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.

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 25, 2026 ***11:00 a.m.***

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Manna and Mercy: Yahweh Sends Prophets



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*
arr. by Jason Krug
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Repent and return to the Lord!
Repent? Wait…what did I do?
Repent and return to the Lord!
Return? Wait…where did I go?
Repent and return to the Lord!
Lord? Wait…is that you?
Beloved, I am calling you home to me.
Lord, I am on my way.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, we gather for worship
to examine the direction of our lives.
We gather to notice where we are off course
with regard to your will and your ways.
We gather to turn our faces back home, toward you.
We gather to return to a loving relationship with you,
with ourselves, and with one another.
Thank you God for calling us home.
We love you, Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 103 *by Walter Chalmers Smith*
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *- "For the Beauty of the Earth"* *by Gabriel Faure*
First UMC Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies, over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings
Mission Moment: Beth Rummage, Executive Director of The Life Center

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths will declare your praise.
You created everything good,
and everything we have is from you.
Receive these gifts that we gratefully offer.
These are the fruits of our labor.
Receive also our lives, Loving God.
In everything, we would honor you. Amen.

A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Kirk Tutterow



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.

Anthem *- "River in Judea"* *arr. by John Leavitt*
June Bunce, Kelly Jackson, Torrey Jackson and Justin Kepley

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.
Late at night, I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on, go on.

Chorus: There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on trav'lin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings.
Chorus

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river,
meet by the shore.
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more,
once more.

There is a river in Judea, Hallelu,
that I heard of long ago, Hallelu,
It's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out,
my soul cries out, to the river in Judea, Hallelujah!

Scripture Reading - *Isaiah 1:10-20; Joel 1:13-2:2, 12-13*
OT Pages 630-631; 846-847

Sermon *- "Prophetic Voices"* Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Affirmation of Faith No. 884 *- "A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church"*

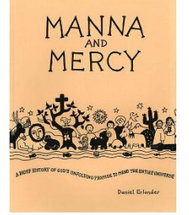
Hymn of Sending #428 *by Fred Kaan*
"For the Healing of the Nations"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - *"A Mighty Fortress"* *arr. by Wayne L. Wold*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Next Sunday: "By the Waters of Babylon"



- Read Manna & Mercy pages 27-29
- Read Jerimiah 7:1-11; Isaiah 1:10-20, 30:1-5; Kings 17 & 25; Psalm 137; Isaiah 43:16-21; Jeremiah 31:31-34

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 is the main message of the prophets leading up to the exile? How do the people respond?
- What lessons do the people learn while in captivity?
- How do they find comfort and hope?
- Who are "the remnant" and why are they important?
- What words of both warning and hope are we hearing today?
- 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!*****

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

Member Care: Dot Cook, Ginnie Easter, Hilda Flynt, Louise Hawley, Larlie Mae Knight, 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 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

Monday, October 26
6:00pm Foundations of Investing, Agape Classroom, 2nd Floor
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 27
12:00pm Prayer Warrior's Lunch, B-B-Q Center
7:00pm Imaging Workshop, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28
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 29
(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 30
9:00am Sparrow Project Cook Day, Kitchen

Saturday, October 31

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday
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 Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall
2:00pm RISE Against Hunger Event, Fellowship Hall

RISE Against Hunger Event

NEXT Sunday, November 1st (2p-4p) Fellowship Hall
It's not too late to register for this event. Contact Donna at the church office and she will be happy to assist you. OR, visit our website's EVENTS section.

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.

Congratulations to our 2026 Laity Service Award Recipients

Dr. Lisa Bonnaure and Mr. Mike Hall

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