

**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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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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, Jody Cronland, 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, Ginger Lowe, 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>	Thurman Melton
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Rosalind Welder & Carl Henline
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Noah Hardin
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Peggie Shuford
<b>ROVER:</b>	Pam Metzger
<b>VALET:</b>	Bo King

**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*

November 17, 2024

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 A.M.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE** *Premier Quatuor op 53 - "Andante"*

*Lenoir-Rhyne University Saxophone Quartet*

*Colin Clinch, Soprano Saxophone, Cody Stagner, Alto Saxophone,  
Issac Galyean, Tenor Saxophone, Ivan Gonzalez-Medina, Baritone  
Saxophone*

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Majesty*

Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**Almighty God, who has given unto your Son Jesus Christ a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: Make us followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, obey his commands and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to thine eternal glory we pray, Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

UMH# 117

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from I TIMOTHY**

UMH #889

Leader: There is One God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all to whom we testify.

**People: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in Glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

L-R Saxophone Quartet

*Hymnsong of Phillip Bliss*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 12: 28-34

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Chancel Choir

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

Chancel Choir

**SERMON**

*You Are Not Far From  
the Kingdom of God*

Gordon Hubbell, CLM

**\*HYMN**

*Take Time To Be Holy*

UMH# 395

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

L-R Saxophone Quartet

*Allegro*

*\*\*\*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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