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, Shirley Drum, Jan Duncan, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Carl Henline, Susan Henthorn, Guy Howell, Randi Kolseth, Ginger Lowe, Kay Lowe, Judy Lowe, Pat Maddux, Faye Morris, Jerry Owen, Betty Parker, Joann Parker, Steve & Suzanne Peeler, Randy Ramsey, Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Peggie Shuford, Liz Strachan, 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, Anthony & Cathy Davis, Rebekah Deal, Janice Dellinger, Kenny Dellinger, Audrey Dooley, Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Hunter Gibson, Donald Hartsell, Jayce Heff, Denise Hobbs, Larry Hosier, 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, Robin Goff Roper, 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), Jody Cronland (Courtland Terrace-Rehab), Linda & Phillip Graham (The Wexford House, Denver)

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Steve Morton
GREETERS:	Keith & Kathy Dedmond
ACOLYTE:	Brooks Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton, Levi Stroud, Mike Owen
PEW KEEPERS:	Joe & Susan Wigley
ROVER:	Letha Owen
VALET/SECURITY:	Michael Powers & Calvin Thornburg

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Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



For when the **foolish** took their lamps,
they **took no oil** with them,
but the **wise** took
flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

LIGHTHOUSE
Congregation

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

November 8, 2026 | **VETERANS DAY** | 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC Neil Underwood

Let There Be Peace on Earth

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF LAITY SERVICE AWARD

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE Neil Underwood

Battle Hymn of the Republic

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir

Morning Has Broken

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

L: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

P: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

P: We will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, we will meditate. Amen

***HYMN** UMH #696

America, The Beautiful

HONORING OUR VETERANS

A LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY See Insert

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Jan Duncan

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 1-13

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

I Need Thee Every Hour

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

A Tribute to the Armed Services

(When the hymn of your branch of service is played, veterans and families are asked to stand and be recognized.)

SERMON *Keep Awake* Rev. Sarah Underwood

***HYMN** UMH #706

Soon and Very Soon

***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 Savior, 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 Rick & Patty Blackwell in honor of the brave men and women who have served our country and defended the freedoms we hold dear. God Bless our veterans and the United States of America.

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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