

# AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter    May 10, 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.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norma Daniels by her husband Stafford Daniels.

**Gathering Music (10:45)**    Dr. Mark Malone

## Invocation

**Opening Voluntary**    *How Firm a Foundation*    H. Hopson

**\*Call to Worship (8:30)** Dr. Nicola Crisp (10:45) Mrs. Camille Rambajue

**Leader:** Let us worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**People:** Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one,  
who lives among us.

**Leader:** Let us worship the Holy Spirit,  
the holy fire, who renews us.

**People:** To the one true God be praise in all times and places,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn 89**    *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## \*Prayer Litany of Thanksgiving

**Leader:** Gracious God, enliven this time of worship,  
that we may find true life as we join with others:

praising your name,  
celebrating your great goodness,  
and sharing your love for all people.

For shepherds and mentors, coaches and guides,  
**we give you thanks and praise this day.**

For friends who care, for families who nurture,  
**we give you thanks and praise this day.**

For this family of faith, for spiritual teachers,  
**we give you thanks and praise this day.**

For the gift of love, both given and received,  
**we give you thanks and praise this day.**

O God, our lives overflow with your love.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**Anthem (10:45)**    *O God of Youth*    A. Pote

The Chancel Choir

(This anthem is sung as a prayer on behalf of the 2026 Confirmation Class.)

O God of youth, we come to you for leading.

Our minds to guide, our spirits to set free.

We search for truth and love, your statutes heeding;

Give us, O Lord, a sense of destiny.

The stress is great and absolutes are bending.

We cannot find our way without your care;

it seems the search goes ever forth unending,

and fainting souls cry out, "O Master, where?"

O God of youth, come near and speak your blessing.

Give us a sense of what is worthy, true.

We come to you, our helplessness confessing,  
and cannot rest until we rest in you. Amen.

**Presentation of Candidates (10:45)**    The 2026 Confirmation Class

Jack Barnett

Marydee Barnett

Harry Gannaway

Hailey Hixon

Norris Jackson

Braden Johns

Aubrey Kendrick

Eli Robinson

Stella Slatton

## Congregational Response to New Members

**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:** With God's help we will so order our lives  
after the example of Christ, that surrounded by steadfast love,  
these youth, *our* youth, may be established in the faith  
and confirmed and strengthened in the way  
that leads to life eternal.

**Prayer for the Confirmands (10:45)**

**Creator Spirit, we offer thanks for these young people.**

**We pray that as a congregation we will offer our support  
and encouragement in their lives of faith.**

**Bless and strengthen them with your grace,  
and fill them with the joy of your presence.**

**Help them to see the gifts they have received  
and to use their gifts to benefit others,**

**loving and serving as disciples of Christ.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to counsel, strengthen and guide them  
in their journey of faith and commitment to your church.**

**This prayer is offered in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

(10:45 - Children may leave for Children's Church after Confirmation)

**Ritual of Friendship**

Reporting from Camp Lookout

Rev. Michelle Hunter

Stephen Ward, Camp Director

**\*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings**

**God of abundance, we offer these gifts to you  
in thanksgiving and joy**

**for the presence of the living Christ.**

**May these gifts bring new life**

**to those both near and far.**

**And may we offer ourselves in service**

**to you and to one another. Amen.**

**\*Doxology (#95)**

**Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation**

**The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Solo**

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

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Addie Arnold, solo

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your words to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
show your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

**Scripture Lesson (8:30)**

**Sermon**

*For a Little While*

I Peter 5:6-11

Rev. Jason Gattis

**Scripture Lesson (10:45)**

**Sermon**

*Confirmation and the Journey Forward*

Matthew 7:7-12

Tori Crook, Director of Youth Ministries

**\*Hymn 529**

*How Firm a Foundation*

**\*Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

*How Firm a Foundation*

D. Wood

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## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

**Acolytes:** Caroline Moore, Sarah Moore, Nora Cate Armstrong, and  
Eva Caroline Armstrong

**Pew Volunteers:**

8:30: David Hudson

10:45: Lori Howard & John Parham

**Welcome Desk Volunteers:**

8:30: Ann Ward

## 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, MAY 10TH

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship  
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. - Youth Fundraiser  
 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

### MONDAY, MAY 11TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry  
 2:00 p.m. - Executive Team Meeting  
 4:00 p.m. - The Centenary Parking Cars

### TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

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  
 4:00 p.m. - The Centenary Parking Cars

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry  
 4:45 p.m. - Youth 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 Class  
 6:30 p.m. - Creation Care Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

9:00 a.m. - Garden Mission  
 10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry  
 1:30 p.m. - Aldersgate Vibrations  
 4:00 p.m. - The Centenary Parking Cars

### FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

4:00 p.m. - The Centenary Parking Cars

### SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

No events scheduled



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### YOUTH FUNDRAISER!

The Youth Ministry is hosting a fundraiser TODAY to support their upcoming mission trips! Stop by outside each worship space between 10:30am-12:30pm to pick up a cake. Every purchase helps send students out to serve through mission experiences.



### VOLUNTEER LEMONADE BAR

We want to thank our incredible First Kids volunteers! To show our appreciation, we're hosting a Lemonade Bar on **May 17th** right after the **10:45 a.m. service** in the **Oak Street Theater**. Interested in getting involved? Stop by to learn more about how to be a part of the First Kids team!

## CHURCH STAFF

**JASON GATTIS**  
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 Facilities  
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 Contemporary Worship Director  
 The Centenary Director  
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 Organist  
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 Multimedia Specialist  
 Children's Enrichment Center Director  
 First Kids Children's Ministry Assistant Director  
 First Kids Children's Ministry Director  
 Facilities

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

## WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

**SYMPATHY:** To Dr. Beth Crawford in the April 21st death of her father, William Crawford of Pensacola, FL.

For medical emergencies during worship services, contact the ushers. They will call 911. Defibrillator & Oxygen in see-through hallway cabinet near back of Sanctuary, where we hang our coats.



## WAYS TO GIVE:

**GIVING KIOSK**    **SUNDAY OFFERING**    **ONLINE**  
**MAIL**                    **BANK DRAFT**



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