

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – White/Gold

*Please stand as you are able. Please remember to turn off cell phones.

Vision Statement of First-Centenary United Methodist Church:
Build a healthy and diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ.

Gathering Music

This Joyful Eastertide K. Kosche
Were You There arr. Marchand
Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. J. Raney
Easter Fanfare K. Hildebrand
(David Patton, organ; Melodye Sparks and Mark Malone, four-hand piano;
The Brass Quintet and Timpani)

Procession of the Christ Candle

(The Christ Candle was removed from the Sanctuary at the end of the Maundy Thursday Service.
The light returns today to signify Christ's presence in our midst.)

*Hymn 302 (st.1-4) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Easter Affirmation (8:30) Dr. Nicola Crisp (10:45) Mrs. Emily Baker

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Indeed, this is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Anthem *The Tomb Stands Open Wide* C. Courtney
The Chancel Choir

Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the dead, the third day even as He said,
and He has cancelled sin's dread curse - the tomb stands open wide!
He is victor o'er the grave, He tasted death then made it slave,
and we are freed from guilt and shame - the tomb stands open wide!
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Thanks be unto God, who gives us the victory
through our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ!
He is victor o'er the grave, He tasted death then made it slave,
and we are freed from guilt and shame - the tomb stands open wide!
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not contain Him,
the darkness could not cover Him, He arose!
The tomb stands open wide! Hallelujah!

Ritual of Friendship

Rev. Michelle Hunter

*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings

**God of life and love, we are grateful
for your promise of resurrection and new life.
Your love is stronger than the powers of evil and injustice.
With joy, we bring our tithes and offerings to you.
Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim
Christ's triumph over death. Amen.**

Doxology (# 95)

Time for Children

(After the story, children Pre-K and under may go to Children's Church.
Kindergarten and up, can go back to be with their families.)

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (#895)

Hymn/Anthem *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* J. Behnke
The Chancel Choir, brass, timpani and congregation

CHOIR: Now all the vault of heaven resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CHOIR: Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CHOIR: Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

CONGREGATION and CHOIR (please stand as directed)
Adoring praises now we bring and with the heavenly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

**Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

(Text by Paul Z. Strodach 1876-1947)

*Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18

Sermon *In the Stillness of the Morning...Resurrection Happens*

Rev. Jason Gattis

*Hymn 159 *Lift High the Cross*

*Benediction

Voluntary *Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5* C.M. Widor

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We welcome and thank the instrumentalists participating in worship this
morning. Pablo Alvarez and Greg Lindquist, trumpets; Darin Bissell, horn;
Landon Durham, trombone; Shawn Nelson, tuba; Ethan McDaniel, timpani.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

Acolytes: Emily Tolar, Oliver Harr, and Cornelius Kandakai

Pew Volunteers:

8:30: David Hudson

10:45: Adam and Beth Fletcher

Welcome Desk Volunteers:

8:30: Susan Byrd

10:45: Jennifer Fry

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Friendship pad.

 ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE - ASK USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

NURSERY & FIRST KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Check-in is in the Children's hallway.

WORSHIP INFORMATION:

THE VINE WORSHIP SERVICE (10:45 A.M.): REV. DR. WILL LAUDERBACK
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE (5:00 P.M.): REV. BARRY KIDWELL

- **10:45 a.m. service telecast on Channel 12, WDEF-TV:** 11:30 a.m.
Sundays & 12:35 a.m. Mondays
- Visitors please stop by the Visitor Information Desk in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH	THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH
8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship 8:30 a.m. - The Vine Worship 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School 10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m. - The Vine Worship 4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth 5:00 p.m. - PCS Walk at the Greenway 5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal	9:00 a.m. - Garden Mission 10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 11:00 a.m. - Wesley's Table: Free Lunch 1:30 p.m. - Aldersgate Vibrations 3:00 p.m. - The Centenary After-School 5:30 p.m. - The Centenary Parent's Night
MONDAY, APRIL 6TH	FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
Church Offices Closed 3:00 p.m. - The Centenary After-School	10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 3:00 p.m. - The Centenary After-School
TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH	SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 10:00 a.m. - Crafty Capers 10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk 3:00 p.m. - The Centenary After-School 7:00 p.m. - College Small Group	No events scheduled
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH	
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 12:00 p.m. - SPRC Meeting 3:00 p.m. - The Centenary After-School 4:45 p.m. - Youth Program 5:00 p.m. - College Program 5:15 p.m. - Prime Time Meal 6:00 p.m. - Children's Program 6:00 p.m. - Chancel Ringers 6:30 p.m. - Prime Time Classes 6:30 p.m. - Creation Care Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir	



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CREATION CARE MEETING

Join us for our upcoming Creation Care Ministry meeting on **April 8th at 6:30 p.m. in Mohney Hall** and learn more about how our church is caring for God's creation! Creation Care Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to join us! **For more information, contact Rev. Caroline Archer at carcher@firstcentenary.com.**



FRESH GREENS, FRESH IDEAS

Fresh Greens, Fresh Ideas will take place on **April 12th at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Dining Room!** We'll provide fresh salads—just bring your ideas about what "United Women in Faith" can look like. This will be a relaxed, open conversation shaped by your creativity for the future of UWF. All are invited! **Call the church office at 423-756-2021 to make reservations.**



SENIOR ADULT DAY

Join us on **April 14th at 9:30 a.m. at Camp Lookout** for Senior Adult Day! There will be presentations, devotions, hymn singing, food, fellowship, and so much more. **Cost is \$15 and the deadline to sign up is April 9th, by noon. Call the camp office at 706-820-1163 or email admin@camplookout.com to register!**



CHURCH CAMP

Church Camp is **May 22nd–24th at Camp Lookout!** We'll enjoy classic camp activities, including archery, zip-line, swimming, along with times of worship. Whether you're looking to slow down or spend quality time with family, this weekend is for you. **Cost is \$50 per person or \$150 for families. Visit firstcentenary.com/announcements to register today!**



VBS 2026!

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be **June 22nd – 26th**, and it's going to be an exciting week filled with faith, fun, music, and so much more. **Registration is open! To sign up, visit our website's announcements page: firstcentenary.com/announcements.**



EASTER PHOTOS

Easter photos (taken in The Vine Lobby from 9:30a.m. - 12:15p.m. today) will be published to our website and on our Facebook page.

Website Access:

Visit firstcentenary.com/easter-2026 and select any album to save your photo.

Facebook Access:

Visit facebook.com/FirstCentenary/, select the photos tab, and then select the album "Easter 2026" to save your photo.



The Engage program is an ongoing opportunity to match your interests with ministry opportunities at the church. **Scan this code to get started.**



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