

**WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**FOUNDATION SUNDAY**

*November 9, 2025 Eleven o'clock in the Morning*  
*Website: 1stucc.org Facebook: First United Church of Christ-Salisbury*  
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*First UCC's Mission Statement*  
***"To grow in faith, love and fellowship as we serve God and all of our community."***

**Prelude**  
***Close to Thee***  
arr. David Paxton

**Welcome and Announcements**

Lay Reader

†Please stand in body or spirit.

**†Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**All: We come to this place to worship our God.**

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

**All: We come to this place to give thanks for your steadfast love.**

Leader: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

**All: We come to this place to praise your holy name. This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**†Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

Hymnal No. 506

**†Prayer of Confession**

Congregation

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen**

~The Book of Common Prayer

## †Silent Reflections

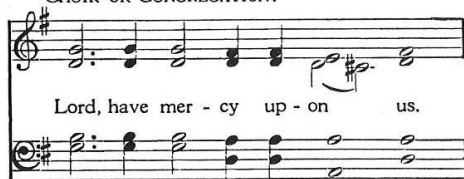
(a short period of silence is observed for silent reflections)

### †Kyrie

MINISTER:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

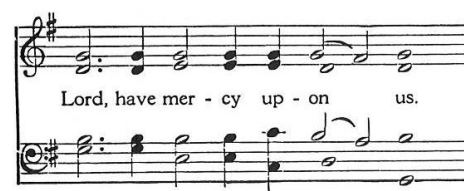
CHOIR OR CONGREGATION:



Christ, have mercy upon us



Lord, have mercy upon us



### †Our Assurance of God's Pardon

Rev. Anne Tambling

### †The Gloria Patri

*With spirit*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

## Children's Message

### Scripture Lessons

Lay Reader

Joshua 24 1-3, 14-25

Wisdom of Solomon 6: 17-20

1 Thessalonians 5: 5-11

Leader: This is a word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

†Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

Hymnal No. 351

### Sermon

Rev. Anne Tambling

### †Statement of Faith

### The Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Anne Tambling

Leader: May the Spirit of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

# The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anne Tambling

## The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Congregation

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer Response

*pp Devoutly*

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the response, and the second system covers the next two lines, ending with a double bar line.

## Offertory Invitation

Lay Reader

Leader: Let us now receive our morning offering.

## Offertory

### "Hold On"

by Katy Nichole

Teresa Greene Soloist/Nathan Bowman accompanist

## †Doxology: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Unison*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise

*Harmony*

God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

*Harmony*

Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## †Blessing

Lay Reader

Leader: Almighty and loving God, you flood our lives with your many blessings of food, shelter and love. Use these our gifts and our lives to enrich the lives of others, bringing your Kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# First United Church of Christ Foundation Awards

Carolyn Cline, Foundation Presenter

ApSeed	Greg Alcorn
Blowing Rock Conf Center	Rev. Ken Clapp
Carolina Senior Care	Patsy Barrett
Catawba: Volunteer Catawba (ministries)	Cat Fire
Central NC Council; Boy Scouts	Brandon Neal
Community Care Clinic of Rowan County	Mayra Mosquera
Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society	Rev. Ken Clapp
EveryAge	Rev. Thad Austin
Family Crisis Council of Rowan –	Angel Chapman-McDavid
Families First	Gracie Knight
First Church at Catawba	Kimberly Nelson
Hood Theological Seminary	John Everett
Johns River Valley Camp	
LIFE Choices of Rowan County	Kaylee Ponds
Meals on Wheels	Alexandra Fisher
Nazareth Child & Family Connection	Jennifer Ethridge
Next Gen Academy	Romar Morris
Project Light Rowan	Shari Evans
Rowan County Literacy Council	Christina Rary
Rowan Food & Farm Network	Carol Schmitz-Corken
Rowan Helping Ministries	Leslie Cabagnet
Rowan One Church One Child Ministry	Donna Beaver
Rowan Partners for Education	Nicole Mantagira
Rowan Vocational Opportunities, Inc.	Mark Scheimann
Salisbury-Rowan PFLAG	Donna Odrosky
Salisbury-Rowan Choral Society	Winnie Mikkelson
Salisbury Symphony Orchestra	Beth Cook
Terrie Hess House	Chelsea Franzese
The Bread Riot	Dottie Hoy
The Pedal Factory	Charmaine Miller
Trinity Living Center	Beth Huber
Water Works	Anne Scott Clement
First UCC Finance Committee	Mark Schiemann
First UCC Bless These Stiches	Carolyn Cline
First UCC 5-Alive	Ann Teague
First UCC Mission Committee	Larry Bolick
First UCC Music Ministry (formerly Choral Scholars)	Nathan Bowman

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Nathan Bowman

## †Hymn: *Soon and Very Soon*

1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;

(Hal-le - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;

(Hal-le - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King.

Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

2. No more dy-ing there,  
3. No more cry-ing there,

**Postlude**

***How Firm a Foundation***

arr. Mark Albrecht

**Assisting in Today's Worship**

***Rev. Anne Tambling***

*Intentional Interim Minister*

***Nathan Bowman***, Choir Director

***Susan Trivette***, Organist

***Phyllis Little***, Lay Reader

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Desiree Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Rev. David Crook, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Maggie Derby (great granddaughter of Jim Weaver), John Drye (Ann Teague's cousin), Emily Faust, Emily Hauze (Linda Hauze's daughter-in-law), Jim & Bettie Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Evan Moreno, Dan Morgan, Patsy Paxton, Paul Paxton, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Don Whitfield, Janette Yost. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know.***



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## Announcements

### Today, November 9

4:00 p.m..... Property Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day

..... No Meals on Wheels Deliveries

### Wednesday, November 12

5:30 p.m..... WOW Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 p.m..... Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 13

11:30 a.m..... Primetimers

1:00 p.m..... Mission Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m..... Finance Committee Meeting

Join us for **WOW Bible Study** on Wednesday, November 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Catawba Lilly Center Coffee House. Bring food to share, food items for the Blessing Pantry and invite a friend to join in the mid-week fellowship and study time.

**Primetimers** will meet at First UCC Fellowship Hall this Thursday, November 13 from 11:30 am –1 pm for soup, sandwiches and desserts prepared by Primetimers members. The Joy Club members of Mt. Zion UCC, China Grove have been invited to join us for lunch and a program from their Pastor, Rev. Jim Simmonds, who will share his story of becoming a pastor within the UCC. There is no cost for the meal, but a love offering will be received. Please let Larry Bolick or the Church Office know if you plan to attend.

## **Worship Schedule for Fall 2025**

*Worship in the Catawba Chapel at 11:00 AM*

Nov 9	Foundation Sunday
Nov 16	Standard Sunday Worship
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Sunday
Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 7	Second Sunday of Advent

*Worship at First United Church of Christ 207 Horah Street at 11:00 AM*

Dec 14	Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 28	Sunday Worship

# **First United Church of Christ is re-envisioning its future!**

This fall, we'll be worshipping at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on the campus of Catawba College as we explore the possibility of making this location our permanent home. The pilot program will run through the end of the year, with a congregational vote scheduled to decide whether to pursue conversations with Catawba College about making the move permanent. The pilot program will run through the new year, and we'll come together as a congregation to make a decision about this exciting opportunity.

## **Talking Points about the Pilot Program this fall**

Have a hard time answering questions about the Pilot Program? Wondering how to explain the move to Catawba for the fall? We've put together a list of "talking points" about the program and the plans for the next couple of months. We're encouraging members to reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them to experience worship in the Catawba Chapel! Feel free to reach out to the Transition Team if you have any questions.

- **First Church is re-envisioning the future!**

- A Transition Team has been working together since May.
- Rev. Anne Tambling joined us in August as our intentional interim pastor in order to help us consider who we've been, who we are, and where we're going in the future.

- **The big idea that's emerged: What if First Church moved to Catawba?!?**

- Sharing chapel space, musicians, and resources for serving the community could open new opportunities for both the college and the church!
- We can imagine engaging with faculty, staff, and students in rich ways!
- To test the idea, we'll worship in Catawba's Chapel Oct 26 - Dec 7.

- **Join us!**

- We'll continue to meet in Catawba's Chapel each Sunday at 11:00am through Dec 7.
- We'll return to Horah St for the rest of Advent, Christmas, and New Year's and ponder together whether "First Church at Catawba" is a compelling vision for the future.

If you have questions or suggestions for the Transition Team, we invite you to contact one of the members. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Greg Alcorn

Dan Mikkelson

Carolyn Cline

Larry Bolick

Rev. Anne Tambling

Lynn Bernhardt

Larry Walser

Robert Propst

Ken Clapp

Don Whitfield

Mark Schiemann

Kimberly Nelson

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