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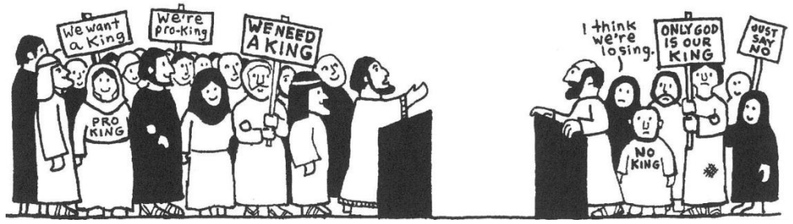
Lexington, North Carolina

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

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!

October 18, 2026 ***11:00 a.m.***

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Manna and Mercy: We Want a King



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Amy Higgins

Choral Call to Worship - *"Here's One"* *arr. by Mark Hayes*
First Baptist Church & First United Methodist Church Combined Choirs
Phyllis Jones, organ

Talk about a child who do love Jesus, do love Jesus, here's one, here's one.
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin' up the road to glory.
Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one.

Talk about a child who's been forgiven, here's one, here's one.
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin' up the road to glory.
Talk about a child who's been forgiven, here's one.

Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one, here's one.
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin' up the road to glory.
Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one.

Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one, here's one.

Call to Worship

Leader: In this family of faith,
we have a place where we will always belong.
People: **Here we find friends who will love us**
as children of the Most High.

Leader: In this house of God,
we worship a King who rules with equity.
People: **Here we follow One whose steadfast love**
endures forever.
Leader: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Sovereign God, come to us when we lose our way.
For we need you to be our King–
to lead us on right paths,
teach us the ways of life and death,
and shelter us from our foes.
We need you to be our comforter–
to love us as a father,
nurture us as a mother,
shelter us as a brother,
and assure us as a sister.
Welcome us into the arms of your mercy, O God,
and we will be your people,
even as you are our God and King. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 126 *by Johann J. Schutz*
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - *"Ain't Got Time To Die"* *by Hall Johnson*
First Baptist Church & First United Methodist Church Combined Choirs
Jacob Gordon, solo

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus, Keep so busy praisin' my Jesus, Keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,
When I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,
When I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,
All o' ma time to praise my Lord.
If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out,
"Glory an' honor, Glory an' honor!"
Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin' fer de Kingdom,
Keep so busy workin' fer de Kingdom,
Keep so busy workin' fer de Kingdom,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feedin' the po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,
When I'm feedin' the po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,
When I'm feedin' the po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,
All o' ma time to praise my Lord.
If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out,
"Glory an' honor, Glory an' honor!"
Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master,
Keep so busy servin' my Master,
Keep so busy servin' my Master,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm givin' my all, I'm servin' my Master,
When I'm givin' my all, I'm servin' my Master,
When I'm givin' my all, I'm servin' my Master,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,
All o' ma time to praise my Lord.
If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out,
"Glory an' honor, Glory an' honor!"
Ain't got time to die.

Now, won't you git out o' ma way, Lemme praise my Jesus?
Git out o' ma way, Lemme praise my Lord.
If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out,
"Glory an' honor, Glory an' honor!"
Ain't got time to die.

Presentation of 2026 Laity Awards Helen Fitzgerald, Lay Leader

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Holy Sovereign, you are our King
and we are your people.
As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ,
and our mothers and fathers in faith,
use these offerings to heal our world
and draw all people into your holy family. Amen.

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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 142 *by Georg Neumark*
"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Scripture Reading - *1 Samuel 8* *OT Page 251*

Sermon *- "We Want a King!"* Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *- "The Apostle's Creed"*

Hymn of Sending #715 *by Charles Wesley*
"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Benediction

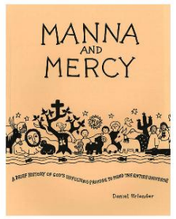
Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - *"Festive Postlude"* *by Richard Williamson*
Phyllis Jones, organ

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Next Sunday: "Yahweh Sends Prophets "

- Read Manna & Mercy pages 23-26
- Read 1 Kings 12:1-25; Joel 2:13; Isaiah 65:17-25; Micah 4:4; Jeremiah 31:32



Remember the Four Questions to ask when reading scripture:

1. What does this scripture passage tell you about God?
2. What does this scripture passage tell you about human beings?
3. What does this scripture passage tell you about God's creation?
4. What does this scripture passage tell you about the relationships between God, human beings, and God's creation?

Additional questions to ponder:

- What caused the Kingdom to split into North (Israel) and South (Judah)?
- Who were the prophets and what was their main message?
- Did the people listen to the prophets? How do you know?
- Do you have a "favorite" biblical prophet? What about their writing/message appeals to you?
- Who are our modern-day prophets?
- What prophetic message does God have for us today? Are we listening?

