

**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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PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Ed Campbell

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Joey Barrier, Jennifer Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Caylor Brinkley, Jeremiah Buff, Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lyn Campbell), Shirley Combs, Elvie Cranford, Kathy Douglas, Greg Eldridge, 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, Isla Keener, 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, Steve Peeler, 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: Jo Huss (Chestnut Ridge-Blowing Rock) Judy Komas (Terra Bella)

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: | Ash Wirth |
| GREETERS: | Steve & Jane Morton |
| ACOLYTE: | Brooks Hardin |
| HEAD USHER: | Carl Henline |
| MEDIA TECHS: | Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton |
| PEW KEEPERS: | Ernie & Betty Parker |
| ROVER: | Carol King |
| VALET: | Calvin Thornburg |

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
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| 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.

**THE
CONVERSION
OF ST. PAUL**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

May 4, 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

O How I Love Jesus

Neil Underwood

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Neil Underwood

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Majesty, Worship His Majesty!

Chancel Choir

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lift High The Cross

UMH# 159

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Beverly Beal

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9: 1-19

CALL TO PRAYER

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

In Remembrance of Me

Chancel Choir

SERMON

No Longer Hungry

Rev. Sarah Underwood

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH# 8

***HYMN**

Blessed Assurance

UMH# 369

***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!

Communion assistants: Keith Dedmond, John Lantz & Wanda Lutz

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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