie Andrews

Acolyte: Karson Shrum

Greeters: Charles & Pat Stevens

Time for All God's Children: Beverly Beal

Pew Keepers: Jeremy & Emily Krech

Valet: Steve Herman

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:

Emergency Services is requesting:

- Short sleeve men's shirts
- Mens pants/Jeans - waist size 32 and 24
- Men's underwear – all sizes (this is a real need)
- Tennis Shoes for Men and Women – Any size (especially men's 11 & 12
- 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

Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

- Mixed veggies, carrots, cream of mushroom soup, dessert plates

COMMUNITY VBS – JUNE 3-7, 2024: We are still seeking volunteers and helpers for our Community Vacation Bible School. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the church office.

MOUNTAIN T.O.P.: Our church will be traveling to Mountain T.O.P. Service Project in the Cumberland mountains of Tennessee this summer. The week is designed for youth to put their faith into action. Our team will join five or six other teams to provide home repair services to the people of the Cumberland mountains. This is a great way to get to know youth from other states, worship God, learn new skills, and strengthen the youth ministry at our own church.

Our team will be led by Steve Kirksey who has been on this trip many times. We'll take as many young people who would like to come. We'll take two adults for every five youth that go. Please prayerfully consider attending. If you believe you may be interested, Contact the church office now as we will be setting up an informational meeting for parents and youth.

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As the body of Christ at First United Methodist Church, we are committed to seek God's will and honor God and each other in all we say and do. To this end, we choose to relate to each other in the following manner:

- **Show Love for One Another** by doing to others as you would have them do to you
- **Pray for Each Other**
- **Honor and Value Each Other** as equals
- **Possess a Spirit of Joy and Kindness**
- **Listen to Each Other's Opinions** with mutual appreciation
- **Speak Clearly, Directly, and Truthfully** with words and tone that reflect the love of Christ
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