



**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA



At First United Methodist Church we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

**December 28, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

**First Sunday after Christmas: "This, This..."**

Like the iconic figures gathered around the Christ Child in our nativity scenes, we gather together because we want to know Jesus more as we seek to bring his Reign of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love on earth.

**Welcome**

**Prelude - "Christmas Time Is Here"**

Rev. Kirk Tutterow, piano

by Vince Guaraldi

**Call to Worship**

Leader: During the Advent season,  
we lit candles for those who need them most.

People: **For all who need more hope.**

**For all who yearn for peace**

**For all whose joy lays dormant.**

**For all who long for the healing of God's love.**

Leader: Our question for the Christmas season is this:  
"How do the messages of THIS child  
reverberate into our time, our lives, our world?"

People: **What child IS this?**

**This, this, is Christ the King who reigns with hope,  
peace, joy, and love forever.**

**Prayer for the Journey**

Here, at the nativity of your birth,  
give us the courage to face this moment  
with the desire for justice.  
Open us to new understandings  
of the unfolding story of your presence among us.  
Show us the true gifts we must bring to our moment,  
as we seek a better kingdom on this earth.  
We pray in the name of the Child,  
the One Who Reigns in our hearts and lives.  
Amen.

**Hymn of Celebration No. 246 -**  
"Joy To the World"

by Isaac Watts

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem - "Gesu Bambino"**

Hadley Briggs, soloist

by Pietro A. Yon

**Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)**

God of generosity, may your peace and your love  
seep into our hearts and our offerings,  
of your light in a dark and hurting world.  
Thank you for your many gifts-  
especially the gift of this loving community,  
which is continually formed by your grace.  
May our gifts and our very lives  
bring your blessings to the world. Amen.

**A Time for the Child in all of Us**

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

**Hymn of Response #217 -**

"Away in a Manger"

Anonymous

**Responsive Reading - Psalm 96 (with Sung Response)**

"O sing to the Lord a new song..."

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**Singing the Songs of Christmas**

(You are invited to request a favorite Christmas carol from the United Methodist Hymnal and share why it is meaningful to you!)

**We Ask and We Answer**

Leader: As we prepare to go into the world, let us ask and answer,  
one more time, the question we came with.

People: **What child IS this?**

Leader: This is the Truth, the Way, and the Life.

People: **What child IS this?**

Leader: This is the one whose love is the measure  
of true compassion and companionship.

People: **What child IS this?**

Leader: This, this is the "King of Kings"  
whose grace is the measure of real leadership.

**Hymn for the New Year No. 206**

by Kathleen Thomerson  
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**Benediction**

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Postlude - "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"**

Traditional English Carol  
arr. by Cindy Berry

Rev. Kirk Tutterow, piano

**Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God to each member, neighbor, friend, and family for renewal, growth, new beginnings of hope and prosperity, positivity, kindness and joy for a new year as we work together to share the love of Christ with our friends, neighbors and most importantly our community by Sean Bishop.

**Notes of Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Flonnie Thomason, Joni Rivas and their family upon the occasion of the death of Flonnie's twin sister, Swannie Rogers, on December 20, 2025.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to the family of Carolyn Briggs upon the occasion of her death on December 23, 2025.

## Prayer Requests

Lifting up prayers for our First UMC members, friends, family, community, country, and the world. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

### First UMC member:

G. F. Smith  
Peggy Everhart  
Jemmietta Allred  
Judy Hench  
Dare Wilson  
Dot Cook  
Doster Wood  
Cindy/Tom Smith

### Friends & Family:

Emily Sink Cash & Family  
Pam & Ron Sink  
Lenny Wegwart  
Linda Cox  
Tricia Royster  
Torrey Jackson  
Steve Erickson  
Carmen Russell  
The Schlossberg Family  
Special Friends  
Julie Milner  
Marlene Jones  
Kimberly Wood  
Lee Ann Bethel  
Anna Cruz  
Kaitlin Deebel  
Jamie Everhart  
Beth Graves  
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher  
Mark Frye  
Jackie Truell Butler  
Tony Hill  
Gary Elms  
Jane King  
Cathy  
Spencer Davis  
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer  
Jon & Emerson Bethel  
Michael Wood  
Louise & Ray Kombau  
Special Friends (CM)  
Julie Griggs  
Melba (Charles) Purvis  
Sharon (Edsel) Beck  
Edith Clement

Dana (Rodney) Colquitt  
Brentley & Conley Castor  
Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor  
Curt (Lisa) Miller  
Deanna Smith  
Tami Robinson  
Irene Foster  
Dorey Thomas  
Elizabeth Morales  
Christine

Judy Jordan  
Kay Gilmer  
Cheryl Crago  
Deborah Bisbee  
Woody Bowman  
Becky Griffith  
Kay Crouse  
Ron & Kristie Wooten  
Greg Leonard  
Gary (Pat) Leonard  
Tommy Hendrix  
Sarah Rakestraw  
Gloria Bulluck  
Brandon (Jan) Kraft  
Trevor Vermette  
Joan Briggs  
John McNeil  
Amy McIntosh  
Stan Larson  
Betty Jean Whitaker  
Kendall Conner

Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)

\*Mary Norman  
Brookdale (Lexington)  
\*Libby & Max Lanning  
\*Ramona Phelps

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)  
Assisted Living  
\*Rachel Hendrix  
\*Bob Pearson  
Residents

\*Joan & Dick Bisbee  
\*Betsy Buchanan  
\*Herman Crabtree  
\*Jim Dillon  
\*Becki & Tom Foust

