

**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:

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, 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

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Jennifer Carroll
GREETERS:	Keith & Kathy Dedmond
ACOLYTE:	Lucas Demofonte
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Pam Metzger
ROVER:	Ron Metzger
VALET:	Bo King

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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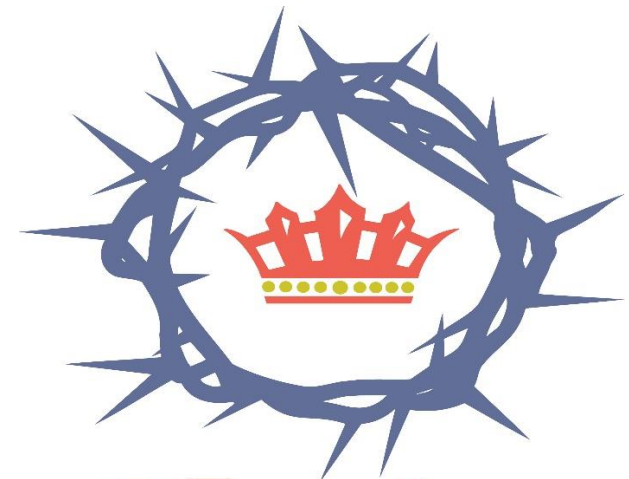
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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



Christ
— THE —
King
SUNDAY



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

November 24, 2024

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Majesty

Chancel Choir

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his people.

Leader: Enter his courts with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to him and bless his name!

***HYMN**

Rejoice the Lord Is King

UMH# 715

***PSALTER READING**

Psalms 126

UMH #847

***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

Mike Owen

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18: 28-40

CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Song of Joyful Thanks

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Unfinished People in an Unfinished World

Rev. Sarah Underwood

***HYMN**

We Gather Together

UMH# 131

***BENEDICTION**

***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!

The Harvest Table is placed in memory of Donald and Pat Rudisill by their daughters, Jane, Mary and Sarah.

All are invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, Nov. 24th at 6:00 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (216 S. Aspen St). Special music will be provided with a combined choir, and Pastor Sarah will be preaching.

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.

Register Here for the Pastor’s Advent Study: Dec 4, 11 & 18 at 10:00 am. Please include name and phone number and place in the offering plate.

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Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

- 12 ounce cups, grits, sweet salad cubes

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

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