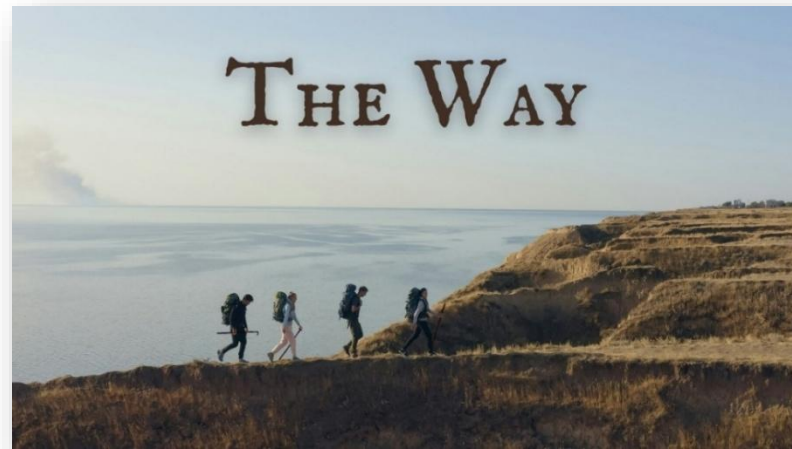


**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

*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**

**Easter Sunday**

**8:45 a.m.**

**Welcome**

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

**Gathering Music - "Resurrection Suite"**

Phyllis Jones, piano

*by Mark Patterson*

**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*

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem - "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"**

Phyllis Jones, piano

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

**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.**

**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*

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response - No. 302 - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (vs. 1)**

*by Charles Wesley*

**Traveling Music - "Low in the Grave He Lay"**

Phyllis Jones, piano

*arr. by Cindy Berry*



## 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

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

### 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

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

Donna Huskins, Administrative Assistant [churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

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