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: Deanie Auton, Sheila Beeker, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jan Duncan, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Carl Henline, Susan Henthorn, 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, Liz Strachan, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Linda Wolfe.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Dean Gusler, 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, Rebekah Deal, Janice Dellinger, Kenny Dellinger, Audrey Dooley, Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, 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:	Gordon Hubbell
GREETERS:	Carl Henline & Rosalind Welder
ACOLYTE:	Helen Claire Hames
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton, Levi Stroud, Mike Owen
PEW KEEPERS:	Ernie & Betty Parker
ROVER:	Bo King
VALET/SECURITY:	Calvin Thornburg & Steve Morton

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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DIR. OF MUSIC	Joanna Underwood	junmor61@gmail.com
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Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



LIGHTHOUSE Congregation

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

November 1, 2026 | **ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY** | 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC Robbie Combs

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE Robbie Combs

Shall We Gather At The River

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir

Surely The Presence (Congregation please join)

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

Gracious and tender God, we thank you, that you have given us your saints who have shown us your love and taught us your ways, who have shone with your grace and radiated your presence. We open our hearts to your Word, that your light may fill us and your grace transform us, so that, we too, may be your saints, humble vessels of your grace in the name of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** UMH #702

Sing With All The Saints in Glory

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Beverly Beal

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13: 1-13

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

When We All Get To Heaven

SERMON *Love Never Ends* Rev. Sarah Underwood

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH #8

***HYMN** UMH #707

Hymn of Promise

***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!

The Beautiful Flowers gracing our sanctuary are given today by Keith and Kathy Dedmond in loving memory of those of our First UMC Family who have completed their earthly journey and have entered The Church Triumphant. May their memories continue to be blessings for us all.

Our Annual Charge Conference will convene following morning worship today. All members are invited to stay for this session, but only Church Leadership Council members may vote on the business of the conference.

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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