



**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.*

**May 3, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome**

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

**Opening Voluntary - "Toccata"**

Phyllis Jones, organ

by Gordon Young

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

People: **Christ has called us here.**

Leader: Trust in God, our firm foundation.

People: **God is with us here.**

Leader: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

People: **May the Spirit guide our way.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Faithful God, you are our refuge and our strength,  
a mighty fortress in a world of chaos and turmoil.**

**Protect us, but also encourage us to be brave.**

**Strengthen us to face this world  
and to make it a better place.**

**Inspire our worship,**

**that in this time we may deepen our faith  
and place our trust in you. Amen.**

**Invitation to Praise No. 529**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

by Sarah F. Adams

**Welcoming New Members**

Charlotte Lankford  
Susan Parker

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**We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings**

Lauren Hall

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)**

**God of steadfast faithfulness and love, bless these gifts,  
that they may bring your message of faith and love  
to the world.**

**Bless us also,**

**that we may be steadfast and true in our giving  
and in our living.**

**Build our church, build us, and build your world  
into a household of love and justice—  
the household you've envisioned  
since the beginning of time.**

**In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem - "In Remembrance"**

by Buryl Red

First UMC Chancel Choir

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted, drink and remember, too,

That this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.

In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,

look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

**A Time for the Child in All of Us**

Rev. Amy Higgins



*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.*

**Scriptures - Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10**

OT Pgs. 505, 506; NT Pgs. 126; 233

**Sermon - "Cornerstones"**

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

**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)**

**Mighty God, we want to be brave,**

**but it's tempting to be small and afraid.**

**Lift us up when we fall down.**

**Protect us from our own doubts and fears.**

**Shine your face upon us with mercy and grace,**

**that we might find the courage and strength**

**to be steadfast and faithful, loving and righteous.**

**Be our strong foundation,**

**so that we may grow up as your household,**

**your family, and your people of justice, love,**

**and mercy.**

**In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

*(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)*

**Words of Assurance**

God's faithful love is true, and God's strength is enough.

Rest in God's love and trust in God's strength, for these gifts are all we need.

**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 Be the Church - No. 545**

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

by Samuel J. Stone

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response - No. 162**

*"Alleluia, Alleluia" Chorus*  
First UMC Chancel Choir

by Donald Fishel

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Postlude - "Built on the Rock"**

Phyllis Jones, organ

arr. by Gordon Young

## 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  
Lewis McMillan  
Cindy/Tom Smith

Marlene Jones  
Linda Cox  
Julie Milner

### Long Term (6 months or longer):

Tony Hill  
Michael Wood  
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:

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

### 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, 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, Youth Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

### Monday, May 4

### Tuesday, May 5

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

### Wednesday, May 6

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, May 7

(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom

### Friday, May 8

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

### Saturday, May 9

### Sunday, May 10

*Mother's Day*  
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

## 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!

## Mother's Day Insert Requests **DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

Please turn in your donation with a completed request form to the church office. Proceeds benefit the children's & youth ministries.

## 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY! Vacation Bible School!

### Snowball Mountain Challenge

### Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30 (5:30pm until 8:00pm)

Dinner provided. **Registration opens in June!**

## 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.)

## A Note of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Jemmetta Allred and family upon the occasion of the death of her brother, David Redwine of Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2026.



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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.