



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.

October 3, 2021

8:45 a.m.

19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

**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

Gathering Music - "Joyful, Joyful"

arr. by Jan Sanborn

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
People: **but in the last days God has spoken to us
through his Son Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory,
People: **and he sustains all things in the world
by his powerful Word.**

Leader: It was fitting that God,
for whom and through whom all things exist,
should give his only son to suffering for our salvation.

People: **Therefore we will proclaim God's name.
In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.**

Invitation to Praise No. 131 - "We Gather Together"

Dutch Traditional Hymn

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Lord God, you have entrusted us
with the works of your own hands.
Now we return these gifts to you
with thanksgiving and praise.
Use them all for your glory
and for the good of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - "In This Very Room"

arr. by Steve Hall

Phyllis Jones, piano

Scripture - Acts 2:43-47 & Matthew 18:20

Sermon - "Being Present to God and One Another"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Invitation to Follow No. 328 - "Surely The Presence"

by Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Sing twice)

Invitation to Holy Communion

God does not regard us with partiality,
but through the grace of Christ Jesus
God deals with each of us according to our need.
With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

**We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are.
We are not the people we like others to think we are.
We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves,
what lies in the depths of our souls.
But we cannot hide our true selves from you.
You know us as we are, and yet you love us.
Help us not to shrink from self knowledge.
Teach us to respect ourselves and others for your sake.
Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.
Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt
into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.
And for the times when we find forgiveness hard to accept,
break our bondage and set us free;
through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.**

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

Words of Assurance

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea roar with laughter,
the fields shout in celebration,
and the forests sing with joy:
in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Be the Church No. 617 - "I Come With Joy"

by Brian Wren

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

(Open to continue on center panel)

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence always near,
is in such friendship better known, we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Benediction

Traveling Music - "The Church's One Foundation" arr. by Cindy Berry
Phyllis Jones, piano

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Casper Timberlake upon the occasion of his birthday by Teen & Tim Timberlake and Kay & Bob Timberlake.

Birth Announcement

A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Bodie Esten Van Roekel on September 25, 2021 . Congratulations to the parents, Lisa and Jon Eric Van Roekel. Grandparents are Donna & Woody Smith and Beverly Van Roekel and the late Johnnie Van Roekel. *The Beginners Bible* is presented to the baby from the United Methodist Women.

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

Lay Persons of the Year

Applications for nominating Lay Persons of the Year are located on the Volunteer's Desk, website, or you may contact Barbara McWhorter (336) 249-2641, please feel free to leave a message.

Applications should be returned to the church office by Sunday, October 3. We will recognize our Lay Persons of the Year on Sunday, October 24.

Pastor's Pantry Thanksgiving/Christmas Meals Corn Challenge



Are you ready for a challenge??? Pastor's Pantry has invited our church family to collect **830** regular sized cans of sweet yellow whole kernel corn by **Friday, November 8**.

Your kind donation will be a part of the Thanksgiving/Christmas meals for individuals and families in our local area ministered by Pastor's Pantry. Drop off donated items in the main hallway just outside of the workroom.

Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda

Amanda Bostick, Children's Ministries Coordinator will be sharing a bedtime story each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. A "click & go" link will be included on the Friday Wrap Up email to make it easy for you to join Amanda each week.



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)

Stacy Heitman (9-29-21)

*Libby Simpson (9-26-21)

*June Craver (9-22-21)

*Monty Oliver (9-22-21)

Benny Huskins (9-20-21)

*Kathy Hester (9-15-21)

*Jim Hartley (9-14-21)

*Pete Murray (9-12-21)

*Steve & Gay Smith (9-12-21)

*Mary Niner (9-9-21)

*Jane Cook Harris (9-8-21)

Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (9-8-21)

Beth Young (9-7-21)

*Sharron Moody (9-7-21)

Gary Leonard (8-4-21)

Long Term

Cora Tews (9-29-21)

*Shane Martin (9-26-21)

*Linda Fisher (9-26-21)

Tami Robinson (9-26-21)

Sandy Moroney (9-22-21)

Keith Tutterow (9-22-21)

*Libby & Max Lanning (9-15-21)

Ann Leonard (9-15-21)

Marc Frye (9-8-21)

*Mary Louise Wilkerson (8-30-21)

*Adrian Neal (8-25-21)

Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (8-18-21)

*Sue Corn (8-18-21)

Gina & Russ Parrot (8-11-21)

Kendall Conner (7-26-21)

Bill Bingham (7-25-21)

Alma Kernodle (6-11-21)

Jim McDermott (6-10-21)

Rae Hall (5-20-21)

Caroline Wagner Loder (5-13-21)

Lynn Mack (4-15-21)

Jane King (4-15-21)

Jayne Cartner Christy (4-11-21)

Doris Brown (3-29-21)

*Earl Hester (3-10-21)

*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)

Mark Milligan (2-12-21)

Jan Greer (2-11-21)

Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)

Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)

*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)

*Dean Davis (1-1-21)

*John Scarff (1-1-21)

*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)

Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)

Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)

Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)

Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

Shut-Ins

*Jean Gosnell

*Caroline McCree

*Evelyn Sink

*Dr. Hunter Strader

*Flonnie Thomason

Piedmont Crossing

(Thomasville)

Health Care

*Barbara Proctor

*Nancy Wilkinson

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Residents

*Jo Doris Beck

*Betsy & Jim Buchanan

*Herman Crabtree

*Adrian Neal

*Madeline Palmer

*Karen & Bob Pearson

Abbott's Creek

*Caroline McCree (9-29-21)

Tempie Almstead

Alston-Brook

*Sharron Moody

Benton House (Charleston, SC)

*Janice Bacon

Elmcroft (Salisbury)

*Sandra Shoaf

The Laurels at Highland

Creek (Charlotte)

*Carolyn Briggs

Summerfield Suites (Florida)

*Mary Williams

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Capt. Kacie Allred

*Specialist McRay Calderone

*SGT John Hall

SGT Alan Ingram

Major Jarrad Thorley

Ways To Give financially back to God through the ministries of First UMC

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings—On Sunday, place your tithes and offerings in the baskets 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 (Quick Response) 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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom
“Click & Go” link available on the Friday Wrap-Up email

Monday, October 4

- 10:00 a.m. DISCIPLE I via ZOOM
- 7:00 p.m. DISCIPLE I via ZOOM
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

Tuesday, October 5

- 10:00 a.m. DISCIPLE II via ZOOM
- 7:00 p.m. DISCIPLE II via ZOOM

Wednesday, October 6

- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
- 12:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Lunch, Bar-B- Q Center

Thursday, October 7

- 4:00 p.m. Operation Christmas Child Community Kick –Off, State Street entrance until 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 8

Saturday, October 9

Sunday, October 10

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2021

Children Helping Children



Judy Deal has been shopping all year for the perfect items to be packed into an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and is ready to share those items with you. If you are interested in having a shoebox packed with these wonderful items, please donate \$25 per shoebox **no later than Friday, Nov 5**. You may give your donation to Judy Deal or Alma Carlton.

The children of the church are going to take the wonderful items that Judy has purchased and have an outdoor Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party at their home on **Sunday, November 7 at 4pm**. The shoeboxes that will be filled will be those that have been paid for by individuals in the church along with monies that the Missions Committee has provided. We will also have a wiener roast after packing the shoeboxes. If your child along with their family can attend this event, please let Judy Deal know no later than **Saturday, November 6**.



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