

## February Prayer Partner *prayer*

But Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Jeremiah 17:7

“Lord, I ask for your Holy Spirit to fill (\_\_\_\_\_) with all the confidence they need, and may they know that their true worth is found in you. I pray their confidence and trust be in you alone and that standards they strive for are those that You provide. Give them grace and peace and remind them of your great love for them.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

### Preschool Fry Pie Sale

All orders are due by Feb 2nd

Order forms are located on the  
Take 5 Kart and outside the  
church office



Deliveries will be Feb 20th

## L&T IT SNOW

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 15th 

6:00 pm - 8:30pm

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## TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY

FEB 16TH

TEDDY BEARS SHOULD  
BE NO MORE THAN 12"  
HIGH WITH NO CHILD  
ENDANGERMENT  
ATTACHMENTS



## AMAZING SUMMER

### Mission Trip 2025



**ASHEVILLE, NC**  
Hurricane Clean Up & Disaster Relief



**PRAY FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**  
Worship, Devotions and lots of fun!



**TEAM Effort MISSION TRIPS**  
Time to grow in your Faith and with your Youth Group/Church

**\$100 DEPOSIT**   **DUE BY**   **JANUARY 27**   **\$450**

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE   SIGN UP TODAY

For More Information  
Call Teresa or Sierra

### Wednesday Night Feast

**Feb. 5, 2024**

- Lasagna
- Garlic Bread
- Capri Vegetables
- Hot Dogs / Rolls
- Chips
- Tossed Salad
- Desserts



To volunteer, please utilize the sign-up sheets outside the office. There are Cook, Clean-up, and Dessert spots available.

# FIRST United methodist CHURCH

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## February 2nd, 2025

Our Vision Statement:

### *Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus*

**Thanks for joining us today!** If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you’ve been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

"From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you." Psalm 71:6

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

*Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nate Gearhart

## PRELUDE

*Hymn Tune Setting* arr. Brant Adams

Scott Turner

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Aiden Bockrath

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

**People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

**People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way.

Because God is here, moving and working among us.

**People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

**People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Thank be to God! Amen.

## \*HYMN

*Here I am, Lord*

(#593)

Scott Turner

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Elijah Pollock

*In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your peace. In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion. In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your love. In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your joy. May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but whisper, sing, and enact the message of your reign, which is always coming into our world, and may our quietly prophetic lives be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. Amen.*

## LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor

**Worship:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Director of Music:** Scott Turner

**Screen Creators:** Melody Taylor

**Acolytes:** Willow Snyder & Aubrey Osborn

**Projectionist:** Noah Krites

**Sound Engineer:** Kent Smelser

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer & Dave

Lichtle, Assistant

## SONG

*I Will Follow*

Jeremy Laukhuf

## CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children Remain in Worship)*

Elora Hogan & Ella Pruden

## LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Haydon Dowler

## \*SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 21-30

Noah Krites

## SERIES

**Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar**

## MESSAGE

*In Your Hometown*

Pastor Christian Taylor

## HOLY COMMUNION

Maddy Laukhuf & Aubrey Osburn

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Teresa Shaffer

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## ANTHEM

*In Remembrance of Me*

Chancel Choir

Gloria Wendel, Accompanist

## DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** Melody from *Blow Out* arr. Scott Turner

**\*DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (#94)

## \*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

## \*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

Pastor Christian Taylor

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro pesante*

by S. Prokofiev

Scott Turner

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*



### Kid's Worship Kits

Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today's service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.