

**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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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**NEW:** Family of Brenda Ballard. Beulah Cannon

**CONTINUING:** Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, 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, LoisMary Hoehne, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Karen Leonhardt, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Jerry McClure, Pat Maddox, Thurman Melton, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal and Joann Parker, Luke Rainwater Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Randolph Shives, Laura Smallwood, Linda Smith, Rhonda Swafford, Rev. Sarah Underwood, David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, United States of America

**NURSING FACILITIES:** Ann Ford (The Addison), Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Judy Komas (The Addison), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels)

**HOMEBOUND:** 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>	Tim Leonard
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Carl Henline & Rosalind Welder
<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>	Dianne Putnam
<b>ROVER:</b>	Pam Metzger
<b>VALET:</b>	Keith Dedmond

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
<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*  
August 18, 2024

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

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

**GATHERING**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE** Neil Underwood  
*Tell Me The Stories of Jesus*

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** Chancel Choir  
*What a Day That Will Be*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
L: Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.. if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..  
**P: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

L: The hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

**P: For such the Father seeks to worship him.**

**\*HYMN** *The Lily of the Valley* TFWS# 2062

**\*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** Beverly Beal

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 6: 24-35

**CALL TO PRAYER** Chancel Choir  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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

**ANTHEM** *Make Me A Servant* Chancel Choir

**SERMON** *The Bread of Life* Rev. Sarah Underwood

**\*HYMN** *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH #413

**\*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 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Donna Parker, by Larry Parker.*

**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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

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### **EMERGENCY SERVICES IS ASKING FOR:**

- Tennis shoes ALL sizes MEN'S, women's boys & girls
- Women's undergarments new (underwear and bras) any Size

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR G.E. MASSEY:** We are again supporting the staff and students of GE Massey Elementary School as they prepare for the new school year. We will have more information soon about when to bring donations of school supplies, but below is a preliminary list of needs for the upcoming school year:

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