

The FIRST-CENTENARIAN

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUN.
Mar 1st

8:30AM: Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30AM: Sunday School
9:30AM: Confirmation Classes
10:45AM: Sanctuary and The Vine Worship Services
4:30PM: Sunday Night Youth Group
5:00PM: Sunday Night Worship & Dinner
5:00PM: Positive Christian Singles Walk at Northgate Mall

MON.
Mar 2nd

Respite For All Conference
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program

TUES.
Mar 3rd

10:00AM: Church Staff Meeting
10:00AM: Crafty Capers
10:00AM: Positive Christian Singles Coffee Talk at Jacks
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program
5:15PM: Thorne Sparkman School of Religion at St. Paul's

WED.
Mar 4th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program
4:45PM: Youth Program
5:00PM: College Program
5:15PM: Prime Time Wednesday Meal
6:00PM: Children's Program
6:30PM: Prime Time Classes
7:00PM: Chancel Choir

THURS.
Mar 5th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00AM: ABIDE Caregiver's Support Group
1:30PM: Aldersgate Vibrations
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program

FRI.
Mar 6th

3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program

SAT.
Mar 7th

10:00AM: Forward Support Group
10:00AM: Creation Care Devotional Hike
11:30AM: Positive Christian Singles Lunch at McAlister's



Mark your calendars! **Vacation Bible School is June 22nd - 26th**, and it's going to be an exciting week filled with faith, fun, music, and so much more. We can't wait—stay tuned for more details!



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CLERGY CORNER

When we were in Guatemala a few weeks ago we had the opportunity to see and pray over a piece of land that

Rev. Dr. Will Lauderback

will be a part of the next steps for our mission partner ACD Guatemala. As we were circled to pray a rushing wind came over the hill reminding us of God's presence that has been moving on that land for all time. When it was her turn, Christina paraphrased a prayer that we say every morning while making our coffee,

Meet me, O Christ, in this stillness of morning.
Move me, O Spirit, to quiet my heart.
Mend me, O Father, from yesterday's harms.

By saying "Meet me, O Christ, in the stillness of this place. Move me, O Spirit, to how you are moving in the world." I was struck with how these simple words could be tweaked and adapted to a new place and time yet retain their power and beauty. This prayer, and the words that follow from *Every Moment Holy*, have become such a refrain in our house that even our boys have memorized them!

I wonder how the rhythm of our days might be different if we paused and asked God to meet us in that moment? I wonder how our choices might look different if we began to ask the Holy Spirit to quiet and guide our hearts. I wonder if our ability to offer and embody forgiveness might be strengthened if we asked God to mend us from the things that have harmed us. As we embrace stillness during this Lenten season my hope and prayer for each of us is that we might have an awareness of a God who is waiting for us in the stillness. A God who can and will move us in the right path for his namesake, and a God who can mend us from all the harms of this life.

In Christ,
Will



PRIME TIME WEDNESDAY

Meal: 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Children's Music: 6:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

Classes: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Children's, Youth, & College Programs: 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir: 7:00 p.m.

THIS SEASON'S CLASSES

January 14th - March 25th

Wesley Trip Course

February 25th - March 25th

led by Pastor Will in the Conference Room

The Other Side of Change: Who We Become When Life Makes Other Plans

January 14th - March 25th

led by Pastor Michelle in the Parlor

Bible Study on the Book of Zechariah

January 14th - March 25th

led by Pastor Barry in the Prigmore Room

A Different Kind of Fast

February 25th - March 25th

led by Pastor Jason in the Oak Street Center Room 101/102

DINNER INFORMATION

Please make dinner reservations by 4 p.m. Monday

Costs:

Adult Meal: \$10

Child's Meal: \$5

Family Meal: \$30

Menu:

March 4th

Smoky Sweet Feast, Greek Salad, Vegetarian Option: Falafel, Green Beans, Potato Casserole, Cornbread, and Chocolate Pound Cake

NEW MEMBERS



Jeffery, Laura Ann, Charles, and Ruth Howell



Loman, Belinda, and Auden Martin



Cody, Lindsey, and Rhett Carlton



Cole and Kaleigh Guess



Camryn Tijerina



KatiBeth Brown



Sarah and Rivi Garrett



Reese Dickison



Harriett Rosebrough



This month's Preschool theme is "All Star: Jesus is Amazing!" When you see something that you have never seen before, and you cannot explain how it happened, that falls into the "amazing" category. That's what people experienced when Jesus began teaching and doing miracles. They had never seen or heard anyone like Him. Jesus was amazing then, and Jesus is amazing now! Our monthly verse is "We have seen amazing things today!" (Luke 5:26 NLT)

This month in our Elementary theme is "Upside Down! Treat Others the Way You Want to Be Treated." Jesus showed compassion by becoming one of us. He gave up a lot to make that happen. Jesus showed us that sometimes you have to give things up to show others just how much you care. Our monthly verse is "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." Phillipians 2:3

Join us in the Children's Wing for our Sunday School and Worship Opportunities!

- Early Service Childcare: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- First Kids Worship: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- First Kids Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY



On February 15th, United Women in Faith led the worship services in the Sanctuary and in the Vine. Our guest preacher for all the morning services was Kara Lassen Oliver, Executive Director of St. Mary's Sewanee. Kara also led a very enriching mini-retreat for the church on Saturday afternoon to prepare for the season of Lent.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

We're heading back to **Camp Lookout from June 1st-5th** for an amazing week of service! This great experience is for **middle school students only** and is packed with opportunities to serve, grow, and connect with friends. **The cost is \$375 per student and to register, visit our website's announcements page as firstcentenary.com/announcements. For more information, contact Tori Crook at tcrook@firstcentenary.com.**



THORNE SPARKMAN
SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Restoration of the Soul: Comfort, 'O Comfort My People

Thorne Sparkman offers an opportunity to join Christians across time and space in renewing our commitment to growing in knowledge and love of God through learning, study, self-examination, and meditation. Registration for the School includes all five classes. Eucharist begins at 5:15 p.m., dinner will begin at 5:45 p.m. and speakers will begin at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 305 W Seventh St. **To register and learn more about the speakers, visit our website's announcements page: firstcentenary.com/announcements.**

ASH WEDNESDAY



"Be Still"

Week 2: Internal Stillness | Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Oftentimes one of the loudest noises/voices in our lives comes from within. We need to quiet the internal noise to hear, listen, and follow the voice of God in our lives. What is one of the loudest sources of "noise" in your mind? Self-doubt? Anger? Emotional strife? Trauma? Fear? Anxiety? Intentionally name that noise and hand it over to God.

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YOUTH LOCK-IN 2026!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 1st, 2026

Sanctuary Services:
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
 "Internal Stillness"
 Matthew 4:1-11
 Rev. Jason Gattis

The Vine Service:
10:45 a.m.
 "Internal Stillness"
 Matthew 4:1-11
 Rev. Dr. Will Lauderback

Mustard Tree Service:
5:00 p.m.
The Vine
 Rev. Barry Kidwell

Lectionary Readings:
 Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalms 2 or 99
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

WDEF-TV Televised Sermons:
11:30 a.m. Sundays & 12:35 a.m. Mondays
 "Be Still"
 Rev. Jason Gattis