



**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.

April 26, 2026

8:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Gathering Music - "God of Wonders"

The ALIVE! Praise Band

by Byrd & Hindalong

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on High

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
And as I stumble through the darkness, I will call your name by night

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. repeat

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

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Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together
with glad and generous hearts.

People: **For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

People: **Let us give what we can to all who have needs
so that all people, no matter who they are,
may regard us with good will.**

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

People: **For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day.
Help us to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today,
and fill our heart with gladness and generosity,
that we may generate good will
and share your grace and love wherever we go. Amen.**

Song of Praise - "Cornerstone" by J. Myrin, R. Morgan, W. Bradbury
The ALIVE! Praise Band

1. My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.
(REPEAT)

Chorus: Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord.
Lord of all.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Interlude: He is Lord. Lord of all.

3. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Song of Reflection - "Lord, I Need You" by Christy Nockels & Matt Maher
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Lord I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

So, teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need you, oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.

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Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Loving God, you come to us in moments of grief
when we have lost our ability
to perceive your presence.**

**Receive our thanks for meeting us on the road
and for quickening our spirits.**

**Receive our praise for opening your word to us
and for enlightening our minds.**

**May the gifts we bring before you now
reflect the stirring of our hearts,
as you heal the broken places in our lives.**

**May the offering we bring forth
stir the hearts of those in need
of your mercy and your grace. Amen.**

Scripture Reading - Acts 2:42-47

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Sermon - "A God-Centered Community"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 887

"Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

Song of Celebration - "Take My Life" by C. Tomlin, F. Havergal, et.al.
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, for thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as you choose

Chorus:

Here am I, all of me.
Take my life it's all for thee.

Verse 3

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever only all for thee.

Chris Tomlin, Frances Ridley Havergal, Henri Abraham Cesar Malan, Louie Giglio
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Benediction

Traveling Music - "Take My Life" by C. Tomlin, F. Havergal, et.al.
The ALIVE! Praise Band

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:

Louise (Terri & Richard) Hawley
Terri Beck
Larry Langley
Judy Hench
Pat Harrison
Lewis McMillan
Cindy/Tom Smith

Julie Milner

Mark Frye
Jackie Truell Butler
Tony Hill
Cathy
Michael Wood

Long Term (6 months or longer):

Louise & Ray Kombau
Dorey Thomas
Elizabeth Morales
Christine
Judy Jordan
Kay Gilmer
Becky Griffith
Kay Crouse
Ron & Kristie Wooten
Greg Leonard
Gary (Pat) Leonard
Tommy Hendrix
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—United States

Friends & Family:

Friend's daughter
Marian Sink
Rob Saunders
Jim McCutcheon
Grace Episcopal
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Bobbi Mukosiej
Jane King
Kaitlin Deebel
Torrey Jackson
Cheryl Crago
Sarah Rakestraw
Beth Graves
Myrna Davis
Kimberly Wood
Jon & Emerson Bethel
Lee Ann Bethel
Tami Robinson
Deborah Bisbee
Rodney (Angela) Perdue & Family
Spencer Davis
Jamie Vasquez
Kayla
Special Friends
Ginger Hill
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Joyce Metters
Special Friends
Richard Slater
Roger Thompson
Marlene Jones
Linda Cox

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

Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)

*Mary Norman

Brookdale (Lexington)

*Libby & Max Lanning
*Ramona Phelps

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

Assisted Living

*Rachel Hendrix
*Bob Pearson

Residents

*Joan & Dick Bisbee
*Betsy Buchanan
*Herman Crabtree
*Jim Dillon
*Becki & Tom Foust

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Major Kacie Allred
*Sergeant McRay Calderone
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, April 26

8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
3:00pm **Church Council, Fellowship Hall**

Monday, April 27

6:00pm Lexington Choral Society Instrumentalist Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 28

10:00am Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room
12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center
6:00pm **Children's Council, Conference Room, 2nd Floor**

Wednesday, April 29

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, April 30

(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom
7:00pm **Steel Wheels Group – CROSSING CANADA, Fellowship Hall**

7:00pm

Friday, May 1

9:30am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom
10:45am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom

Saturday, May 2

Sunday, May 3

8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
12:00pm **Called Charge Conference, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom**
1:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary
3:00pm **Lexington Choral Society CONCERT, Sanctuary**
5:00pm Teens of Life Youth Ministry

Church Council

Sunday, April 26 (3pm) Fellowship Hall

Children's Council

Tuesday, April 28 (6pm) Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Steel Wheels – CROSSING CANADA

Thursday, April 30 (7pm - 9pm) Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE INVITED!

William & Judy Deal will be sharing their experience while traveling on a train through Canada.

Called Charge Conference

Sunday, May 3 (Immediately following 11a worship service)

Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom

Lexington Choral Society presents A Spring Sing Concert

Songs We Know By Heart – *Music from the Movies*

Sunday, May 3 (3pm) First UMC Sanctuary

The concert is FREE and open to the public!

Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser sponsored by United Methodist Men

Friday, May 15, 2026 (Take-Out 10am until 6pm) State Street Entrance

Tickets: \$13 each—Ticket Sales End Friday, May 8, 2026

Proceeds benefit mission projects.

Bake Sale sponsored by United Women in Faith

Friday, May 15, 2026 (10a until 1p) State Street Entrance

When you stop by to pick up your Port-A-Pit Chicken Dinners, drop by to purchase some home bake goods from the ladies of the church. What could be better than that? Proceeds benefit mission projects.

Evangelism & Hospitality Event – EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Church Lawn

(4pm-5pm) A Time of Fellowship with Games

(5pm) Hamburgers & Hotdogs with sides, drinks, & dessert.

A love offering will be accepted for the cost of the meal. In case of rain, we will gather together in the fellowship hall.

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

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.)

Thank You!

Your kindly donated items

can be dropped off at the

collection site just outside

of the church office

workroom located on the

main hallway.



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 **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.

Giving Generously Together

Offering plates are provided at the back of the sanctuary.



Mail to First UMC, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292.

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Text to Give – 855-222-3109—Text the amount you wish to give and follow the directions.



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