

**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: Billy Harkey, Rob Owen, Larry Papetti, Artie and Linda Sheilds, those who wish to remain unnamed.

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Caylor Brinkley, Jeremiah Buff, Beulah Cannon, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Elvie Cranford, Kathy Douglas, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Rev. Keiko Foster, Donald Hartsell (brother-in-law of Kathy Dellinger), Ed Hatley, 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, Randy Ramsey, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, Gracie Sceaseca, Randolph Shives, Laura Smallwood, Linda Smith, Rev. Charles Stevens, 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

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Suzanne Peeler
GREETERS:	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
ACOLYTE:	Lucas Demofonte
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
ROVER:	Letha Owen
VALET:	Mike Owen

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
September 15, 2024

Kneel to Pray
17th Sunday After Pentecost

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT: Ivanenko Family Update

Jerry Park

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Shine, Jesus Shine

Chancel Choir

***OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

Wise, knowing God, you see our hearts so clearly. You speak to our lives so profoundly. And yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear your truth and go where you lead. Even as we praise you with our mouths, we disgrace ourselves in words spoken to others with tongues of vicious fire. Forgive us for our hard hearts and stubborn ears. Forgive us for our hateful words and cruel gossip. Help us live in your love and walk in your truth, that we might be your people, and you might be our God. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH# 451

***PSALTER READING**

Psalms 19

UMH# 750

***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

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3: 1-12

CALL TO PRAYER

In His Time

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I

Chancel Choir

SERMON

That Doesn't Go Together!
Series: "How Do We Live"

Rev. Sarah Underwood

***HYMN**

Where He Leads Me

UMH #338

***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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