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)
Name(s)
Street Address
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Phone
Email

PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Family of Hal Parker, Nellie Matthews (Rev. Tony Matthew's mother)

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Debi Ballard, Jennifer Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Caylor Brinkley, Jeremiah Buff, Ed & Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Beulah Cannon, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Elvie Cranford, Kathy Douglas, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Rev. Keiko Foster, Chloe Gibson, Billy Harkey, Donald Hartsell, 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, Joann Parker, Judy Payseur, Randy Ramsey, Linda Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Artie & Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Kenny Shrum, Laura Smallwood, Rhonda Swafford, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Jamie VanDohlen, Robin Wooten Wood, Rev. David Wyant,

NURSING FACILITIES: Shirley Combs (Cardinal Care-Rehab), Ann Ford (The Addison), Carroll 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			
MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC		
LITURGIST:	Joe Lockman		
GREETERS:	Keith & Kathy Dedmond		
ACOLYTE:	Owen Krech		
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline		
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton		
PEW KEEPERS:	Joe & Susan Wigley		
ROVER:	Ron Metzger		
VALET:	Steve Cain		

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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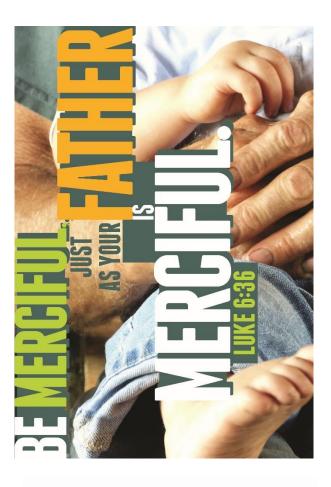
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Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.





ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

February 23, 2025

7th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

Neil Underwood

Surely the Presence

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE Neil Underwood

Prelude in C Major #1

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God has called all of us here beloved..

P: We are given new names of hope and promise.

L: Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

P: God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.

L: Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

P: May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. AMEN.

*HYMN

For The Healing of the Nations

UMH# 428

*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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6: 27-38

CALL TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir

Suzanne Peeler

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM You Are Welcome Here Chancel Choir

SERMON Lessons in Discipleship Rev. Sarah Underwood

*HYMN Pass It On UMH# 572

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

Amen

*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.

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