



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

March 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**Without Exception. God Loves Everyone.  
Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.**

We warmly welcome you to First UMC and our worship service! We are glad you are here with us today! We'd love to help you connect with God and with other people through First UMC.

**Welcome**

*Rev. Cheryl Skinner*

**Opening Voluntary** - "What Wondrous Love Is This" *arr. by John Innes*  
Phyllis Jones, organ

**Lenten Candle Liturgy** - *Lauren and Mike Hall, Liturgists*  
*Meditation*

*Silent Prayer*

*Extinguishing the Fifth Candle of the Lenten Journey*

*Unison Prayer:*

**Loving God, we open our hearts to you.**

**We invite you into our inmost being,  
only to find you already there.**

**Strengthen us in our quiet places**

**and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.**

**Song of Praise No. 413** - "A Charge to Keep I Have" *by Charles Wesley*

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,  
a never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,  
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely,  
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)*

**Merciful God, we thank you for your  
wonderful works among humankind.  
Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives  
and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love,  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*A Time For the Child In All of Us*

*Amanda Bostick*

*Anthem - "Calvary Covers It All"*

*by Ethelwyn Taylor*

*Beverly McKinney, vocalist*

*Phyllis Jones, piano*

*Scripture - John 12:20-33*

*Sermon - "Turning Point"*

*Rev. Kirk Tutterow*

*Song of Response No. 354 - "I Surrender All"*

*by J.V. Van Deventer*

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

*Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow;  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.  
*Refrain...*

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine.  
*Refrain...*

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.  
*Refrain...*

All to Jesus I surrender, now I feel the sacred flame;  
Oh, the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory, to His Name!  
*Refrain...*

*Affirmation of Faith #887 - "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"*

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword!

All: **No!**

**In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loves us.  
We are sure that neither death nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* ***Benediction***

\* ***Chimes of the Trinity***

\* ***Postlude - "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"***  
Phyllis Jones, piano

*arr. by Mark Hayes*

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### **Birth Announcement**

A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Hudson Edward Longo on March 5, 2021. Congratulations to parents Mick & Lindsey Michael Longo of Lake Norman, NC. Grandparents are Cathy Townsley, Lisa Michael, and Sue Longo. Great-Grandparents are Jemmieta & Eddie Allred. A white New Testament is presented to the baby from United Methodist Women.

### **Flowers**

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Hudson Edward Longo on March 5, 2021 by his great-grandparents, Jemmieta and Eddie Allred.

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### **Announcements**

Remember to visit our website [www.fumclex.org](http://www.fumclex.org) to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

### **Teens of Life "Packing & Pizza" Sunday, March 21 (4:30p-5:30p)**

Bring a MASK & a FRIEND! Meet in the Fellowship Hall to pack the Holy Week worship bags for our church family. Pizza dinner provided.

Our church family will pick up their Holy Week worship bags at a drive thru event on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28.

### **Lenten Wednesday Prayer Services**

**12:00 noon in the Sanctuary**

Dates & Prayer Practices:

March 24—Journaling

March 31— Body Prayers



### **Security Team**

Are you interested in learning more about an opportunity to serve on the Security Team? Please contact: Mike Frick

Phone: (336) 409-4894 Email: [mikefrick88@gmail.com](mailto:mikefrick88@gmail.com)

### **United Methodist Men Thursday, March 25 (7:00 p.m.) via Zoom**

We welcome Lillian Koontz, Director of the Davidson County Health Department, as our guest speaker who will share information about the vaccine program at the health department. **The Zoom link email will be sent out to the congregation for anyone who would like to attend.**

**All are welcomed!**

(Open to continue on center panel)

## **Palm/Passion Sunday Drive-Thru**

**Sunday, March 28 (3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.)**

Enter through the State Street Parking Lot and drive through the 4th Avenue porte-cochere to receive a Holy Week worship bag with palms, devotional materials, and communion supplies for Holy Week. Children will receive Easter baskets for the Holy Saturday Virtual Easter Egg Hunt.



## **Maundy Thursday - April 1 (7:00 p.m.)**

In-person in the Sanctuary - **No reservations required. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing protocols.** This service of Holy Communion and stripping of the altar will also be live-streamed on YouTube for those who prefer to participate from their homes.

## **Holy Saturday Virtual Easter Egg Hunt - April 3 (2:00 p.m.)**

All children through fifth grade are invited to participate in a fun virtual event via Zoom with Miss Amanda and Rev. Cheryl featuring crafts, story time, and yes—with the help of parents or older siblings—an Easter egg hunt!



## **Easter Flower Cross**

The flower cross will be located at the 4th Avenue porte-cochere. You are invited to bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross on Saturday, April 3 and Easter Sunday, April 4. **Please wear a mask and observe social distancing protocols.**

## **Easter Sunday, April 4 - Two Worship Services**

**(8:45 a.m.)** - No reservations required. We will meet **outside on the church lawn** as we did in October of last year. **Please wear a mask and observe social distancing protocols. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.** If we experience bad weather, we will move inside to the sanctuary.



