

**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) _____

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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: Rev. Sarah Underwood & family
CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Jennifer Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Caylor Brinkley, Jeremiah Buff, Ed & Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Shirley Combs, 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, 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: 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:	Members of Girl Scout Troop 20740
GREETERS:	Bill & Karen Leonhardt
ACOLYTE:	Lucas Demofonte
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Vickie Andrews
ROVER:	Gayle Park
VALET:	Paul Strachan

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

PASTOR	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
DIR. OF MINISTRIES	Robbie Combs	firstumcministries@gmail.com
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.



First
Sunday
in Lent



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

March 9, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Neil Underwood

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Girl Scout Troop 20740

RECOGNITION OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 20740

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Handbell Choir

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamb of God

Chancel Choir

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, not and forever. Amen

***HYMN**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

UMH# 269

***PSALTER READING**

UMH# 810

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Billy Howell

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4: 1-13

CALL TO PRAYER

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Holy Presence

Handbell Choir

SERMON

Deliver Me

Rev. Sarah Underwood

Series: Hungering for God

***HYMN**

Take Time To Be Holy

UMH# 395

***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!

We extend a special welcome to our Girl Scouts and their families. We are proud to help carry on the great tradition of the Scouting program here at First United Methodist Church and we appreciate your work throughout our church and community.

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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NAME_____

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PHONE NUMBER:_____

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