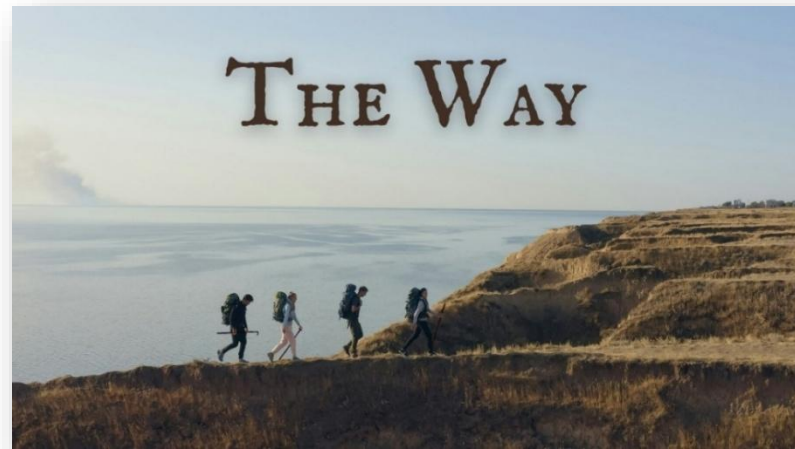


**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

At First United Methodist Church we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.



April 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Brass Voluntary - "Passion Chorale"

arr. by Vaclav Nelhybel

Brass Ensemble

Tyson Sessions and Zachary Seaman, trumpet
Kadesh Street and Isaac Dusek, trombone
JT Sandlin, french horn
Faye Moser, percussion

Call to Worship

Leader: In thy hand, God of creation, we see the whole cosmos,

People: **Heaven and earth reflect the mystery of thy handiwork.**

Leader: In thy hand, Source of life and breath and being, we see a little child,

People: **People around the world are captivated by the events of Bethlehem.**

Leader: In thy hand, God of salvation, we see the scar of the cross.

People: **Sin and death are vanquished by thy suffering on Golgotha.**

Leader: In thy hand, God of love, we behold a new light,

People: **Day and night, even all of creation, are being transformed in the glory of Easter morning.**

Invitation to Praise No. 302 - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

by Charles Wesley - arr. by John Rutter
(Congregation, Brass, Percussion, and Organ)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

by Dan Forrest

First UMC Chancel Choir
Brass, Percussion, and Organ

If God be for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare His only Son, but gave Him up for all,
Shall He not with Him freely give us all things?

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Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To His throne beyond the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n Alleluia.

Circled round with angel pow'rs Alleluia!
Their triumphant Lord and ours, Alleluia!
Take the King of Glory in, Alleluia!

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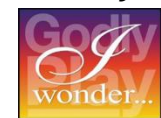
We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**God of life and love, we are grateful
for your promise of resurrection and new life.
Your love is stronger than the powers of evil
and injustice.**

**Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim Christ's triumph
over injustice, evil, and even death itself. Amen.**

A Time for the Child in All of Us



All children are invited to come to the front of the church at this time. Afterwards, children in kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.

Scripture - Matthew 28:1-10

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Sermon - "God Comes Back, Over and Over Again"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

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)

**Holy God,
you lavish us with good gifts,
yet we persist in seeking after that
which robs us of abundant life.
We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed;
we desire the very things that harm us.**

**Forgive us, purify us,
and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit,
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen**
(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)

Words of Assurance

If God is for us, who is against us?
In Jesus Christ you have been set free.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Invitation to Rejoice - No. 327 - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
by Matthew Bridges - arr. by Vaclav Nelhybel
(Congregation, Brass, Percussion, and Organ)

Benediction

Benediction Response - No. 302 - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (vs. 1)
by Charles Wesley - arr. by John Rutter
(Congregation, Brass, Percussion, and Organ)

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Praise To The Lord" arr. by Vaclav Nelhybel
(Brass, Percussion, and Organ)

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:

Efird Wilson
Pat Harrison
Terri Beck
Peggy Everhart
Lewis McMillan
Judy Hench
Larry Langley
Cindy/Tom Smith

Friends & Family:

Jim McCutcheon
Gary Elms
Rodney (Angela) Perdue & Family
Grace Episcopal
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Jamie Vasquez
Kayla
Kaitlin Deebel
Deborah Bisbee
Tami Robinson
Special Friends
Bobbi Mukosiej
Ginger Hill
Ted Williams
Myrna Davis
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Joyce Metters
Spencer Davis
Kimberly Wood
Lee Ann Bethel
Richard Slater
Roger Thompson
Torrey Jackson
Cheryl Crago
Beth Graves
Marlene Jones
Anna Cruz
Linda Cox
Julie Milner
Mark Frye

Jackie Truell Butler
Tony Hill
Jane King Cathy
Jon & Emerson Bethel
Michael Wood
Louise & Ray Kombau
Special Friends
Melba (Charles) Purvis
Sharon (Edsel) Beck
Edith Clement

Dana (Rodney) Colquitt
Brentley & Conley Castor
Dale, Mandy & Riley
Castor
Curt (Lisa) Miller
Deanna Smith
Irene Foster
Dorey Thomas
Elizabeth Morales
Christine
Judy Jordan
Kay Gilmer
Becky Griffith
Kay Crouse
Ron & Kristie Wooten
Greg Leonard
Gary (Pat) Leonard
Tommy Hendrix
Sarah Rakestraw
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

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 John Hall
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, April 5

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

Monday, April 6

7:00pm **Office Closed in observance of Easter**
Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 7

10:00am Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room
12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center

Wednesday, April 8

1:00pm **Chair Yoga, Fellowship Hall**

Thursday, April 9

(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall

6:00pm **Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall**

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

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

Daniel Bible Study to Begin after Easter

The Reverend Jack Tookey will be leading a new Bible study on the Book of Daniel titled "Growing Strong in an Alien World" beginning after Easter. The study will follow Daniel through his journey from kidnapped noble Jewish child to the most powerful man in Babylon to a "highly favored person" before his God Most High. The **eight-session series** will focus on the role of prayer and faith fellowship in Daniel's (and, our) personal and spiritual growth.

If you would like to participate in the study, please contact Jack: (Call or Text) 336-337-2343 or (Email) jtookey@mindspring.com **Let him know what days and times work best for you.** All classes will meet in the **library at First UMC**, with day and time determined by what works best for participants' schedules. We hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to dig deeper into a remarkable book of the Bible!

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

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 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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Giving Generously Together

Offering plates are provided at the back of the sanctuary.



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

Online Giving for mobile device users, the **QR code on the left** 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.