Westminster Canterbury

(Virginia)  
\*Bettye Gray

David, Hannah, Nicholas, & Samuel Mora—Honduras

Serving in the Armed Forces

\*Major Kacie Allred  
\*Sergeant McRay Calderone  
\*SGT John Hall  
SGT Alan Ingram  
Major Jarrad Thorley

### Member Care

\*Dot Cook  
\*Ginnie Easter  
\*Hilda Flynt  
\*Louise Hawley  
\*Larlie Mae Knight  
\*Edna Morris  
\*John (Rebecca) Scarff  
\*Carolyn Smith  
\*Patricia Smith  
\*Dr. Hunter Strader  
\*Ruby (Buddy) Taylor  
\*Flonnie Thomason  
Peggy & Wayne Wegwart  
\*Dare Wilson

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## United in Nurturing Fellowship

### Sunday, December 28

#### First Sunday after Christmas

11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC

### Monday, December 29

### Tuesday, December 30

12:00pm Prayer Warriors Lunch, B-B-Q Center

### Wednesday, December 31

#### New Year's Eve

12:00pm Church Office Closes for the Day

### Thursday, January 1, 2026

#### New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

### Friday, January 2

Church Office Closed

### Saturday, January 3

(2p-5p) After Christmas Open House, Home of Judy & William Deal

### Sunday, January 4

#### Epiphany Sunday

8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages  
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC  
(2p-5p) After Christmas Open House, Home of Judy & William Deal

## Estimate of Giving Card for 2026

As God's people at First UMC, our financial gifts are an important part of fulfilling our mission to offer Christ to the world around us. No gift is too large or too small, but every gift is important. If you haven't already turned in an Estimate of Giving card, please take a moment to fill one out and place it in the offering plate, which will aid the FUMC Finance Committee in planning our 2026 Ministry Budget. Thank you for your support for First UMC.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** are located on the usher/greeter pew at the back of the sanctuary and are ready for pick up. Thank you!



**2026 Flower Calendar** is located in the main hallway on the bulletin board near the water fountain by the fellowship hall. You are invited to select a Sunday and sign up to place fresh flowers in the narthex or on the altar in honor or in memory of someone, an occasion (birthday or anniversary), or a notable event. You may also contact the church office to sign up. The church office will need the information you would like printed in the bulletin.

## After Christmas Open House

Saturday, January 3 & Sunday, January 4

(2pm-5pm)

Home of Judy & William Deal

337 Pinnix Drive, Lexington, NC

## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL AFTER CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE BUT DECORATED DIFFERENTLY

Questions/directions? 336-479-7244

Donations accepted for Faithful Friends Animal Sanctuary in Salisbury. Feel free to bring a friend...hope to see you then!

## Reaching Out and Sharing God's Boundless Love

### Cancer Services of Davidson County

Sponsored by Missions Team

### Items Needed:

Ensure  
Depends  
Small water bottles  
Peanut Butter Crackers  
Cheese Crackers  
Granola Bars  
Little Debbie snack cakes  
Peppermint Candies  
Canned drinks (12 oz. or less)  
Single serve sized:  
Goldfish, Pretzels, Teddy Grahams, Popcorn, Assorted Chips

### Charles England & Pickett Elementary Backpack Programs

Sponsored by UW in Faith

**Needed food items:** A list is located on our website or at the donation site.

### Other Items Needed:

Children's Underwear  
Small – X Large  
Children's Socks  
Size 13-4  
Adult Underwear & Socks  
Small

### Communities In Schools

### Items Needed:

Individual/Single Serve Sized:  
Mac & Cheese, Soups,  
Spaghetti O's, Lasagna,  
Peanut Butter Crackers,  
Ramen Noodles

### Hospice of Davidson County

### Items Needed:

Small water bottles  
Peanut Butter Crackers  
Cheese Crackers  
Granola Bars  
Little Debbie snack cakes  
Peppermint Candies  
Canned drinks (12 oz. or less)  
Single serve sized:  
Goldfish, Pretzels, Teddy Grahams, Popcorn, Assorted Chips

### Pastor's Pantry

**Canned Food:** green beans, tuna, chicken, soups, stews

Your kindly donated items can be dropped off at the collection site just outside

of the church office workroom located on the main hallway.  
Thank You!

### Open Hands of Davidson County

### Items Needed:

Boxes of Cereal  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Saltine Crackers  
Rice  
Mac-n-Cheese  
Stove Top Stuffing  
Ramen Noodles  
Canned Vegetables  
Soups / Spaghetti Sauce  
Cranberry Sauce  
Peanut Butter  
Cases of Water  
Street Food Items:  
Vienna Sausage  
Potted Meat  
Pop Top Cans of Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.  
Single serve sized: Peanut Butter Crackers, Chips, Pop Tarts  
Instant Hot Chocolate  
Clean & Gently Used: bath towels, washcloths  
Personal Care Items:  
Body wipes, disposable razors, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste/ toothbrush (Travel size items work quite well.)

**The Sparrow Project** is ready to help you short term, in the case of an emergency, illness, or surgery. We have volunteers to help you with simple household repairs, transportation, computer help, or to run an errand. For short term help, **call Lauren Hall**

**(336) 239-0860.** Also, temporary meal assistance is offered to our church family short term. For temporary meal assistance, **call Terri Beck (980) 234-0686** or **Lisa Bonnaure (301) 609-1780** so that delivery can be arranged and an inventory of prepared meal items can be kept up-to-date. It's that simple. You let us know what you need and we will take it from there.

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**Ways To Give** financially back to God through the ministries of First UMC. offerings in the plates provided at the back of the church.

Mail to First UMC, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292.



**Online Giving for mobile device users**, the QR code on the right will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. **On your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.

**Text to Give – 855-222-3109**—Text the amount you wish to give and follow the directions.