

Today's Word

Isaiah 55: 6-9

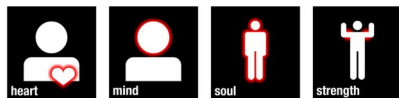
Romans 12: 1-2

New International Version

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

LOVE GOD



Church Happenings

Sunday, October 28

9:00 - First Light
10:00 - Sunday School
11:00 - Sanctuary Service
5:00 - Youth Drama Team
6:00 - Youth: Pumpkin Party

Monday, October 29

1:15 - Chancel Chimes

Tuesday, October 30

6:30am - Men's Bible Study
9:00 - Pickleball
6:30 - Gospel of John Study
7:30 - First Flame

Wednesday, October 31

NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES
Happy Halloween!

Saturday, November 3

3:00 - Room at the Table:
NewSong

Save the Date

November 17 - Bless This Meal Ministry
November 27 - The Grinch Movie
December 8 - One Day With God

Church Information

October 28 Information

Nursery: Cary Carpenter
Acolyte: Cody Barlowe
Sound: Kent Riddle
Greeters: Vivian Armfield
and Susan Hayes

October 21 Information

Worship Attendance: 177
SS Attendance: 40
Offering will be updated
next week.
Weekly Budget Needs: \$10,904

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First Light

9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*Praise & Worship: "Romans 12:1" First Flame

"Your Love Never Fails"

"Christ Is Enough"

Children's Time

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 6-9; Romans 12: 1-2

Sermon: "A Thoughtful Love For God"
The Reverend Dr. David Melton

The Presentation of Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: "You Say" First Flame

Benediction

*Closing Music

**Please stand, as you are able.*

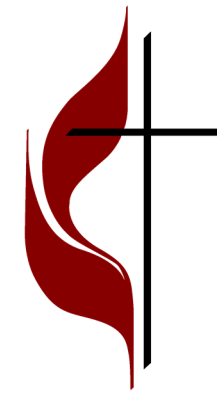
Assisting With Worship Today

Worship Leaders: Dave Melton, Aaron Horn, and Lynne Carter
First Flame Praise Team Sound: Shannon Bumgarner
Greeter: Pat Hatfield

Our Current Sermon Series

"Loving God"

September 30 - "Why Am I Here?"
October 7 - "A Heartfelt Love of God"
October 21 - "A Soulful Love For God"
October 28 - "A Thoughtful Love For God"
November 4 - "A Mighty Love For God"



First United Methodist Church

Lenoir, NC

October 28, 2018

24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Christian Life Center

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary



"A Thoughtful Love For God"

Isaiah 55: 6-9; Romans 12: 1-2

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Dr. David Melton

Director of Family and Adult Ministries: Aaron Horn

Director of Children's Ministries: Melanie Anderson

Director of Music Ministries: Jamie Jones

Organist and Office Manager: Zach Bowyer

Praise and Worship Leader: Lynne Carter

Church Hostess: Kay Lanier

Facilities Manager: Russell Beaver

Financial Secretary: Lisa Bennick

A Service of Our Worship of God

11:00 a.m.

The Prelude: "Prelude on *Down Ampney*" Zach Bowyer

The Light Enters

Gathering and Greeting

***Opening Hymn:** *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 66

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Children's Time

Call to Prayer: *Surely, the Presence of the Lord* UMH 328

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Anthem: "More Love to Thee" Timothy Shaw
Chancel Choir

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 6-9; Romans 12: 1-2

Sermon: "A Thoughtful Love For God"
The Reverend Dr. David Melton

***Affirmation of Faith:** "The Apostle's Creed" UMH 881

The Presentation of Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Ron Mallory
Chancel Handbells

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Closing Hymn:** *Come Down, O Love Divine* UMH 475

