

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.

October 5, 2025

11:00 a.m.

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "In Faith I Quiet Wait"

Phyllis Jones, organ

by J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

What do we find at today's table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today's table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Invitation to Praise No. 547

*by Frederick B. Morley
"O Church of God, United"*

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy and Triune God,

your table transcends time and space.

As your disciples on World Communion Sunday,

we join our voices to the songs and prayers

offered to your name throughout the world.

Increase our faith and give us grace

to love and forgive one another,

as you have loved and forgiven us.

We remember all your beloved children

who suffer this day-

especially the victims of war, poverty, and injustice.

Help us bear witness to their suffering without fear.

Give us the courage to live in love with you,

in you, and for you.

For the sake of all your beloved children, we pray. Amen.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Holy God, purify the motivations of our hearts,
as we offer you the works of our hands.**

**May these gifts inspire us
to be as generous in our giving,
and with our forgiveness,
as you have been with us. Amen.**

Anthem - "Come, Share the Lord"

First UMC Chancel Choir

by Bryan Jeffery Leech

We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

For He will feed us with His presence here,
this bread and wine will do us good.
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy,
for He is life and peace and rest and drink and food.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread.
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
The One we love the most is now our gracious host.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
We are now the family of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.



A Time for the Child in All of Us

Rev. Amy Higgins

All children are invited to join us down front 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.

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

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Sermon - "One"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Hymn of Invitation No. 620

"One Bread, One Body"

by John B. Foley

Invitation to Holy Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

We look at a world undone by strife,
torn by violence,
separated by hatred.

Yet you call us to walk the way of peace.

Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path

because the cost is too high,
the direction too confusing,
the conditions too harsh.

Forgive us our complacency.

Grant us clarity of vision to see the light,

and the strength to walk behind you.

In the power of your Spirit we pray. Amen.

(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)

Words of Assurance

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
**to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Signs of peace may be exchanged by all.)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God. Now and forever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the heavenly realm of justice and peace.

Strengthen us with this food from your table

as we seek to serve you.

**Lead us in lives of purpose and joy
as we await the coming again in glory**

of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Unity No. 548

*by J. Oxenham and L. H. Stookey
"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

Benediction

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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, please consider being seated to join others 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.

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Trumpet Finale" by Tommaso Albinoni
Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Casper Timberlake upon the occasion of his birthday by Tim Timberlake and Kay & Bob Timberlake.

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: *Carlie Bostick (AB 10-2-25) *Judy Hench (CS 9-11-25) *Peggy Everhart (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)Becky Griffith (CM 5-20-25) Special Friends (CM 5-13-25) Laura Turlington (HC 4-29-25) Major (DB 4-28-25) 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) Special Friend (DB 4-1-25) 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 *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 *Joyce Inabinett *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: Spencer Davis (CM 9-30-25) Jamie Everhart (MG 9-30-25) Phil (Sharon) Kinzer (CM 9-30-25) Torrey Jackson (LM 9-30-25) Mark Frye (CM 9-30-25) Julie Gwaltney (JS 9-29-25) Midway Methodist (9-23-25) Rick LeBaube (CB 9-23-25) Beth Graves (MG 9-16-25) 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) Beverly Leonard (CM 9-2-25) 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	

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jemmietta Allred, Chris Allred, Cathy Michael and their family upon the occasion of the death of Jemmietta’s husband, Paul Edward “Eddie” Allred, Jr. on September 21, 2025.

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 5	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 4:00pm Blessing of the Animals , Church Lawn 5:00pm Teens of Life Youth, Youth Room, 2 nd Floor
Monday, October 6	10:00am The Fruit of the Spirit, Conference Room 10:00am Line Dancing, Fellowship Hall (6p-8p) Butterfly Pillow, Home of Judy Deal 7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 7	10:00am Companions in Christ, Conference Room 12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center 6:00pm ALIVE Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 8	(10a-12p) Butterfly Pillow, Home of Judy Deal 12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary 4:30pm Crochet, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thursday, October 9	6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Finance, Parlor
Friday, October 10	9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 10:45am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 1:30pm Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley
Saturday, October 11	(10am-2pm) Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Community Car Cruise-In First UMC Parking Lots
Sunday, October 12	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 12:00pm Teens of Life Youth, Kersey Valley Maize Adventure 4:00pm Fall Train Rides & Wiener Roast , Home of Judy & William Deal

Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Community Car Cruise In | Sponsored by United Methodist Men | Saturday, October 11th (10am until 2pm)
FUMC Parking Lots | The entire church and community are invited to join us for a community car cruise-in!

- ➔ Classic & custom cars
- ➔ Music Entertainment by "DJ Kirk" spinning oldies rock!
- ➔ Food & refreshments will be provided by the FUMC Teens of Life Youth, including hot dogs, drinks, coffee, and breakfast food/pastries
- ➔ Family-friendly fun, fellowship and community outreach
- ➔ Proceeds to benefit our Teens of Life Youth Ministry and donations for underprivileged kids at Christmas.
- ➔ Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

To register a car or volunteer, contact the church office at (336) 248-2886 or churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com

Fall Train Rides & Wiener Roast - Sunday, October 12 (4p until 6p)
 Home of Judy and William Deal - **Train Rides begin at 4p.**
The wiener roast will begin when the train rides are completed.

Make a Donation to Help with RISE Against Hunger Event Cost
 Please submit your donation to Christa Weeks, Judy Deal or Alma Carlton by **Wednesday, October 15**. If you have questions, please contact Christa Weeks or Judy Deal. **Event Date:** Sunday, November 2. Our goal is \$4,400.00. Thank you for your support of this project that makes such a difference worldwide.

BLOCK Party and Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 19 (5p--6p)
Wear your favorite costumes, invite your neighbors, and join us for a fun time of fellowship, games, food, and Trunk-or-Treat! Everyone is welcome & invited to participate!

How Can You Participate?


- Donate bags of candy to be given away at Trunk-or-Treat – **Collection Site: Table outside of Donna’s office near Volunteer’s Desk**
- Decorate your car trunk and/or truck tailgate **OR** simply park your vehicle & sit in chairs, hand out candy & greet the community in the State Street parking lot during the event. Please arrive **by 4p** to park & set-up.

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



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