

**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

Please update any change in information

Name(s) _____

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PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Shirley Combs, Larry Parker, Chloe Gibson, Family of Charles Fontaine
CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Debi Ballard, Laurie Anne Beyer, Caylor Brinkley, Jeremiah Buff, Ed & Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Will & Ryan Conrad, Elvie Cranford, Kathy Eaker, 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, Betty Howell, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Karen Leonhardt, Jim Love, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Mark Ludwig, Jerry McClure, Holly McGinnis, Pat Maddux, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Letha Owen, Rob Owen, Hal and Joann Parker, Judy Payseur, Randy Ramsey, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Artie & Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Kenny Shrum, Blake Sigmon, Laura Smallwood, Jamie Strom, Rhonda Swafford, Jamie VanDohlen, Robin Wooten Wood, Rev. 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: Beulah Cannon (Cardinal Care), Ann Ford (The Addison), Carroll and Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Jo Huss (Chestnut Ridge Rehab) Judy Komas (The Addison), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels)
HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Jan Duncan
GREETERS:	Steve & Kathy Valentine
ACOLYTE:	Karson Shrum
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Kathy Valentine
ROVER:	Carol King
VALET:	Paul Douglas

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

PASTOR	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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DIR. OF MUSIC	Joanna Underwood	junmor61@gmail.com
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Neil Underwood	nunderwoodband@gmail.com
FINANCIAL ASSIST.	Letha Owen	lrowen520@gmail.com
FACILITIES MGR.	Steve Herman	paherman@charter.net
PRESCHOOL DIR.	Kristen Willis	preschool@fumclincolnton.com

CCLI #20422793 (Music), #20422803 (Streaming), CVLI #504379166 (Video)



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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

January 5, 2025

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

P: God’s glory has risen upon us.

L: Despite the state of this world:

P: Despite illness, despite fear;

L; Despite disappointment, despite injustice;

P: Despite sadness, despite violence;

L: Despite grief, and despite despair–

P: God’s glory will appear over us.

L: Lift up your eyes and look around:

P: See the light of God’s hope, the light of God’s peace, joy and love! Amen.

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH# 245

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Jan Duncan

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

I Will Remember Thee

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Follow That Star

Rev. Sarah Underwood

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH# 254

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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