

**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)

Name(s)

Street Address

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Phone

Email

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**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, Billy Harkey, 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, Rob Owen, Hal and Joann Parker, Randy Ramsey, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Artie & Linda Shields, Randolph Shives, Laura Smallwood, 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 Komars (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>	Doug Ballard
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Dianne Putnam & Joann Parker
<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>	Steve & Jane Morton
<b>ROVER:</b>	Liz Strachan
<b>VALET:</b>	Steve Morton

**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 22, 2024

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

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

**GATHERING**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HEALTH MINISTRY MOMENT**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE**

Neil Underwood  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chancel Choir  
*Shine, Jesus Shine*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Who is wise and understanding among us?  
**People: Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God’s law.**  
Leader: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.  
**People: O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.**

**\*HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*                      UMH# 369

**\*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**

James 3:13-4:8

**CALL TO PRAYER**

*In His Time*  
Chancel Choir

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

**ANTHEM**

*10,000 Reasons*                      Chancel Choir

**SERMON**

*Being Honest*                      Rev. Sarah Underwood  
*Series: “How Do We Live”*

**\*HYMN**

*I Surrender All*                      UMH #354

**\*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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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