

**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:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: *Deanie Auton., Sally Brookins, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Susan Henthorn, Randi Kolseth, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Pat Maddux, Faye, Morris, Joann Parker, Steve & Suzanne Peeler, Randy Ramsey, Nancy Rhyne, Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Rev. Sarah Underwood*

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: *Thomas Allen, Laurie Anne Beyer, Terry Bruner, Jeremiah Buff, James Calvert, Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Eddie Cannon, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lyn Campbell), Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Rev. Keiko Foster, Dale Gilmore, Charlie Grigg, Nancy Harris, Donald Hartsell, Jayce Heff, Denise Hobbs, Mark Johnson, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Isla Keener, Jane Kerr, Danny Kirkpatrick, Jim Love, Mark Ludwig, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Rachel Roy, Gracie Sceascea, Shedlass Family, Kenny Shrum, Anna Shuford, Jackson Sigmon, Laura Smallwood, Nick Swafford, Rhonda Swafford, Doris Taylor, Harold & Cindy Towery, Kevin Turner, Jamie VanDohlen, Veofa Wilfong, Margret Wetz, Rev. David Wyant*

HOMEBOUND: *Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Mary Robinson*

CARE FACILITIES: *Ron Ballard (Lincoln Rehab), Linda Smith (Cardinal Care-Rehab)*

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Jennifer Carroll
GREETERS:	Chase & Katie Hardin
ACOLYTE:	Brooks Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Peggie Shuford
ROVER:	Keith Dedmond
VALET:	Steve Kirksey

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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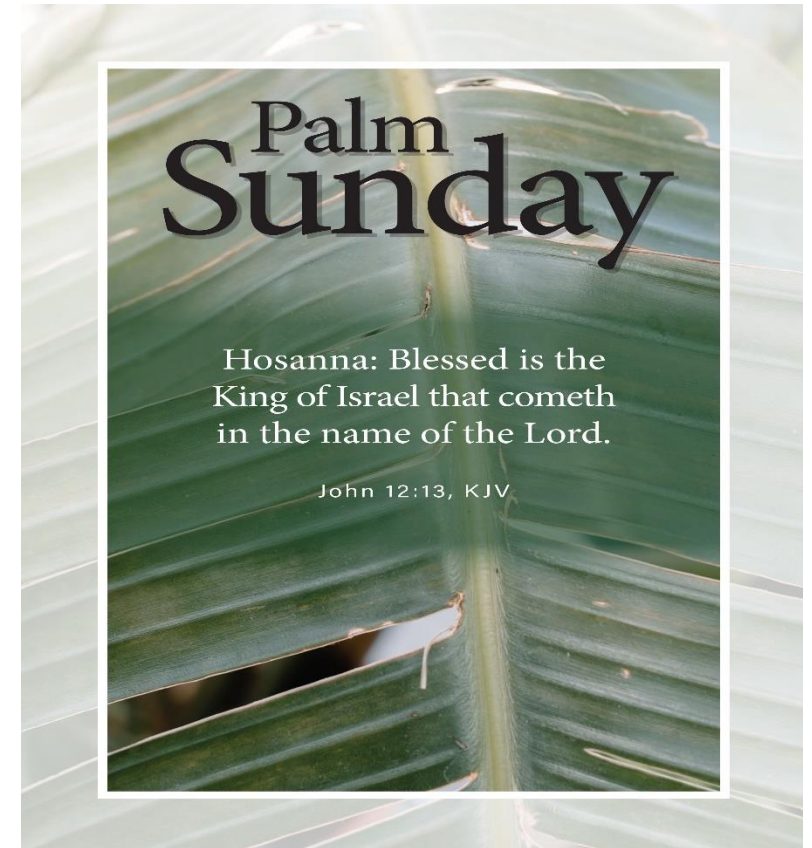
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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

Neil Underwood

What Wondrous Love is This

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Organ & Instrumentalists

Lead On, O King Eternal

REFLECTIONS ON THE CROSS

Jeff Noles

The Roman Soldier

***OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)**

O God, we praise you for the Master, who rode in triumph into the city of Jerusalem. We thank thee that he came not as a conqueror to destroy but as a Messiah to save, and that he appealed to human hearts with the glory of love. In the spirit of praise and worship we ask that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21: 1-11

***HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH# 278

During the singing of the first hymn, the children of the church will process in with their palms, and all are invited to wave palm branches.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

UMH# 881

GLORIA PATRI

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Steve Herman

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

The First UMC Chancel Choir presents

WORTHY IS THE LAMB!

Revered King
Rejected Messiah
Risen Savior

Music by Lloyd Larson
Orchestration by Ed Hogan

Worthy Is The Lamb!
Blessed is the King! Hosanna!
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray
On The Cross
Glory to the Risen Lamb!
Worthy is the Lamb! (reprise)

MUSICIANS:

Flute: Kat Vines **Oboe:** Lara Crumpton
Clarinet: Jenny Beck **Horn:** Micholas Bolick, Tiffany Holman
Trumpet: Josh Belvin, Coleman Warner **Trombone:** Joshua Scott
Tuba: William Fisher **Harp:** Lelia Lattimore
Percussion: Zachary Bailey **Piano:** Neil Underwood

NARRATORS:

F. Gordon Hubbell, Cale Thornburg

SOUND TECHNICIANS:

Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger

DIRECTOR

Joanna Underwood

***BENEDICTION**

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

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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