**(11:00 a.m.)** - All of our current worship restrictions will be in place—please contact the church office to **make reservations** if you would like to attend in person, or you may join us via livestream for this celebratory service! **Reservations open on Monday, March 29.**



## Prayer Requests:

Please note the date beside of each name representing when the request was made and/or an update. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

### Short Term (8 weeks or less)

\*Sue Corn (3-17-21)

Dr. Garrett Breakiron (3-9-21)

Sheryl Michener (3-1-21)

Bill Shepherd (2-17-21)

\*Steve & Gay Smith (2-11-21)

### Long Term

Beverly & Bill Bingham (3-15-21)

\*Earl Hester (3-10-21)

\*Sally Maxwell (3-1-21)

\*Lacy Carol Belcher (2-23-21)

\*Mary Louise Wilkerson (2-14-21)

Richard Skinner (2-11-21)

Keith Tutterow (2-11-21)

Mark Milligan (2-12-21)

Jan Greer (2-11-21)

Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)

Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)

\*Jane Cook Harris (1-27-21)

Cora Tews (1-27-21)

\*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)

\*Judy Hench (1-1-21)

\*Creth Holman (1-1-21)

\*John Scarff (1-1-21)

\*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)

Jamye Cartner Christy (12-30-20)

Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)

Tami Robinson (12-25-20)

Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)

\*Linda Fisher (9-15-20)

Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)

Russ (8-2-20)

Alma Kernodle (8-2-20)

\*Shane Martin (7-23-20)

Jason, Stacy & Trent Heitman (6-30-20)

Norma S. Trotter (6-30-20))

\*Dean Davis (6-24-20)

\*Rachel Hendrix (6-22-20)

Kendall Conner (6-8-20)

\*Larlie Mae Knight (6-8-20)

Maria Hilliard (6-5-20)

Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

Kelli Jones (3-12-17)

Kristin Harris (9-21-16)

Jenny Rains (11-22-15)

Eric Leonard (9-20-15)

Len & Dottie Harris (5-10-15)

John Bruce Davis (4-26-15)

Jordan Beswick (4-5-15)

Regina Chrest (4-5-15)

Louise Michael

Pat & Gary Leonard

Lynn Mack & family

Faye Graham

David Ogle

Anna Smathers

Pat Wilson

Jack Smith

Jane King

Ethan Reavis

Debra Ann Leonard

Bruce Thornton

### Shut-Ins

Tempie Almstead (Abbotts Creek)

\*Bonnie Cates

\*Jean Gosnell

\*Dot Kinsey

\*Caroline McCree

\*Evelyn Sink

\*Dr. Hunter Strader

\*Flonnie Thomason

\*Mary Williams

### Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

#### Health Care

\*Barbara Proctor

\*Nancy Wilkinson

#### Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

#### Residents

\*Jo Doris Beck

\*Betsy & Jim Buchanan

\*Herman Crabtree

\*Adrian Neal

\*Madeline Palmer

### Benton House (Charleston, SC)

\*Janice Bacon

### Brookdale (Lexington)

\*Joe Sink

### Elmcroft (Salisbury)

\*Sandra Shoaf

### The Laurels at Highland Creek (Charlotte)

\*Carolyn Briggs

### Wood Haven (Albemarle)

\*Louise Pope

### Serving in the Armed Forces

\*Capt. Kacie Allred

\*Specialist McRay Calderone

\*SGT John Hall

SGT Alan Ingram

Major Jarrad Thorley

**Our Stewardship for God's Work** Everyone is a part of God's stewardship. Thank you for your continued giving during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19. You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, online or drop by the church office.

Report for March 14, 2021

YTD Income: \$168,565.60

YTD Expenses: \$105,617.59

Net Income (Loss): \$62,948.01

**Online Giving For mobile device users**, the QR (Quick Response) code 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.



## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### Sunday, March 21

#### ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (**Reservation required**—  
Nursery provided: Birth—Kindergarten only)  
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. Endowment via Zoom  
4:30 p.m. Teens of Life Youth, Fellowship Hall—Pack Holy Week worship  
bags — Pizza dinner provided.  
5:00 p.m. Trustees via Zoom

### Monday, March 22

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, FH  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

### Tuesday, March 23

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!  
10:00 a.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom

### Wednesday, March 24

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Sanctuary—  
This Week's Prayer Practice: Journaling

### Thursday, March 25

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men via Zoom—All are welcomed to attend!

### Friday, March 26

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

### Saturday, March 27

### Sunday, March 28

#### ***Palm/Passion Sunday***

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (**Reservation required**—  
Nursery provided: Birth—Kindergarten only)  
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube  
3p-5p Palm/Passion Sunday Drive Thru—**pick up your Holy Week  
worship bags and children's Easter baskets**  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall



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