

**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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Phone _____

Email _____

PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

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 Douglas, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Rev. Keiko Foster, Chloe Gibson, 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, Tim Leonard, 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, Larry Parker, Randy Ramsey, Linda Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Taryn Schou, 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 Komas (The Addison)
HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

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| MINISTERS: | All Members of First UMC |
| LITURGIST: | Steve Kirksey |
| GREETERS: | Jerry & Gayle Park |
| ACOLYTE: | Owen Krech |
| HEAD USHER: | Carl Henline |
| MEDIA TECHS: | Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton |
| PEW KEEPERS: | Jeremy & Emily Krech |
| ROVER: | Kay Hermann |
| VALET: | Steve Herman |

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
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| DIR. OF MUSIC | Joanna Underwood | junmor61@gmail.com |
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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 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount

Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.

People: May the Lord give strength to the people!

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: God is our refuge and strength.

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

UMH# 89

*THE APOSTLE’S CREED

UMH #880

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

Beverly Beal

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2: 1-11

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Chancel Choir

SERMON

The First Miracle

Rev. Sarah Underwood

*HYMN

Forward Through the Ages

UMH# 555

*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!

From Pastor Sarah: My mother was released from short term rehab last Friday. I will be assisting my Dad as he settles her in at home. Therefore, my office hours will be minimal this week. I will be available by phone, 704-678-0813, and will find someone to help you, if I am unable to do so. Thank you for your prayers and patience.

Pastor Sarah

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>

LIVING WILL/HEALTHCARE POA CLASS: If you have questions about how to set up a living will, or a healthcare power of attorney, our healthcare ministry team will be leading two separate classes on this subject. Classes will be available on this afternoon at 3:00 pm in the Annex and on Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 pm in the Annex. There is no charge for the class, and they are open to members and non-members. We do ask that you register in the church office.

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