



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.

October 19, 2025 **11:00 a.m.**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "Be Thou My Vision" *arr. by Hal Hopson*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

No matter how far from God we seem to be,
we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life,
in the church, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray
and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

**For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will forgive and restore my people;
when I will equip them for every good work;
and when I will grant justice,
for I hear their cries day and night.**

Opening Prayer

**Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us.
We rejoice that you make us your partners
in pursuit of a just and peaceful world.
With Jesus, we ask the question,
"Will there be faith on earth?"**

**Will we settle for mere beliefs,
or will we yield to the deep longing
for your will to be done, here and now?
Teach us to hope, work and cry out
for your justice and peace to be made real.
Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day
when all God's children belong
to your eternal family. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise No. 384 *by Charles Wesley*
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Sing and Praise His Wondrous Love" *by Craig Courtney*
First UMC Chancel Choir
**Commissioned by the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church of
Lexington, NC, for Sandra Shoaf, in honor of her forty years of service as Organist.**

For the joys of full salvation and the peace those joys afford:
Let our souls, and all within us, Magnify and praise the Lord.

Refrain: Praise him, all ye floods of ocean; Praise him, all ye stars above:
Praise him, ev'ry living creature; Praise and sing his wondrous love.

We were lost till Jesus found us, Till his blood ransom paid;
Now the gate of life is open, Full atonement he has made. **Refrain**

Sound aloud the gospel trumpet, shout aloud the sweet refrain:
Blessed be the Lord forever, blessed be his holy name. **Refrain**

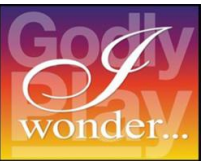
Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Laity Service Award Presentation Helen Fitzgerald, Lay Leader

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Your promise is written on our hearts, dear God,
and your strength is in the work of our hands.
We offer you all that we have and all that we are,
that your love may be made known
throughout your world. 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. 451 *Ancient Irish; trans. By Mary E. Byrne*
"Be Thou My Vision"

**Scripture Reading - Luke 18:1-8 (NT Pg. 81)
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT Pg. 735)**

Sermon - "Will There Be Faith on Earth?" Rev. Cheryl Skinner

**Affirmation of Faith No. 883 - "A Statement of Faith of the United Church
of Canada"**

Hymn of Response No. 500 *by George Croly*
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Benediction

Choral Benediction First UMC Chancel Choir

Chimes of the Trinity

Music Appreciation Focus
*What if we took the time to sit back down after the Chimes of the Trinity
and let the music of the postlude filter into our souls to inspire us to follow
God throughout the week?*

*After the Chimes of the Trinity at the end of the service, you may choose to
be seated 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 - "Wonderful Words of Life" *arr. by J. Wayne Kerr*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Jonathan Everhart by Phyllis Jones.



Prayer Requests

All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list. (*denotes FUMC members)

First UMC member: *Jemmietta Allred (TB 10-9-25) *Carlie Bostick (AB 10-2-25) *Judy Hench (CS 9-11-25) *Bob Pearson (CS 9-11-25) *Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)	Judy Jordan (CM 7-11-25) Kay Gilmer (CM 7-10-25) Cheryl Crago (EC 7-8-25) Deborah Bisbee (JB 7-4-25) Woody Bowman (TF 6-10-25) Beckey Griffith (CM 5-20-25) Kay Crouse (TB 4-28-25) Ron & Kristie Wooten (OE 4-28-25) Lenny Wegwart (CM 4-13-25) Greg Leonard (LL 4-2-25) Gary (Pat) Leonard (LL 4-2-25) Tommy Hendrix (LL 4-2-25) Tricia Royster (TB 2-19-25) Sarah Rakestraw (EC 2-11-25) Gloria Bulluck (GF 12-7-24) Brandon/Jan Kraft (CM 11-12-24) Trevor Vermette (GS 11-8-24) Jackie Truell Butler (CM 6-4-24) Joan Briggs (CM 3-25-24) John McNeil (AC 3-1-24) Anonymous (JA 1-31-24) Amy McIntosh (JO 1-31-24) Stan Larson (1-31-24) Betty Jean Whitaker (1-31-24) Kendall Conner (1-31-24)	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 <u>Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)</u> *Mary Norman <u>Brookdale (Falling Creek)</u> *Mary Hooks <u>Brookdale (Lexington)</u> *Libby & Max Lanning *Ramona Phelps <u>The Pines (Davidson)</u> *Carolyn Briggs <u>Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)</u> <u>Assisted Living</u> *Rachel Hendrix *Bob Pearson <u>Residents</u> *Joan & Dick Bisbee *Betsy Buchanan *Herman Crabtree *Jim Dillon *Becki & Tom Foust <u>Westminster Canterbury (Virginia)</u> *Bettye Gray
Friends & Family: Julie Milner (JO 10-14-25) Kathy Matthews (MG 10-14-25) Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher (LM 10-14-25) Jamie Everhart (MG 10-14-25) Beth Graves (MG 10-14-25) Midway Methodist (10-14-25) Major (DB 10-14-25) Special Friend (DB 10-14-25) Phil (Sharon) Kinzer (CM10-13-25) Special Friends (CM 10-7-25) Spencer Davis (CM 10-7-25) Torrey Jackson (LM 10-5-25) Mark Frye (CM 9-30-25) Julie Gwaltney (JS 9-29-25) Rick LeBaube (CB 9-23-25) Melba (Charles) Purvis (PE 9-9-25) Steve Erickson (VO 9-7-25) Sharon/Edsel Beck (JD 9-3-25) Edith Clement (JD 9-3-25) Dana (Rodney) Colquitt (JD 9-3-25) Brentley & Conley Castor (JD 9-3-25) Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor (JD 9-3-25) Curt (Lisa) Miller (JD 9-3-25) Deanna Smith (JD 9-3-25) Kimberly Wood (CM 8-25-25) Lee Ann Bethel (CM 8-25-25) Tami Robinson (CM 8-25-25) Arlette Walser (BF 7-29-25) Irene Foster (BF 7-29-25) Arnold Miller (KW 7-23-25) Geri & Chuck Bowyer (CM 7-21-25) Dorey Thomas (JL 7-21-25) Elizabeth Morales (JL 7-18-25) Jon & Emerson Bethel (CM 7-16-25) Michael Wood (CM 7-16-25) Anna Cruz (CM 7-16-25) Christine (CM 7-14-25)	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	

