



# 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 18, 2026**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

## Chiming of the Hour

## Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

## Opening Voluntary - "Spirit Song"

Phyllis Jones, organ

## Call to Worship

Leader: Can you hear God's call?

**People: Christ's voice is heard far and near.**

Leader: Can you discern God's Word?

**People: Christ calls one and all.**

Leader: God speaks of light and life.

**People: Christ loves the mighty and the small.**

Leader: The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.

**People: We are called into fellowship together.**

## Opening Prayer (in unison)

Use us, Gracious God, as instruments  
of your mercy and compassion.

Fashion us into vessels of your abiding Spirit,  
that a world torn by brokenness and pain  
might touch your healing love  
through our fellowship with you  
and with one another. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise No. 568

*"Christ for the World We Sing"*

by Samuel Wolcott

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

## Anthem - "Hallelujah, Amen"

by George Frederick Handel  
First UMC Chancel Choir

Hallelujah, Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen, Amen, Amen,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen, Amen,  
Hallelujah, Amen.

O Judah, rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine,  
With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join,  
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Hallelujah, Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen,  
And in songs divine, harmonious join,  
Hallelujah, Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen.

## Reception of a New Member

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Joyce Rorie

## Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

## Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

God of Grace and God of Glory,  
you bless us with water and the Spirit,  
that we might know the fullness of life.  
As we strive to be a light to the nations,  
may others be brought to the dawn of your glory.  
Bless the gifts we bring before you now,  
that they might reach the very ends of the earth  
and help those struggling to find the light. Amen.

## A Time for the Child in All of Us



All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary  
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.

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

## Hymn of Preparation No. 349

by Helen H. Lemmel  
"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" (Sing through twice)

## Scripture Reading - John 1:29-42

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## Sermon - "Come and See"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

## Affirmation of Faith No. 883 -

*"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"*

## Hymn of Transformation TFWS No. 2130

by Jon Bell  
"The Summons"

## Benediction

## Benediction Response No. 431

by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson  
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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arr. by Don Hustad

## Chimes of the Trinity

## Postlude - "Rescue the Perishing"

Phyllis Jones, organ

## Flowers

The flowers are placed on the altar and in the narthex to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn Elizabeth Ross Briggs by her sons, Judd and Dan Briggs and their families.

## Sermon Notes

## 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:

Terri Beck  
Pat Harrison  
Louise Hawley  
Richard (Terri) Hawley  
Minnie McPherson  
Dot Cook  
G. F. Smith  
Peggy Everhart  
Jemmietta Allred  
Judy Hench  
Cindy/Tom Smith

### Friends & Family:

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) Kelher  
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

### Member Care

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  
Cheryl Crago  
Beckey Griffith  
Kay Crouse  
Ron & Kristie Wooten  
Greg Leonard  
Gary (Pat) Leonard  
Tommy Hendrix  
Sarah Rakestraw  
Gloria Bullock  
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  
  
**Serving in the Armed Forces**  
\*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.



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, January 18

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  
(4p-5:30p) Teens of Life Youth, BAM Night (Baptist and Methodist), Meet at FBC

### Monday, January 19

Office Closed for the observance of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

### Tuesday, January 20

10:00am Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room  
12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center  
5:00pm Endowment Trust, Parlor  
5:30pm Altar Guild, Fellowship Hall  
5:45pm Missions Team provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries  
7:00pm ALIVE! Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 21

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, January 22

(7:30a-9:30a) Lexington Network Group, Fellowship Hall  
10:00am Uwharrie District Missional Network, Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Finance, Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Worship & Music, Parlor

### Friday, January 23

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

### Saturday, January 24

### Sunday, January 25

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 Medical Response & Security Teams, Fellowship Hall  
3:00pm Church Council, Fellowship Hall  
(4:15p-6p) Teens of Life Youth, Community Youth Group, Meet at the YMCA

## Crockpot Cook Off & Dessert Auction

**Sunday, February 1st (12p) Fellowship Hall**

**Sponsored by Teens of Life Youth Ministry**

**Bring** your favorite crockpot soup, stew, chili, main dish or side dish. **Everyone** is invited to **“taste a sample”** of each of the crockpot food items brought to the event. **“Cast your vote”** for your favorite crockpot food item by placing **a donation** in the collection cup provided. The one with the most votes wins!



**Bring** your favorite homemade dessert (cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies, cookies or any dessert item you choose). **Entire** desserts will be **silently auctioned** for the highest donation.

**Enjoy** tasting samples of crockpot food items, casting a vote for your favorites, and purchasing a homemade dessert before you head home.

**Please sign-up** at the Volunteer's Desk or call the office, if you **plan to bring** a crock-pot food item or dessert. We would like to confirm we have **plenty of food to share** at the event.

**Questions? – Contact Pastor Amy @ 336-403-2413**  
Proceeds benefit upcoming mission projects!

## Reaching Out and Sharing God's Boundless Love

### Cancer Services of Davidson County

Sponsored by Missions Team

### 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

### Communities In Schools

### Items Needed:

Individual/Single Serve Sized:  
Mac & Cheese, Soups, Spaghetti O's, Lasagna, Peanut Butter Crackers, Ramen Noodles



**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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## 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.)