

**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:** The Family of Brenda Noles, Beulah Cannon (Rev. Sarah Underwood's mother), Susan Henthorn, Mountain T.O.P. Building Team, Hal Parker, Linda Smith

**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, 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, Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, Gracie Sceaseca, Laura Smallwood, Lula Strachan, 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), 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>	Jennifer Ellis
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Peggie Shuford & Wanda Lutz
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Karson Shrum
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Beverly Beal
<b>ROVER:</b>	Keith Dedmond
<b>VALET:</b>	Paul Douglas

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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<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*  
July 14, 2024

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

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

**GATHERING**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE** Neil Underwood

**ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT**

**\*HYMN** *Shall We Gather At The River* UMH #723

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #881

**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** Robbie Combs

**SCRIPTURE READING** I Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 24

**CALL TO PRAYER** *Surely The Presence* Chancel Choir

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

**ANTHEM** *We Are One, Lord*

Chancel Choir

**SERMON** *Summer Stories: The Lord Looks on the Heart* Rev. Sarah Underwood

**\*HYMN** *Go Forth For God* UMH #670

**\*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 our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of family wedding anniversaries: Ernie & Betty Parker on July 14 (57 years), Billy & Karen Towery on July 10 (25 years), and Scott and Jennifer Parker on July 11 (15 years).*

*Christian love and sympathy is given to Linda Smith, whose son, Chad, passed away on July 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**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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- Rev. Underwood

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- Tennis shoes ALL sizes MEN’S, women’s boys & girls
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# AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT

## *Leader to Congregation:*

Dear friends, today we welcome Reverend Sarah Underwood,  
who *has* been appointed to serve as our pastor.  
We believe that she is well qualified  
and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Reverend Kenneth Carter.

## *Leader to Elder:*

Sarah, you have been sent to live among us  
as a *bearer* of the Word of God;  
a *minister* of the Sacraments;  
and a *sustainer* of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Today we *reaffirm this commitment in the* presence of this congregation.

## *Leader to Congregation:*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church  
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service,  
will you who celebrate this new beginning  
support and uphold Sarah Underwood in these ministries?

## *Congregation:*

**We reaffirm our commitment to support you  
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

## *Leader to Elder:*

*Sarah*, before you are the symbols of your pastoral authority as bestowed by the Bishop at your ordination:

- The Bible to help you proclaim and teach the word.
- The water, and the bread and cup...symbols of your authority to administer the sacraments
- The Hymnal, Book of Worship and Book of Discipline, to lead and guide us in worship and order the life of our church
- The Globe, to remind us that the world is our parish and we are to love one another in service and mission

*Sarah*, receive now this stole, signifying your ordination, and shepherd us as our pastor. **Amen.**

*Then the pastor or deacon may take from the Lord's table the stole left by the previous pastor or deacon, put it on, and say:*

This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself.

A Prayer for a New Beginning