

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

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**NEW:** Linda H. Rudisill, Lois Mary Hoehne, Thurman Melton, Richard Beeker, Judy Komas, Rev. Sarah Underwood

**CONTINUING:** Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Beverly Beal, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Jeremiah Buff, 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, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Jerry McClure, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Gracie Sceascea, Linda Smith, Laura Smallwood, Mickie Stevens, 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**

<b>MINISTERS:</b>	All Members of First UMC
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Joe Southards
<b>GREETERS:</b>	
<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>	Ernie & Betty Parker
<b>ROVER:</b>	Mike Owen
<b>VALET:</b>	Carl Henline

**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*

May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday  
MEMORIAL DAY

11:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

Neil Underwood

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chancel Choir

*Awesome God*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

**People: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**

**\*HYMN**

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

UMH #575

**\*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 FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

Billy Howell

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalms 27: 1-6

**ANTHEM**

*Tribute to the Armed Services*

Chancel Choir

**SERMON**

*That These Dead Shall Not Have Died in Vain*

Dr. Larry Kimel

**\*HYMN**

*This Is My Song*

UMH #437

**\*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!

*The beautiful flowers gracing the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God in and honor of Dr. Larry and Diane Kimel.*

**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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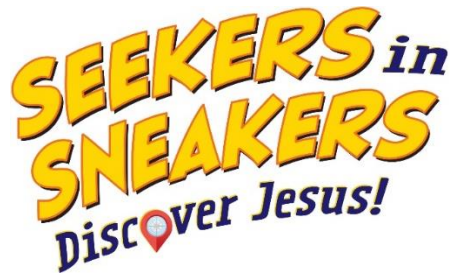
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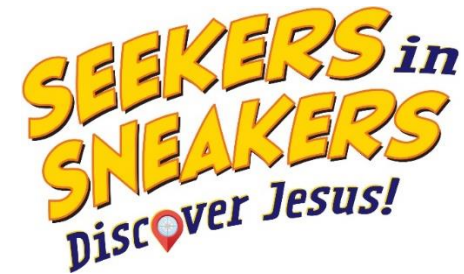
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