

**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

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**In your daily prayers, please pray for:**

*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, Kevin Turner, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Jamie VanDohlen, Robin Wooten Wood, Rev. David Wyant,*  
*NURSING FACILITIES: , Carroll Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Jo Huss (Chestnut Ridge Rehab) Judy Komas (Terra Bella)*  
*HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson*

**THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

<b>MINISTERS:</b>	All Members of First UMC
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Bryan Beal
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Steve & Kathy Valentine
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Helen Claire Hames
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Chase & Katie Hardin
<b>ROVER:</b>	Keith Dedmond
<b>VALET:</b>	Paul Douglas

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

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**First United Methodist Church  
Lincolnton**

*Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.*



*Fifth  
Sunday  
in Lent*



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Enter to Worship*

*Kneel to Pray*

*Rise to Serve*

April 6, 2025

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00 A.M.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

Neil Underwood

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

## PRELUDE

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Neil Underwood

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Lamb of God*

Chancel Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The Lord is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P: He does not deal with us according to our sins.**

L: What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

### \*HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

UMH# 297

### \*THE APOSTLE’S CREED

UMH# 881

**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

Jan Duncan

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26: 50-75

### CALL TO PRAYER

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Chancel Choir

### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

### ANTHEM

*The Weeping Tree*

Chancel Choir

### SERMON

*The Betrayal*  
Series: *Hungering for God*

Rev. Sarah Underwood

### \*HYMN

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

UMH# 298

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Amen*

Chancel Choir

### \*POSTLUDE

\*\*\**You are invited to stand, as you are able*\*\*\*

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**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.

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**Check here to have your prayer request to be shared with the church. Otherwise, it will remain confidential.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Donations toward her costs can be made by check to FUMC and earmarked for “Mission trip”. A box will be placed in the hallway of the Middle Building for the collection of any donated items. Her mission trip is planned for May 2025.

Thank you for supporting Brittney and this mission.

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