

Gathering Music (10:30) Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Voluntary *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling* D. Wood

*Call to Worship (8:30) Mrs. Emily Baker (10:45) Dr. Mitch Baldree

Leader: God our Creator,
from nothing you made our world.

All: You formed us, love us,
and give us all that we need.

Leader: God, our Redeemer,
you rescued us from sin.

All: You have given us new life
and hope of healing in the world.

Leader: God our Comforter,
you are with us always.

All: You comfort us, renew us,
and guide us into your truth.

Leader: Almighty God, for your gracious love for us,
we bring you our praise and worship.

*Hymn 133 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Prayer

Almighty God,
we come into your presence
from many different places.
We come with songs of joy
and shouts of gratitude.
We come carrying heavy burdens
and sighs of suffering.
As you welcome us into your house,
lift our burdens and receive our praise.
Salt us with your grace
and flavor us with your mercy.
Bind us together,
that we may be at peace with one another
and be strengthened to go forth
in service to the world.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Song of Joy, Song of Praise* arr. J. Brighton
Oliver Harr and James Harr

Sing to the Lord, O sing a song of praise.
People now rejoice, come let your voice be raised.
Sing to the Lord, O sing a song of joy.
People now rejoice, sing praises evermore.
Come, sing alleluia. Come, sing, let your voice be raised.
Come, sing alleluia. Come, sing praises evermore.
Sing to the Lord the King above all kings.

People now rejoice, let alleluias ring.
Sing to the Lord the mighty one who reigns.
People now rejoice, come praise God’s holy name.
Come, sing your praise to the Lord.

Ritual of Friendship Rev. Michelle Hunter

*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings
God of every good gift,
bless the gifts of our resources,
our prayers and our lives.
Bless our tithes and offerings for the good of others
and to the honor of your name. Amen.

*Doxology (#95)

Children’s Time

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation
The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (#895)

Anthem (10:45) *What Shall I Offer My God?* L. Larson
The Chancel Choir

(This anthem was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Molly Sasse French by John N. Wilson)

With what shall I come before the Lord? What shall I offer my God?
If I could bring a perfect offering, would the Lord be pleased with me?
If I give the best of all I possess, will I live eternally?
With what shall I come before the Lord? What shall I offer my God?

God asks that I live justly, revealing truth for all to see.
God asks that I show mercy for those struggling to be free,
and to walk humbly with the One who gave life and breath to me.
God exalts those who humbly walk with the Lord.

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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God asks that I show mercy for those struggling to be free,
and to walk humbly with the One Who gave life and breath to me.
God exalts those who humbly walk with the Lord.
With what shall I come before the Lord?
My life I shall give to my God.

(text based on Micah 6:6-8 and James 4:10)

Scripture Lesson James 4:7-10

Sermon *The Book of James* Rev. Jason Gattis

*Hymn 399 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

*Benediction

Voluntary *Fanfare* G.F. Handel

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:
Acolytes: Sellick Wallin, Norah Shears, Isie Gates, and Wills Gates
Pew Volunteers:
8:30: David Hudson
10:45: Dianne & Lee Everett
Welcome Desk Volunteers:
8:30: Julie Clark

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. DR. WILL LAUDERBACK
• **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.

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY
AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH
REHAB: Jane Fairburn

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRIME TIME WEDNESDAY

Each Wednesday, join us in The Vine for a **meal starting at 5:15 p.m.**, followed by **activities and small groups at 6:30 p.m.** Come as you are, and be part of this vibrant community! To RSVP for your meal or learn more about the classes visit: firstcentenary.com/prime-time-wednesday.

NEW SEASON OF MUSIC

You’re invited to join us as we begin a new season of music!
Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Chancel Ringers: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Aldersgate Vibrations: Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.
NEW TIME FOR CHILDREN’S CHOIRS
JumpStart Children’s Choir (2nd – 5th grade): Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.
4yr - 1st Grade Choir: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
9:45 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor
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 Northgate Mall
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
11:00 a.m. - Centenary Committee
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

10:00 a.m. - Church Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00 a.m. - Crafty Capers
10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
4:45 p.m. - Youth Program
5:00 p.m. - Laity Team Meeting
5:15 p.m. - Prime Time Meal
5:45 p.m.- Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. - Children's Instrumental Music
6:30 p.m. - Children's Program
6:30 p.m. - Prime Time Classes
6:00 p.m. - Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
1:30 p.m. - Aldersgate Vibrations
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

5:30 p.m. - PCS Dinner at Logan's

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

8:30 a.m. - OSP Rehearsal



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PRIME TIME WEDNESDAYS
MEAL STARTS AT 5:15PM
CLASSES START AT 6:30PM



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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Join us on **August 18th at 6:00 p.m.** for a guided Civil Rights Walking Tour through Chattanooga. Discover the people, places, and events that helped shape the city's Civil Rights history while exploring local landmarks. Registration is required. This program is free and open to all ages. To sign up visit:
firstcentenary.com/announcements



HIWASSEE TUBING

fcCollege is bringing the summer to a close with a relaxing day on the river! Join us on **August 23rd at 12:00 p.m.** as we head out for tubing on the Hiwassee River. **We'll meet at the church** and carpool down together. Lunch is included, and the cost is \$10 for the trip. RSVP and pay by contacting Kirsten Shipp at kshipp@firstcentenary.com.

NEW MEMBERS COMMENDATION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the First-Centenary congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

CHURCH STAFF

JASON GATTIS	Senior Minister
WILL LAUDERBACK	Senior Associate Minister
MICHELLE HUNTER	Minister of Congregational Care
CAROLINE ARCHER	Minister of Environmental Justice
MARY THOMPSON	Executive Pastor
RICHARD LOONEY	Bishop in Residence
CHARLES NEAL	Minister Emeritus
DAVID HARR	Minister Emeritus

BRANDI ANDERSON	ABIDE Respite Ministry Director
JIM ANDERSON	Facilities Assistant Director
DEANNA BECKWITH	Welcome Center Administrator
KATIBETH BROWN	Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern
TORI CROOK	Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Director
ASHLEY DURHAM	Facilities
BRITTANY EASTRIDGE	Administrative Assistant, Ministry Support
MICHAEL EDWARDS	Facilities
TROY HAMILTON	Facilities Director
CLAIR HARRISON	Communications Director
BINDY LEWIS	Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor
JANICE MCNAIR	Worship & Music Ministry Director
JONATHAN MCNAIR	Music Ministry Assistant
GRANT MORGAN	Contemporary Worship Director
MARY GREY MOSES	The Centenary Director
ADDIE CAMPBELL NIX	ABIDE Respite Ministry Assistant Director
DAVID PATTON	Organist
LINDA QUINTRELL	Business Assistant
KIRSTEN SHIPP	fcCollege Ministry & The Wesley Director
RANDALL SHUPTRINE	Multimedia Specialist
TONIA TAYLOR	Children's Enrichment Center Director
LEESHA VANDER WILT	First Kids Children's Ministry Assistant Director
ELLEN WARD	First Kids Children's Ministry Director
TROY WOOD	Facilities

WAYS TO GIVE:

GIVING KIOSK
MAIL

SUNDAY OFFERING
BANK DRAFT

ONLINE



AUGUST 16, 2026

8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

DRAW NEAR
TO GOD
AND GOD WILL
DRAW NEAR
TO YOU.

- James 4:8

