

**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

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PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Larry Parker, Chloe Gibson, Tim Leonard, Taryn Schou, Sheila Beeker, Family of Charles Fontaine, Family of Verna Rufini, Family of Betty Howell

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, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Karen Leonhardt, Jim Love, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Mark Ludwig, Jerry McClure, Pat Maddux, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Rob Owen, Hal and Joann Parker, Judy Payseur, Randy Ramsey, 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,

NURSING FACILITIES: Beulah Cannon (Cardinal Care), Shirley Combs (Cardinal Care-Rehab), Ann Ford (The Addison), Carroll and Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Jo Huss (Chestnut Ridge Rehab) Judy Komars (The Addison)

HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Lisa Cherry
GREETERS:	Peggie Shuford & Patsy Herman
ACOLYTE:	Brooks Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Chase & Katie Hardin
ROVER:	Rosalind Welder
VALET:	Jeff Noles

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

PASTOR	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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PRESCHOOL DIR.	Kristen Willis	preschool@fumclincolnton.com

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship
January 12, 2025

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

The Simple Things

Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Chancel Choir

*OPENING PRAYER:

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

Praise To The Lord, the Almighty

UMH# 139

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Billy Howell

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Gather By The River To Pray

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Everything I Want to Be

Rev. Sarah Underwood

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

UMH# 50

*HYMN

Spirit Song

UMH# 347

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

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!

Following the sermon we will have a Reaffirmation of our Baptismal Vows., found in the UM Hymnal on Reading #50. At this time, the congregation is invited to come forward and touch the water in the baptismal font, kneel at the altar and pray, if desired, then return to their seat.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: The offering plates are located at each entrance for you to give of your weekly tithe and offerings. Our new online giving portal is up and running, and may be accessed through the “Give” page on our church website, or you can visit the following link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMXD>

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