***Benediction**

The Light Departs

***Response:** *Love the Lord, Your God* TFWS 2168

The Postlude: "Toccatà" Gaston Bélier

**Please stand, as you are able.*

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

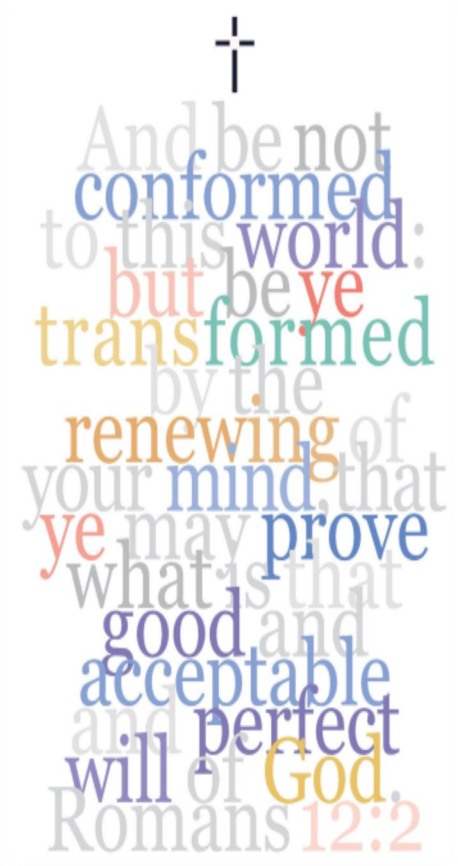
OT: Old Testament

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

NT: New Testament

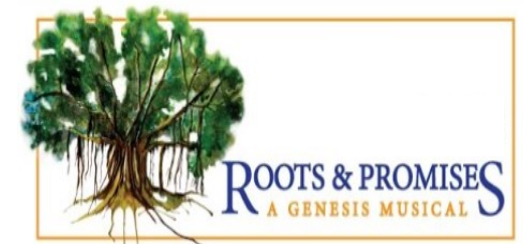
Remember in Prayer

- Linda Cannon
- Jim Gaines
- Beau Craft
- Marizell Thompson
- Walt Fucito
- Jake Watson
- Keith Watson
- Herb Crowell
- Vivian Laws
- Renee Ingram's mother*
- Roger and Jane Wilson
- Tony and Laura Lingle
- George Maust
- James and Betty Jo Winkler
- Sue Atkins
- Courtney Swanson's mother*
- Herman Anderson
- Ellen Adkins
- Teet Culbreth
- Lenoir Healthcare*
- Lillie Osborne
- Sarah Hamby
- Gwin Laws' mother*



Announcements

First United Methodist Church (Hickory, NC) will be presenting a dinner theatre on November 2 at 6p.m.! They will be performing *Roots and Promises*, a musical composed by Rhonda Smith, Steve Strickler, and Gerrit Dawson. Our own Zach Bowyer will be playing the role of Cain in the musical, so see him for more information or to learn how to sign up for tickets!



Memorials, Honorariums, and Contributions from this past week will be updated this coming week. Lisa Bennick, our new Financial Secretary, has been on vacation. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience!

Hickory Rings! is a community handbell group that consists of players from five different counties. Our own Susan Morgan, Stephanie Alm, and Zach Bowyer are part of this group. Stay tuned for concert dates that will take place in Hickory!

Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes are already being filled for Christmas 2018! Please return shoeboxes to the church office by *Monday, November 5* in order to get them to the shipping center. Thank you in advance for taking part in this great ministry!



Church Fellowship

Faith Lift dinners have started back up! They are each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. The dinners are now a time for fellowship with friends while eating some great food! Please call the church office to sign up for reservations: (828)754-4922.

Church Movie Night has been finalized! Be sure to mark Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30pm on your calendars and come join all of us from First to see Illumination's new movie: *The Grinch!* This will be a great evening full of love, laughter, and fellowship. Our Advent worship series will be focused on the Grinch and how his heart was changed, just as our hearts were changed by the coming of Jesus. We hope to see you at Golden Ticket Cinemas right here in Lenoir on Tuesday, November 27!



Youth Group will be having a Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Party this evening! We'll meet here at the church at 6:00 p.m. and take the church bus over to the Pezzi's house for a great evening of pumpkin fun! We'll return to the church by 7:30 p.m.



One Day With God will be on December 8 this year. We will need lots of volunteers for this event to run smoothly. You can also sponsor a child for \$175. See Aaron or Zach for more information!

Bless This Meal Ministry

We are so excited for our Bless This Meal Ministry event that will be taking place on Saturday, November 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our CLC! We will be providing the resources to cook a great Thanksgiving meal to 50 Caldwell County families. We will need plenty of help for this event to run smoothly, so please consider signing up for a spot with the form below. For only \$20, you could also sponsor a family's meal.

NAME:

- Sign me up to help from:**
- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- I would like to help in:**
- Prayer Station
 - Children's Station
 - Preparation/Clean-Up

I'd like to sponsor a family.
(Please attach payment to this form and turn into the church office.)

In Acts 20: 35, Paul tells us "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Tear and place in offering plate