



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

**We love you. We care about you.
We're here for you.**
We offer a grace-filled welcome to all who come through our doors!

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

November 23, 2025 **11:00 a.m.**

Christ the King Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "We Gather Together" arr. by John Barr
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship - adapted from Luke 1:68
Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
People: **for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.**
Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
People: **for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.**
Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
People: **for God has blessed all creation and called us to worship.**
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

Gathering Prayer
God of all times and all places,
be with us in this time and this place.
Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets,
we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today.
Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles,
we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today.
Just as you have called your people to act in the midst of your creation,
we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out;
for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 131 16th Century Dutch Hymn
"We Gather Together"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Look At the World" by John Rutter
First UMC Chancel Choir

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:

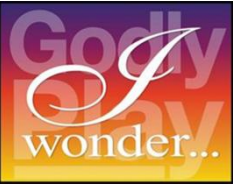
Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Ev'ry good gift, All that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord—in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above:

Chorus:
Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing,
All things come of thee.

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love?
You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope.
Most of all you have given us
your very self, for our life and the life of the world.
In gratitude we bring our gifts,
for the sake of those you love,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

 ***A Time for the Child in All of Us***
All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a time just for them! Afterwards, children in kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.

Hymn of Preparation No. 340 by Joseph Hart
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Scripture Reading - Philippians 4:4-9 NT Page 198

Sermon - "A Legacy of Gratitude" Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 881 - "The Apostle's Creed"

Song of Response No. 2036 (The Faith We Sing) by Henry Smith
"Give Thanks"

Benediction

Choral Benediction - "Three Fold Amen" Danish
First UMC Chancel Choir

Chimes of the Trinity

Music Appreciation Focus
After the Chimes of the Trinity at the end of the service, you may choose to gather near the front of the sanctuary and join together in thoughtful meditation while listening to the beautiful music of the postlude as a way to get your week of Christian discipleship off to a great start.

Postlude - "Praise God" by Fred Bock
Phyllis Jones, organ

Birth Announcement
A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Asher Layne Van Roekel on November 18, 2025. Congratulations to the parents, Lisa and Jon Eric Van Roekel and big brother, Bodie. Grandparents are Donna & Woody Smith and Beverly Van Roekel and the late Johnnie Van Roekel. *The Beginner's Bible* is presented to the baby from the United Women in Faith.

A Thank You Note
Thank you to Sean Bishop and Altar Guild members for the beautiful Thanksgiving altar arrangement.



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:	Arlette Walser	Member Care
Peggy Everhart	Irene Foster	*Dot Cook
Larry Langley	Dorey Thomas	*Ginnie Easter
Jemmietta Allred	Elizabeth Morales	*Hilda Flynt
Dot Cook	Anna Cruz	*Larlie Mae Knight
G. F. Smith	Christine	*Edna Morris
Kay Timberlake	Judy Jordan	*John (Rebecca) Scarff
Judy Hench	Kay Gilmer	*Carolyn Smith
Carlie Bostick	Cheryl Crago	*Patricia Smith
Rachel Roberts	Deborah Bisbee	*Dr. Hunter Strader
Cindy/Tom Smith	Woody Bowman	*Ruby (Buddy) Taylor
	Beckey Griffith	*Flonnie Thomason
Friends & Family:	Kay Crouse	Peggy & Wayne Wegwart
Jamie Everhart	Ron & Kristie Wooten	*Dare Wilson
Torrey Jackson	Lenny Wegwart	
Beth Graves	Greg Leonard	<u>Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)</u>
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	Gary (Pat) Leonard	*Mary Norman
Mark Frye	Tommy Hendrix	<u>Brookdale (Falling Creek)</u>
Jackie Truell Butler	Tricia Royster	*Mary Hooks
Tony Hill	Sarah Rakestraw	<u>Brookdale (Lexington)</u>
Marlene Jones	Gloria Bulluck	*Libby & Max Lanning
Gary Elms	Brandon/Jan Kraft	*Ramona Phelps
Jane King	Trevor Vermette	<u>Harmony at Brookberry Farm</u>
Cathy	Joan Briggs	<u>(Winston-Salem)</u>
Julie Milner	John McNeil	*Louise Hawley
Spencer Davis	Amy McIntosh	<u>The Pines (Davidson)</u>
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer	Stan Larson	*Carolyn Briggs
Kimberly Wood	Betty Jean Whitaker	<u>Piedmont Crossing</u>
Jon & Emerson Bethel	Kendall Conner	<u>(Thomasville)</u>
Michael Wood		<u>Assisted Living</u>
Louise & Ray Kombau	Missionaries	*Rachel Hendrix
Major	David, Hannah, Nicholas, &	*Bob Pearson
Special Friend (DB)	Samuel Mora—Honduras	<u>Residents</u>
Special Friends (CM)		*Joan & Dick Bisbee
Julie Griggs	Serving in the Armed	*Betsy Buchanan
Melba (Charles) Purvis	Forces	*Herman Crabtree
Steve Erickson	*Major Kacie Allred	*Jim Dillon
Sharon/Edsel Beck	*Sergeant McRay Calderone	*Becki & Tom Foust
Edith Clement	*SGT John Hall	<u>Westminster Canterbury</u>
Dana (Rodney) Colquitt	SGT Alan Ingram	<u>(Virginia)</u>
Brentley & Conley Castor	Major Jarrad Thorley	*Bettye Gray
Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor		
Curt (Lisa) Miller		
Deanna Smith		
Lee Ann Bethel		
Tami Robinson		

A Note of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jim (Patricia) Hartley and family upon the occasion of the death of his brother, David Bruce Hartley, on November 17, 2025.

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.

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, November 23	Christ the King Sunday
8:45am	Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45am	Sunday School for ALL Ages
9:45am	Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall
11:00am	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am	LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
12:00pm	Children’s Advent Fair with pizza lunch, Fellowship Hall
12:00pm	Agape Sunday School Class putting up Chrismon tree, Sanctuary
2:00pm	ALL are invited to decorate Chrismon tree, Sanctuary
(4p-6p)	Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Friendsgiving with FBC, First Baptist Church

Monday, November 24	Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00pm	

Tuesday, November 25	Companions in Christ, Conference Room
10:00am	

Wednesday, November 26	Church Office Closes for Thanksgiving
12:00pm	
12:00pm	Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 27	Happy Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed
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Friday, November 28	Church Office Closed
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Saturday, November 29	
Sunday, November 30	
8:45am	Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45am	Sunday School for ALL Ages
9:45am	Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall
11:00am	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am	LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC

Do you have a nativity set that you could share with us?

They will be displayed during the season of Advent and at the Fellowship Meal on Sunday, December 7. Be sure to clearly label your nativity set and leave them on the table outside of Donna Huskins’ office in the Reception Area near the elevator by **Sunday, November 23 or 30**. Thank you for sharing!

Journey to Bethlehem Drive-Thru Nativity

Wednesday, December 3 – Sunday, December 7 (6pm-9:30pm)
345 Faith Chapel Road, Thomasville, NC - Admission is free!

Poinsettia Pick Up

Friday, December 5 (9a-12p) State Street entrance

Lexington Choral Society presents “Welcome to December”

Saturday, December 6 (5p) First UMC Sanctuary
The concert is free and open to the public.

Evangelism & Hospitality Fellowship Meal

Sunday, December 7 (12p) Fellowship Hall

Reaching Out and Sharing God’s Boundless Love

Cancer Services of Davidson County
Sponsored by Missions Team
Items Needed:
Ensure Depends

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




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.

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.)

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