



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 26, 2025 **11:00 a.m.**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Choral Call to Worship - "Hear My Prayer" *by Moses Hogan*
First Baptist Church & First United Methodist Church Combined Choirs

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

Call to Worship - adapted from Isaiah 25:6-9
Leader: We wait with hope for God's deliverance.
People: God will calm our fears and wipe our tears away.
Leader: God will take our guilt and make a feast of joy for all people.
People: In response,
we will act with compassion to dry the tears of others;
we will walk with justice to silence hatred;
we will work to bring God's reconciling love to all.

Opening Prayer
Good and gracious God,
you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us;
you are the hope of the world.
Give us strength, that we might serve you;
make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 158 *by Christian Henry Bateman*
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "I'll Be On My Way" *by Shawn Kirchner*
First Baptist Church & First United Methodist Church Combined Choirs
Kelly Jackson, soloist
When I am gone, don't cry for me, don't pity my sorry soul.
What pain there might have been will now be past and my spirit will be whole.
I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way, I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I'll be glory bound, I'll be on my way.
When I am gone, don't cry for me, don't pity my sorry soul.
What pain there might have been will now be past and my spirit will be whole.
I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way, I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I'll be glory bound, I'll be on my way.
When I am gone, please forgive the wrongs that I have done to you;
There'll be no room for regrets up there, high above, way beyond the blue.
I'll be on my way. I'll be on my way.
I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down,
I'll be puttin' on my crown, I'll be on my way.

When I am gone, don't you look for me in the places I have been;
I'll be alive, but somewhere else, I'll be on my way again!
I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!
I will lift my wings and soar into the air, there'll be glory ev'rywhere,
I'll be on my way. I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!
I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down,
I'll be puttin' on my crown, I'll be on my way.
I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground.
I'll be glory bound, I'll be on my way!

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving
God of creation,
you water the earth and send forth food;
you shower us with grace and feed us with your love.
Accept our gifts,
humble though they may be,
and use them to spread your goodness throughout the earth;
in Jesus' name we pray. 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. 474 *by Thomas A. Dorsey*
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Scripture Reading - Luke 18:9-14 **NT Page 81**

Sermon - "Am I Right or Am I Wrong?" Rev. Kirk Tutterow

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

Hymn of Response No. 419 *by Fanny J. Crosby*
"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Benediction

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



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:
*Karen Bennett (LM 10-22-25)
*Jemmietta Allred (TB 10-21-25)
*Carlie Bostick (AB 10-2-25)
*Judy Hench (CS 9-11-25)
*Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

Friends & Family:
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer (CM 10-21-25)
Kimberly Wood (CM 10-21-25)
Rick LeBaube (CB 10-21-25)
Jon & Emerson Bethel (CM 10-21-25)
Michael Wood (CM 10-21-25)
Louise & Ray Kombau (GF 10-16-25)
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)
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)
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)
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)
Dorey Thomas (JL 7-21-25)
Elizabeth Morales (JL 7-18-25)
Anna Cruz (CM 7-16-25)
Christine (CM 7-14-25)

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 (I-31-24)
Betty Jean Whitaker (I-31-24)
Kendall Conner (I-31-24)

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, October 26
Reformation Sunday
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
3:00pm Cluster Charge Conference, Macedonia UMC—An opportunity to meet our “new” District Superintendent

Monday, October 27
10:00am The Fruit of the Spirit, Conference Room
10:00am Line Dancing, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 28
10:00am Companions in Christ, Conference Room
12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center

Wednesday, October 29
12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary
4:30pm Crochet, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 30
6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Faith Seekers, Home of Donna Smith

Friday, October 31
9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
10:45am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
1:30pm Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley

Saturday, November 1
Sunday, November 2
All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Ends – Fall BACK one hour
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
12pm-2pm Event Set-Up for RISE Against Hunger, Fellowship Hall
2:00pm **RISE Against Hunger Experience, Fellowship Hall**
2:00pm Teens of Life Youth Ministry serving at RISE Against Hunger
3:00pm Endowment, Conference Room

Small Group Update – We have (3) groups with openings
Butterfly Pillow (New Session) – Contact: Judy Deal -Make a butterfly pillow
Photography – Contact: William Deal -Learn photographic skills and make a display at the end of sessions
Trains – Contact: William Deal -Learn about trains and the history of trains

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. We Need YOU! **You are asked to sign-up for the event.**
Choose an option below:
• **Click & Go** on the logo from our Constant Contact weekly emails
• 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 - Now - November 9
Currently, we have collected **242** 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



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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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.