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

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PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Vickie Andrews, Deanie Auton, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jan Duncan, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Carl Henline, Susan Henthorn, Billy Howell, Randi Kolseth, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Pat Maddux, Faye Morris, Jerry Owen, Betty Parker, Joann Parker, Steve & Suzanne Peeler, Randy Ramsey, Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Linda Wolfe.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Avery (Mountain Top Leader), Thomas Allen, Laurie Anne Beyer, Terry Bruner, Jeremiah Buff, James Calvert, Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Eddie Cannon, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles, Anthony & Cathy Davis, Janice Dellinger, Kenny Dellinger, Audrey Dooley, Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Dean Gusler, Donald Hartsell, Jayce Heff, Denise Hobbs, Butch Humphrey, Mark Johnson, Shelby Jones, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Isla Keener, Jane Kerr, Danny Kirkpatrick, Jim Love, Linda & Tom McCarthy, Ellis Grace McPherson, Grant Newsome, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Mary Novotny, Suzy Otterman, Joyce Parlier, Kristin Parrish, Gwynn Politano, Rachel Roy, Gracie Sceascea, Shedlass Family, Anna Shuford, Laura Smallwood, Rhonda Swafford, Greer Stamey, Doris Taylor, Harold & Cindy Towery, Kevin Turner, Jamie VanDohlen, Veofa Wilfong, Margret Wetz, Rev. David and Denise Wyant, Joe & Josephine Young

HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Mary Robinson

CARE FACILITIES: Ron Ballard (Lincoln Rehab), Linda & Phillip Graham (The Wexford House, Denver)

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Billy Howell
GREETERS:	Steve & Jane Morton
ACOLYTE:	Brooks Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton, Levi Stroud, Mike Owen
PEW KEEPERS:	Dianne Putnam
ROVER:	Rosemary Leonard
VALET/SECURITY:	Jerry Park & Paul Strachan

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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Lincolnton

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.

LIGHTHOUSE
Congregation

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship ***Kneel to Pray*** ***Rise to Serve***

October 25, 2026 **22nd Sunday After Pentecost** 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC Robbie Combs

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE Robbie Combs

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir

Surely The Presence (Congregation please join)

***CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)**:

L: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

P: Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may recive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

P: To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever.

***HYMN** UMH #73

O Worship The King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #881

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Chrissie McGovern

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22: 15-22

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Lord, Be Glorified

SERMON *Silencing the Sadducees* Rev. Sarah Underwood

***HYMN** UMH #577

God of Grace and God of Glory

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***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.

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

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