

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10th Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2026 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – Red

*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 (10:30)

Mrs. Sylvia Friedl

Invocation

Voluntary

Introductory Voluntary

F. Linley

***Call to Worship** (8:30) Ms. Shannon Smith (10:45) Mrs. Sarah Clegg
Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.
All: **We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**
Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:
All: **love, peace, joy, patience, kindness,**
 and gentleness are all of God.
Leader: We come with grateful hearts,
 not for things, but for who God is.
All: **We gather now to show our gratitude**
 in song and prayer.

***Hymn 103** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***Affirmation of Faith** (883)
We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God,
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
 to celebrate God’s presence,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** (#70)
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem (8:30)

Largo from “Xerxes”
Cameron Kitts, piano

G.F. Handel

(10:45)

How Firm a Foundation
The Summer Choir
(Text – Hymn #529)

Early USA Melody

Ritual of Friendship

Rev. Michelle Hunter

***Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings**
Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
in addition to our tithes and offerings
teach us to give to you all that we have
and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. Amen.

***Doxology** (#95)
(10:45 Children may leave for Children’s Worship)

Mission Update from Romania

Rev. Samuel Goia

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation
The Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson

James 1:1-4,13-15,19-27

Sermon

The Book of James

Rev. Jason Gattis

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

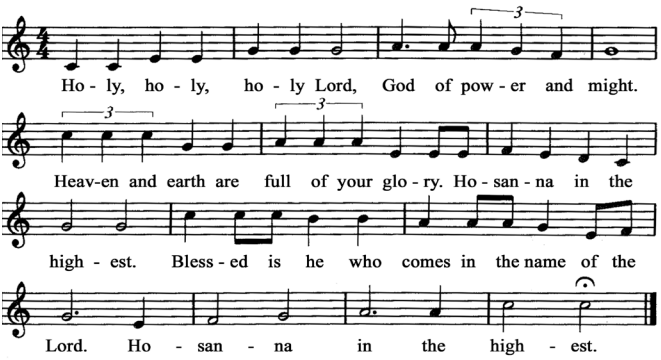
Prayer of Confession
Holy and merciful God,
 in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
 our shortcomings, and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
 in wandering from your ways,
 in wasting your gifts,
 in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light
 and walk in your ways,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Words of Assurance
Pastor: Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God’s love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise. (the liturgy continues....)

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.



The Lord’s Prayer (#895)

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup
Sharing in Communion
Today’s bread was baked by Amy Gattis and Mitch Baldree.
The Communion Offering is for the UTC Wesley Center.

Prayer after Receiving
You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful.
Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come,
 with hearts made ready,
 eyes made open,
 hands made strong,
 and feet made willing
to do your will in this place,
 and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.

***Hymn 664** *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

*Benediction

Voluntary

Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship is posted on *The Presbyterian Church in Canada* website. <http://presbyterian.ca/> **Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings** is posted on *Life in Liturgy*. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/> **The Prayer of Confession** and the **Prayer after Receiving** are reprinted by permission from *The Worship Sourcebook*, 2004, CRC Publications.

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICES:
Acolytes: Caroline Culbertson, Oliver Harr, Cornelius Kandakai, and Emily Tolar
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. SAMUEL GOIA

- **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, JULY 29TH

HOME: Tom Loggins, Rheba Vetter, Luz Darr

SYMPATHY: We offer our love and sympathy to Dick Scales and family in the recent death of his twin brother, Robert E. Scales, July 18, 2026.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Move Up Sunday
10:15 a.m. - Summer Choir
10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
10:45 a.m. - The Vine Worship
12:00 p.m. - Youth Parent Meeting
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 3RD

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
5:30 p.m. - UWF Meeting
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH

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 5TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Caregiver's Support
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

5:30 p.m. - PCS Dinner at Champy's
6:00 p.m. - 5th-6th Grade Lock-In

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

5th-6th Grade Lock-In
8:30 a.m. - OSP Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. - Funeral



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir continues! You are welcome to join the Chancel Choir for our last week of Summer Choir on **August 9th**. We'll meet at **10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room** to prepare the music for worship.



YOUTH PARENT AND VOLUNTEER MEETING

The Youth Parent and Volunteer Meeting is **TODAY at 12:00 p.m. in the Student Center!** This is an opportunity for all youth parents and anyone interested in volunteering to learn more about how to get involved. We'll share details about the upcoming year and how you can support in the lives of our students.



5TH-6TH GRADE LOCK-IN

The 5th & 6th Grade Lock-In is **August 7th-8th at 6:00 p.m.** and this year we're heading to the **Tennessee Aquarium!** This overnight event is just for rising 5th and 6th graders and will be a night full of fun. Cost is \$75 and please make sure students eat dinner before they arrive. To register, visit firstcentenary.com/announcements.



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