

**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

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**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, Jamie VanDohlen, David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, United States of America, Our brothers and sisters in Western NC, First responders, Rescue Teams

**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>	Levi Stroud
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Bo & Carol King
<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>	Jeremy & Emily Krech
<b>ROVER:</b>	Bo King
<b>VALET:</b>	Jerry Park

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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**First United Methodist Church  
Lincolnton**

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



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Enter to Worship*

*Kneel to Pray*

*Rise to Serve*

October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 A.M.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE**

*How Beautiful*

Handbell Choir

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Sanctuary*

Chancel & Handbell Choirs

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**Gracious and loving God, despite our hubris, you still love us, steadfast and patient with our demanding ways. Forgive us Lord, when we have refused to listen to you, thinking we know better. Open our hearts to understand you will for us and to obey. Amen**

**\*HYMN**

*Wonderful Words of Life*

UMH# 600

**\*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**

Jan Duncan

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 33: 1-17

**CALL TO PRAYER**

*In His Time*

Chancel Choir

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

**ANTHEM**

*Here I Am, Lord*

Handbell Choir

**SERMON**

*When We Are Far Apart  
Series: “Peace Building”*

Rev. Sarah Underwood

**\*HYMN**

*Softly and Tenderly*

UMH# 348

**\*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 Flowers on the Alter are dedicated to the Glory of God, and in honor of Gabe Ellis and Anna Updike who were married October 25th in Buffalo, New York. Gabe is the son of Jason and Jennifer Ellis.*

**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.**

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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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**DIRECTORY SUBMITTALS:** We are compiling our church roster and extra pictures for our new pictorial directory, which we hope to have by early January. If you were unable to sit for a photo during our scheduled times last month, you may still submit a photo for inclusion in the directory. The deadline for submittals to the church office is Thursday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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Soup Kitchen – Most Needed Items for Pantry:

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

- MENS shoes
- SOCKS, boys, girls, men and women (mostly women)
- Men's size 30, 32 and 34 pants

### **USED TOY GIVE AWAY:**

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