

**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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Street Address _____

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Phone _____

Email _____

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 Komar (Terra Bella)
HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

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

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

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



**Palm
Sunday**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

What Wondrous Love is This

Neil Underwood

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamb of God

Chancel Choir

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison):

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along the way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. in his name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21: 1-11

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH# 278

CALL TO PRAYER

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CANTATA

*Come Walk With Me:
A Musical Walk Through Jesus' Last Week*

Chancel Choir

*BENEDICTION

COME WALK WITH ME

A Musical Walk Through Jesus' Last Week

Words & Music by Pepper Choplin

Instrumentation by Stan Pethel

Musical Numbers

Come Walk With Me – Prologue

Come Walk With Me

Blessed Is He Who Comes

Come Walk With Me to the Upper Room

The Upper Room

Crossroads at Gethsemane

Come Walk With Me to the Cross

Hanging on a Cross

Come Walk With Me, He Is Gone

Lay His Body Down

No Greater Love

Come Walk With Me Into the World – Benediction

Soloists

Jan Duncan

Robbie Combs

Ash Wirth

Mike Wirth

Narrators

Charles Stevens

Levi Stroud

Sopranos

Kim Austin

LouAnn Cain

Jan Duncan

Carolyn Heafner

Chrissie McGovern

Nancy Ramsey

Cindy Reynolds

Nany Rhyne

Altos

Sheila Beeker

Sandy Eldridge

Amy Lockman

Pat Stevens

Tenors

Robbie Combs

Jim Hermann

Cale Thornburg

Ash Wirth

Basses

Bryan Beal

Richard Beeker

Gordon Hubbell

Joe Lockman

Martin Reynolds

Mike Wirth

Instrumentalists

Oboe/French Horn: Lara Crumpton

Flute/Piccolo: Katherine Vines

Percussion: Zachary Bailey

Piano: Neil Underwood

Music Director: Joanna Underwood

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>

GRIEFSHARE: Our Griefshare Group meets each Monday morning at 10:00 am in the Annex. Please see Joe Lockman, Sheila Beeker, Katie Hardin or Jane Finger with any questions, or if you would like to register for this session, you may do so at the following link: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/257893>

HEALTHCARE TEAM NEWS:

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- Soup Kitchen Wish List – Stuffing, BBQ Sauce, Ketchup self rising flour, breadcrumbs

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT LINC MEALS:

- During the month of April all checks to the church designated for Christian Ministry will go to support LINC Meals, a home delivery program for shut ins. This is a great way to provide a hot, well balanced meal to those in need. Our church has a route and church members deliver meals five days a week throughout the year.
- If you haven't already, purchase your ticket for the Saturday May 3 event in our fellowship hall supporting LINC meals. Door opening at 5 pm, food, live entertainment and bingo! Rosalind has advance tickets.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BASH: If you have volunteered in any capacity with Christian Ministries of Lincoln County, such as LINC home delivered meals, Soup Kitchen, Emergency Services, Christmas Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, Receptionist, Truck Drivers, Committee Members, or if you have collected any donations for the ministry or volunteered any time, this event is for you. The Volunteer Appreciation Bash will take place on Tuesday, April 29th from 5:00 pm til 7:00 pm in our fellowship hall.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – April 20, 2025

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Time for All God's Children: Billy Howell

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