

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**NEW:** Beulah Cannon (Rev. Sarah Underwood's mother), Susan Henthorn

**CONTINUING:** Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Beverly Beal, Richard Beeker, 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, Denise Hobbs, LoisMary Hoehne, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Jerry McClure, Thurman Melton, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Linda Smith, Laura Smallwood, Lula Strachan (Paul Strachan's Mother), David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, our country

**NURSING FACILITIES:** Ann Ford (The Addison), Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Judy Komas (The Addison), 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>	Steve Kirksey
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Chase & Katie Hardin
<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>	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
<b>ROVER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>VALET:</b>	Steve Kirksey

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Sarah Underwood
<b>DIR. OF MINISTRIES</b>	Robbie Combs firstumcministries@gmail.com
<b>DIR. OF MUSIC</b>	Joanna Underwood junmor61@gmail.com
<b>ORGANIST/PIANIST</b>	Neil Underwood nunderwoodband@gmail.com
<b>FINANCIAL ASSIST.</b>	Letha Owen lrowen520@gmail.com
<b>FACILITIES MGR.</b>	Steve Herman paherman@charter.net
<b>PRESCHOOL DIR.</b>	Kristen Willis preschool@fumclincolnton.com

CCLI #20422793 (Music), #20422803 (Streaming), CVLI #504379166 (Video)



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**First United Methodist Church  
Lincolnton**

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



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Enter to Worship*  
June 30, 2024

*Kneel to Pray*  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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

**GATHERING**

Robbie Combs

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Once we were at the risk of our own sin and had no knowledge of salvation.

**People: But because of His great love for us, God provided a way we could understand. He sent us a living example – Love Personified.**

Leader: We were raised to a new stature by His gift.

**People: Kindness replaced our disobedience and transformed our focus away from cravings and anger, making us aware of the highest of callings rather than the lowest.**

Leader: It is by grace that we have been saved.

**People: Grace is neither earned nor changed by us, but by God through Jesus Christ. We are created to be responsible for ourselves, others, God’s creations, and to fulfill God’s love with our honor and search for understanding.**

**All: We are saved. We are loved. We are shown the way.**

**\*A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church whose holy faith we now declare:**

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love whose mercy is over all works.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in remembrance of the truth of Christ.**

**We believe this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our Blessed Lord to the end, that the Kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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**

Cale Thornburg

**CONSECRATION OF MOUNTAIN T.O.P. MISSION TEAM**

**\*HYMN**

*Hymn of Promise*

UMH# 707

**CALL TO PRAYER AND THE WORD**

Chancel Choir

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

**ANTHEM**

*America the Beautiful*

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 2: 1-10

**SERMON**

*Practical Grace Changes Us*

Gordon Hubbell, CLM

**\*HYMN**

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

UMH #717

**\*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 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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I first thought that these were of standardized contents, but realized those were specific persons. But most are generalized content.

Here are some suggestions:

- Use the Priority Mail Flat Rate Small Box
- The cost to mail is ~\$20 (sorry, it's not free like some think)
- You'll need to fill out a customs form so know what you've put in the box before you seal it
- **Needed & Appreciated Items**
  - Cards/Notes to the Servicemember
  - Energy Drink Packets (like Celsius to Go)
  - Beef Jerky
  - Cookies (especially Girl Scout)
  - Candy
  - Jolly Ranchers / hard candy
  - Trail Mix (like individual Kars)
  - Individual Flavor Packets for water (like Crystal Light)
  - K-cups
  - Individual Mac-n-Cheese
  - Other individual foods that are either Ready-to-Eat or easy to prepare
  - Hygiene products
  - Feminine products
  - Crackers

- Fly trap tapes
- Puzzles
- Comic books
- ... Your choice of other products

- If your package is designed for one person, please note that on the box. Normally we open the boxes are mix the contents to be distributed to groups of people.
- **ITEMS NOT ALLOWED**
  - Pornography, or any product that may be suggestive
  - Alcohol
  - Tobacco products, Including vapes, e-cigarettes
  - Gambling products
- We already have a nice supply of bibles and devotionals already. The Upper Room and Portal of Prayer provides us with current issues for free

NOTE: For now, **please only send around a max of 12 boxes at a time**. The Postmaster at the Air Base is a bit snippy when we receive a ton of packages all at once. I will be having a face-to-face with him about this soon.

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