A Note of Sympathy
Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to David Inabinett and family upon the occasion of the death of his mother, Joyce Inabinett, on October 15, 2025 at Hinkle Hospice House.

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.

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, October 19 Laity Sunday 8:30am United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall 8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages 11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary 11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC 2:00pm Trustees, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Fall BLOCK PARTY & Trunk or Treat , State Street Parking Lot 5:00pm Teens of Life Youth, Fall BLOCK PARTY & Trunk or Treat	Monday, October 20 10:00am The Fruit of the Spirit, Conference Room 7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall Tuesday, October 21 12:00pm Amtrak Train to the State Fair Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center 5:45pm Faith & Friends provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries 6:00pm ALIVE! Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall Wednesday, October 22 12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary 4:30pm Crochet, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room Thursday, October 23 6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall Friday, October 24 9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 10:45am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 1:30pm Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley Saturday, October 25 BBQ Festival, Uptown Lexington Teens of Life Youth Fundraiser, Parking Cars during BBQ Festival in the church parking areas Sunday, October 26 8:45am Reformation Sunday 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 3:00pm Cluster Charge Conference, Macedonia UMC—An opportunity to meet our “new” District Superintendent
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RISE Against Hunger Experience - Sunday, November 2
Fellowship Hall - *Join us as we pack nutritious meals that represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. Volunteers are the heart of the mission to end hunger. RISE Against Hunger could not send millions of meals around the globe each year without YOU! You are asked to sign-up for the event.*
Choose an option below:

- Click & Go** on the logo from our Constant Contact weekly email
- Go directly to our website **NEWS** section & **Click & Go** on the logo
- Contact the church office (336) 248-2886 and Donna can help you sign-up

Thank you for your support of this project that makes such a difference worldwide.

Pastor’s Pantry Corn Challenge - October 19 - November 9
Today, we begin our collection of cans of **whole kernel yellow corn** for the Thanksgiving & Christmas meals provided by Pastor’s Pantry. Our goal is **500 cans**. The collection site is located on the table just outside of the Administrative Assistant’s office.
United Women in Faith Crafts for Sale - Some craft items from last year’s event are available for sale. Please stop by for some early Christmas shopping.

- Sunday, November 9** - Fellowship Hall (9:30a until 10:55a)
- Sunday, Nov 16 & Nov 23** - Genesis Class (9:30a until 10:55a)

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: Peanut Butter Crackers Ramen Noodles <u>Individual/Single Serve Sized:</u> Mac & Cheese, Soups, Spaghetti O’s, Lasagna 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 Open Hands of Davidson County Clean & Gently Used: bath towels, washcloths Personal Care Items: Shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste/ toothbrush (Travel size items work quite well.) Pastor’s Pantry Canned Food: green beans, tuna, chicken, soups, stews <i>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!</i>
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**Prayer Gifts 4 Missions Outreach** is an interfaith outreach ministry combining the gift of prayer with the gift of a handmade tied fleece blanket, or a knitted or crocheted shawl for those needing prayer in our church and community. **During Sunday worship services & Midday Prayer on Wednesdays**, you are invited to come to the altar and pray for those who will receive the prayer gifts. As you pray, tie a double square knot with a print and solid strip on the fleece blanket or lay hands on the knitted and crocheted shawls that are presented.

**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.

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

Because she shops year-round and finds great deals to fill a great shoebox, 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.

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