



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

**November 30, 2025** **11:00 a.m.**

***First Sunday of Advent: “King of Kings”***

*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.*

***Chiming of the Hour***

***Welcome & Announcements*** Rev. Kirk Tutterow

***Opening Inspiration - “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”***  
*French carol melody*  
*Joy Brindle and India Cockrell, Sacred Dancers*

***Advent Candle Lighting: Candle of Hope***

***Sung Response***  
**What child is this, who, laid to rest,**  
**on Mary’s lap is sleeping?**  
**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,**  
**while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Leader: We light this candle of Hope for those who need it most.  
People: **For all who search for a place to belong.**  
Leader: For all who are frightened by imposing forces.  
People: **For all whose future seems uncertain.**

Leader: Our question for today at the scene of the nativity is this:  
“For what do we hope in our time that will be ‘good news for ALL people?’”  
People: **What child IS this? This, this is Christ the King**  
**who reigns with hope forever.**

***Sung Response***  
**This, this is Christ, the King,**  
**whom shepherds guard and angels sing:**  
**Haste, haste to bring him laud,**  
**the babe, the son of Mary!**

***Gathering Prayer***  
**Here, at the nativity of your birth,**  
**give us the courage to face this moment**  
**with humility and hope.**  
**Open us to new understandings of**  
**the unfolding story of your presence among us.**  
**Show us the true meaning of the kingdom on earth**  
**as it is in heaven.**  
**We pray in the name of the Child,**  
**the One Who Reigns in our hearts and lives.**  
**Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise No. 154*** *Edward Perronet*  
*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

***Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer***

***Anthem - “Come, Heavenly Babe”*** *by Gerhard Track*  
First UMC Chancel Choir

Lord, redeem your world from darkness surrounding the earth;  
Let us be filled with heavenly light, and prepare our hearts for your birth.  
Release us from shame, Let peace fill the hearts of mankind.  
Silence the noises and turmoil of war,  
Your guiding star, let us once more find.  
Come, bright shining star, Proclaiming the message of peace.  
The Prince of Darkness has bound us,  
But you, God alone have the pow’r to release.  
Come, Heavenly Babe, Our hearts have been led by your love  
To love one another as you have loved.  
Let Christmas come down from Heav’n above,  
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***Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving***  
**God of all goodness,**  
**as we walk in the light of your love,**  
**we are blessed by the abundance of your gifts.**  
**You give us the beauty of nature,**  
**food to nourish our bodies,**  
**and communities to love and support us.**  
**Out of our abundance,**  
**we bring our gifts to you.**  
**May these gifts increase hope in our community**  
**and throughout the world. Amen.**

***Song of Preparation - “Rose of Bethlehem”*** *by Lowell Alexander*  
*Joy Brindle and India Cockrell, Sacred Dancers*

***Scripture Readings - Lamentations 3:46-57 & Luke 2:1-5***

***Hymn of Response No. 196*** *by Charles Wesley*  
*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

***Sermon - “King of Kings”*** Rev. Cheryl Skinner

***Affirmation of Faith No. 885 - “A Modern Affirmation”***

***Hymn of Response No. 536*** *by Lydia Baxter*  
*“Precious Name (Take the Name of Jesus with You)”*

***Benediction***

***Sung Response***  
**This, this is Christ, the King,**  
**whom shepherds guard and angels sing:**  
**Haste, haste to bring him laud,**  
**the babe, the son of Mary!**

***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 - “O, Little Town of Bethlehem”*** *arr. by Robert Hobby*  
Phyllis Jones, organ

***Flowers***  
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in anticipation of the hope, peace, joy and love of Advent by Sean Bishop.

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:**  
Doster Wood  
Judy Hench  
Dare Wilson  
Peggy Everhart  
Jemmietta Allred  
Dot Cook  
G. F. Smith  
Kay Timberlake  
Carlie Bostick  
Rachel Roberts  
Cindy/Tom Smith

**Friends & Family:**  
Kaitlin Deebel  
Jamie Everhart  
Torrey Jackson  
Beth Graves  
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher  
Mark Frye  
Jackie Truell Butler  
Tony Hill  
Marlene Jones  
Gary Elms  
Jane King  
Cathy  
Julie Milner  
Spencer Davis  
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer  
Kimberly Wood  
Jon & Emerson Bethel  
Michael Wood  
Louise & Ray Kombau  
Major  
Special Friend (DB)  
Special Friends (CM)  
Julie Griggs  
Melba (Charles) Purvis  
Steve Erickson  
Sharon/Edsel Beck  
Edith Clement  
Dana (Rodney) Colquitt  
Brentley & Conley Castor  
Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor  
Curt (Lisa) Miller  
Deanna Smith  
Lee Ann Bethel  
Tami Robinson

Arlette Walser  
Irene Foster  
Dorey Thomas  
Elizabeth Morales  
Anna Cruz  
Christine  
Judy Jordan  
Kay Gilmer  
Cheryl Crago  
Deborah Bisbee  
Woody Bowman  
Beckey Griffith  
Kay Crouse  
Ron & Kristie Wooten  
Lenny Wegwart  
Greg Leonard  
Gary (Pat) Leonard  
Tommy Hendrix  
Tricia Royster  
Sarah Rakestraw  
Gloria Bulluck  
Brandon/Jan Kraft  
Trevor Vermette  
Joan Briggs  
John McNeil  
Amy McIntosh  
Stan Larson  
Betty Jean Whitaker  
Kendall Conner

**Missionaries**  
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  
\*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

Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)  
\*Mary Norman

Brookdale (Falling Creek)  
\*Mary Hooks

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

Harmony at Brookberry Farm (Winston-Salem)  
\*Louise Hawley

The Pines (Davidson)  
\*Carolyn Briggs

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

United in Nurturing Fellowship

**Sunday, November 30**  
8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages  
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC

**Monday, December 1**  
**Tuesday, December 2**  
10:00am Companions in Christ, Conference Room  
12:00pm Prayer Warriors Lunch, B-B-Q Center  
6:00pm Private Event, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship Classroom

**Wednesday, December 3**  
12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Thursday, December 4**  
6:00pm LCS and Instrumentalists Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Friday, December 5**  
**(9a-12p) Poinsettia Pick-Up, State Street entrance**  
10:00am Private Event, Parlor

**Saturday, December 6**  
3:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
**5:00pm Lexington Choral Society Concert, Sanctuary**  
Event Prep & Set-Up for Fellowship Meal, F

**Sunday, December 7**  
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 Evangelism & Hospitality Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall**

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 out this online form, which will aid the FUMC Finance Committee in planning our 2026 Ministry Budget. Thank you for your support for First UMC.

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 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

**United Women in Faith** will hold their quarterly meeting & Christmas Lunch on **December 11 at Yarborough's Restaurant**. We will begin at **11:30 am**. Cost: \$\$ cost of your meal  
Please let Marsha Garwood know at **704 418-1947** if you are coming and if you need a ride. We are celebrating YOU for the support you have given to United Women in Faith and to our church.

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**

**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.



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