

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA



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 9, 2025

8:45 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Gathering Music - "10,000 Reasons"
The ALIVE! Praise Band

by M. Redman & J. Myrin

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Repeat Chorus

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Repeat Chorus

And on that day, when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forever more!

Repeat Chorus

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Call to Worship - adapted from psalm 32:6-7

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

People: In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.

Leader: You are our hiding place, O Lord; you preserve us from trouble

People: You surround us with the promise of deliverance.

Veteran's Recognition & Prayer **Eternal and righteous God,** you created all that exists, and call all people and nations to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. You sent your Son to bring your peace to creation, a peace that passes our understanding and yet, we know that because of sin, keeping the peace is not always possible. Guard the brave women and men in military service, give your peace to those who have served in the past, and give us all the compassion to pray for those who confront us as enemies. Keep us from the hate that hardens hearts. and from score-keeping with human lives. Though for a season, those in the military must be people of war, let them live for peace, always seeking to end conflict. Never let hard duty separate any of us from our ultimate allegiance and loyalty to your Son,

Song of Praise - "Be Glorified"

The ALIVE! Praise Band

Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

by Chris Tomlin

Your love has captured me. Your grace has set me free Your life, the air I breathe, be glorified in me. Repeat

You set my feet to dancing, you set my heart on fire. In the presence of a thousand kings, you are my one desire. And I stand before you now with trembling hands lifted high, be glorified.

Your love has captured me. Your grace has set me free. Your life, the air I breathe, be glorified in me. Repeat

You set my feet to dancing, you set my heart on fire. In the presence of a thousand kings, you are my one desire. And I stand before you now with trembling hands lifted high, be glorified.

Be glorified in me, be glorified in me Be glorified in me, be glorified.

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Come To the River" by Allen Salmon / Rhett Canipe
The ALIVE! Praise Band

I'm torn between myself and your truth, These cursed memories, forever seeping through. Oh, my thirst for myself left me wanting more till I found myself face down on Your shore

Chorus:

You say, "Come to the river, oh and lay yourself down.

Let your heart be found"

You say come to the river, "Drink from the cup I pour and thirst no more."

My restless heart, oh, led me astray.
To my selfish pride, I became my own slave.
But you placed a thirst in me, with no drink in sight, 'cause I could not see, till I saw through Your eyes. **Chorus**

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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.

Scripture Reading - Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

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Sermon - "Come On Down"

Affirmation of Faith No. 887 - "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

Song of Response - "Born Again" by David Carr & Brad Avery

The ALIVE! Praise Band

Today I found myself after searching all these years, and the man that I saw, he wasn't at all who I thought it'd be. I was lost when you found me here, and I was broken beyond repair. Then you came along and you sang your song over me.

Chorus One: It feels like I'm born again.
It feels like I'm living for the very first time,
for the very first time in my life.
Make a promise to me now, reassure my heart somehow that the love that I feel is so much more real than anything.
I have a feeling in my soul, and I pray that I'm not wrong, that the life I have known is only the beginning.

Chorus Two: It feels like I'm born again.
It feels like I'm living for the very first time.
For the very first time it feels like I'm breathing.
It feels like I'm moving, for the very first time,
for the very first time

I wasn't looking for something that was more than what I had yesterday.

Then you came to me and you gave to me
life and a love that I've never known, that I've never felt before.

Repeat Chorus Two

Songwriters: David Carr / Mark Lee / Tai Anderson / Johnny Powell / Brad Avery Born Again lyrics © 2008 Hipgnosis Sfh I Limited First UMC CCLI # 1519707

Benediction

Traveling Music - "Born Again" reprise by David Carr & Brad Avery
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and on behalf of the congregation as an offering of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, our Protector, in appreciation of those called to defend our country by Dani and John Benson.



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:

Larry Langley G. F. Smith Carlie Bostick lemmietta Allred Rachel Roberts Kay Timberlake Peggy Everhart Judy Hench

Cindy/Tom Smith Friends & Family: Tony Hill Ellen Peterson Family Carolyn Robbins Marlene Jones Gary Elms Jane King Jamie Everhart Torrey Jackson Mark Frye Cathy Iulie Milner Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher Spencer Davis Phil (Sharon) Kinzer Kimberly Wood Rick LeBaube Jon & Emerson Bethel Michael Wood Louise & Ray Kombau Beth Graves Midway Methodist Special Friend (DB) Special Friends (CM) Julie Griggs

Melba (Charles) Purvis

Dana (Rodney) Colquitt

Brentley & Conley Castor

Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor

Steve Erickson

Edith Clement

Sharon/Edsel Beck

Curt (Lisa) Miller Deanna Smith

Lee Ann Bethel

Tami Robinson

Arlette Walser Irene Foster **Dorey Thomas** Elizabeth Morales Anna Cruz Christine ludy lordan

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 lackie Truell Butler

Joan Briggs Iohn 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

*Dare Wilson

*Larlie Mae Knight *Edna Morris *John (Rebecca) Scarff *Carolyn Smith

*Patricia Smith *Dr. Hunter Strader *Ruby (Buddy) Taylor *Flonnie Thomason Peggy & Wayne Wegwart

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 *lim Dillon *Becki & Tom Foust

Westminster Canterbury (Virginia)

*Bettye Gray

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, November 9

Early Worship, Fellowship Hall 8:45am

9:30am United Women in Faith Craft Sale, Fellowship Hall

9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages II:00am

Morning Worship, Sanctuary LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC II:00am **Annual Charge Conference, Fellowship Hall** 3:00pm Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Youth Room, 2nd Floor 5:00pm

Monday, November 10

10:00am

Line Dancing, Fellowship Hall Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 11 **Veterans Day**

Companions in Christ, Conference Room 10:00am Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center 12:00pm

Wednesday, November 12

12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Crochet, Fellowship Hall 4:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 7:00pm

Thursday, November 13

Steel Wheels, Fellowship Hall 6:00pm

Friday, November 14

KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 10:45am 1:30pm Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley

Saturday, November 15 Sunday, November 16

8:30am United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary

United Women in Faith Craft Sale, Genesis Classroom 9:30am

Sunday School for ALL Ages 9:45am II:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary

LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC II:00am 5:00pm Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Youth Room, 2nd Floor

United Women in Faith Poinsettia Sale - Refer to today's insert All poinsettias must be pre-ordered & pre-paid by Sunday, November 23.

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 - Refer to today's insert

Sunday, December 7 (12p) Fellowship Hall – Help us be good stewards and **RSVP** to the meal so that we have plenty to share and we are not wasteful of God's bountiful provision. A love offering will be accepted for the meal and is greatly appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child

Collection week is November 17 - 24 and the last date to turn in shoeboxes at First UMC is Sunday, November 23.

Judy Deal will once again offer to fill a shoebox for anyone for only \$25 which includes the \$10 shipping. Deadline is Sunday,

November 23. Individual OCC shoeboxes are displayed throughout the church, if you enjoy filling you own shoebox. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Deal at 336-479-7244.

Stewardship Sunday is November 23 Thank you for prayerfully considering your estimate of giving/pledge for 2026. You may return your completed card by mail or bring it to the church on Sunday, November 23.



Children's Advent Fair

Sunday, November 23 (12p) Fellowship Hall

A pizza lunch will be provided for the children and their family. Join us for a time of hope, peace, joy, and love as we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent season with Christ centered activities.

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 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.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings—On Sunday, place your tithes and 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.