

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.

January 11, 2026

8:45 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Gathering Music - "10,000 Reasons" by M. Redman & J. Myrin
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending.
Ten thousand years and then forever more! Chorus

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Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **We gather at the river.**

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **The waters of grace flow over us.**

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **We are washed in God's love.**

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **We are God's beloved children.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God of strength, God of love,
surround us with your love.
Gather us in as your beloved children.
Open our ears to hear your voice.
Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love.
May your waters of grace pour over us,
renewing us for your work in the world.
Bless us in this holy time. Amen.**

Song of Praise - "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" by M. West & M. Hall
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Jesus, friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away.
We cut down people in your name,
but the sword was never ours to swing
Jesus, friend of sinners, the truth's become so hard to see.
The world is on their way to you, but they're trippin' over me.
Always looking' around, but never looking up, I'm so double minded,
A plank eyed saint with dirty hands and a heart divided.

Chorus: Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners
Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing finger's
Let our hearts be led by mercy.
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors.
Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks Yours.

Jesus, friend of sinners, the one who's writing in the sand,
Made the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands.
Help us to remember we are all the least of these.
Let the memory of your mercy bring your people to their knees.
Nobody knows what we're for,
only what we're against when we judge the wounded.
What if we put down our signs,
crossed over the lines and love like You did? **Chorus**

You love every lost cause, You reach for the outcast,
For the leper and the lame; they're the reason that You came.
Lord, I was that lost cause and I was the outcast.
But You died for sinners just like me, a grateful leper at Your feet.
You are good, you are good and your love endures forever. repeat 3x

Jesus, friend of sinners
Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers
But let our hearts be led by mercy
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors
Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks Yours
And I was the lost cause and I was the outcast
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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Loving God, you bless us with your love.
You know each one of us.
We live in confidence and trust,
knowing your care for us.
We bring these gifts to you, our source of life.
Use them, we pray,
that others may experience your grace
and live free from fear. Amen.**

Anthem - "Come To the River" by Allen Salmon / Rhett Canipe
The ALIVE! Praise Band!

I'm torn between myself and your truth,
These cursed memories, forever seeping through.
Oh, my thirst for myself left me wanting more
till I found myself face down on Your shore

Chorus: You say, "Come to the river, oh and lay yourself down.
Let your heart be found"

You say come to the river, "Drink from the cup I pour and thirst no more."

My restless heart, oh, led me astray.
To my selfish pride, I became my own slave.
But you placed a thirst in me, with no drink in sight,
'cause I could not see, till I saw through Your eyes.

You say, "Come to the river, oh, and lay yourself down.
Let your heart be found"

You say come to the river, "Drink from the cup I pour, and thirst no more"

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Scripture Readings - Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon - "Chosen - Baptized - Sent Out" Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 883 -
"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

Song of Transformation - "Build Your Kingdom Here" by Chris Lewellen
The ALIVE! Praise Band

1. Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

2. We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are your church. We pray revive this earth.

Chorus: Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. **Chorus x 2**

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Benediction

Traveling Music - "Just As I Am" (reprise) by C. Elliot & T. Cottrell
The ALIVE Praise Band!

Flowers

The flowers are placed on the altar to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Erickson, our brother and our life-long friend, by Vicki Olson & Pamela Shaw, sisters, and Martha Williams & Dare Wilson, life-long friends.

Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Larry (Terri) Beck and family upon the occasion of the death of his aunt, Jeanne Beck, on January 3, 2026.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Cheri (Pete) Murray and family upon the occasion of the death of her nephew, Lenny Wegwart, on January 3, 2026.


Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Vicki (Wayne) Olson and family upon the occasion of the death of her brother, Steve Erickson, on January 4, 2026.

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.

<u>First UMC member:</u> Minnie McPherson Dot Cook G. F. Smith Peggy Everhart Jemmietta Allred Judy Hench Cindy/Tom Smith	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 Cheryl Crago 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	<u>Member Care</u> *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
<u>Friends & Family:</u> Beth Graves Rebecca MacNeilage Bob Kuster Marlene Jones Gary Elms Deborah Bisbee Spencer Davis Kimberly Wood Lee Ann Bethel Anna Cruz Tami Robinson Emily Sink Cash & Family Pam & Ron Sink Linda Cox Tricia Royster Torrey Jackson Special Friends Julie Milner Kaitlin Deebel Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher Mark Frye Jackie Truell Butler Tony Hill Jane King Cathy Phil (Sharon) Kinzer Jon & Emerson Bethel Michael Wood Louise & Ray Kombau Special Friends Julie Griggs Melba (Charles) Purvis Sharon (Edsel) Beck	<u>Missionaries</u> David, Hannah, Nicholas, & Samuel Mora—United States	<u>Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)</u> *Mary Norman
	<u>Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)</u> <u>Assisted Living</u> *Rachel Hendrix *Bob Pearson	<u>Westminster Canterbury (Virginia)</u> *Bettye Gray
	<u>Residents</u> *Joan & Dick Bisbee *Betsy Buchanan *Herman Crabtree *Jim Dillon *Becki & Tom Foust	
	<u>Serving in the Armed Forces</u> *Major Kacie Allred *Sergeant McRay Calderone *SGT John Hall SGT Alan Ingram Major Jarrad Thorley	

Ways To Give financially back to God through the ministries of First UMC. offerings in the plates provided at the back of the church.



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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

<u>Sunday, January 11</u>	
	Baptism of the Lord Sunday
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
2:00pm	Trustees, Fellowship Hall
5:00pm	Teens of Life Youth, Youth Room, 2 nd Floor
<u>Monday, January 12</u>	
6:00pm	Private meeting, Fellowship Hall
<u>Tuesday, January 13</u>	
10:00am	Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room
<u>Wednesday, January 14</u>	
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
<u>Thursday, January 15</u>	
<u>Friday, January 16</u>	
9:30am	Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom
10:45am	Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom
<u>Saturday, January 17</u>	
11:00am	Celebration of Life for Carolyn Briggs, Sanctuary
12:00pm	Carolyn Briggs’ family receiving friends, Fellowship Hall
2:00pm	Celebration of Life for Morris Mabe, father of Lee Mabe, First Baptist Church Madison, 110 S. Franklin Street. Madison, NC
	Morris Mabe’s family receiving friends following service
<u>Sunday, January 18</u>	
8:30am	United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
8:45am	Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:30am	Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am	LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
2:00pm	Member Care, Parlor
(4p-5:30p)	Teens of Life Youth, BAM Night (<i>Baptist and Methodist</i>), Meet at FBC
<u>Monday, January 19</u>	
Office Closed for the observance of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday	

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

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 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.



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