***** If you have questions, or just want to further discuss the readings or the sermon, please feel free to contact either Pastor Cheryl or Pastor Kirk to continue the conversation!*****

A note of from the heart…

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wanted to let you know how much Mike and I have appreciated all of you who have prayed, visited, called and brought food during my recent health situation. Don't ever underestimate the power of prayer. I came up with an acronym that I have shared before when teaching Sunday School - PUSH - "Pray Until Something Happens." I am on my way to a full recovery, trying to build my strength back one day at a time. Hope to see you in church!

Peace and blessings,
Lauren

Prayer Requests

Lifting up prayers for our First UMC members, friends, and family. Contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

First UMC members: Peggy Everhart, Jim Dillon, Sandra Michael, Simi Harne, Terri Beck, Lauren Hall, Judy Hench, Cindy Davis, Larry Langley, G. F. Smith, Gay Smith, Curtis Leonard, Lewis McMillan, Ron & Kristie Wooten

Friends & Family: Davis Tucker, Gary Elms, Torrey Jackson, Deborah Bisbee, Geoff Tookey, Ashlyn Tookey, Debbie McNeill, Julie Milner, Cindy & Tom Smith, Jim McCutcheon, Kaitlin Deebel, Cheryl Crago, Betty Jean Whitaker

Member Care: Dot Cook, Ginnie Easter, Hilda Flynt, Louise Hawley, Larlie Mae Knight, Edna Morris, Carolyn Smith, Patricia Smith, Dr. Hunter Strader, Ruby (Buddy) Taylor, Flonnie Thomason, 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

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.

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, October 18
8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
4:00pm Event Set Up, State Street parking area
5:00pm FALL Block Party & Trunk or Treat, State Street parking area

Monday, October 19
4:30pm Nominations Team, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
6:00pm Foundations of Investing, Agape Classroom, 2nd Floor
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 20
Amtrak Train to the N. C. State Fair
12:00pm Prayer Warrior's Lunch, B-B-Q Center
5:45pm Faith & Friends provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries

Wednesday, October 21
1:00pm Restorative Yoga, Fellowship Hall
4:00pm Crocheting, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Chancel Bells, Bell Room
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 22
(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
10:30am United Women in Faith Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Faith Seekers, Home of Donna Smith
7:00pm Steel Wheelers, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship Classroom
7:00pm Finance, Parlor

Friday, October 23
(9a-12p) Sparrow Project, Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 24
42nd Annual Lexington BBQ Festival
Teens of Life Fundraiser—parking cars FUMC Campus

Sunday, October 25
8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
12:00pm Church Council, Fellowship Hall

BLOCK Party and Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 18 (5p--6p)
A fun time of fellowship, games, food, and Trunk-or-Treat! Everyone is welcome & invited to participate!

How Can You Participate?



- Donate bags of candy to be given away at Trunk-or-Treat – **Collection Site:** Table outside of Donna's office near Volunteer's Desk
- Wear your favorite costumes & invite your family, friends, & neighbors.
- Decorate your car trunk and/or truck tailgate **OR** simply park your vehicle & sit in chairs, hand out candy & greet the community in the State Street parking lot during the event.
- Please arrive **before 4p** to park & set-up.

RISE Against Hunger Experience - Sunday, November 1st (2p)

Fellowship Hall - *Join us as we pack nutritious meals that represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. RISE Against Hunger could not send millions of meals around the globe each year without YOU!* **You are asked to sign-up for the event.**

- Contact the church office (336) 248-2886 and Donna can help you sign-up
- Visit our website

Operation Christmas Child

Contact Judy Deal by **November 16** if you would like for her & Faith Seekers to fill an OCC shoebox for you. Cost: **$25** includes shipping. **To fill your own OCC shoebox**, pick up a shoebox from one the church displays & follow the instructions inside. Please return filled shoeboxes to the church by **Sunday, November 22, 2026**. Place them on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway.

OCC Processing Center - Friday, December 4th in Charlotte, NC
Meet at Judy & William Deal's home at 7:15a and serve at the center from 9a until 2p. **Contact: Judy Deal to RSVP.**

Reaching Out and Sharing God's Boundless Love

Beginning the first Sunday of November, we will feature one of our mission partners and receive your kindly donated items for them for the entire month. Our featured mission partner will change each month. This will give us the opportunity to focus on the featured mission and their specific needs.

Your kindly donated items can be dropped off at the collection site just outside of the church office workroom located on the main hallway.

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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