AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christ the King, Thanksgiving and Commitment Sunday
November 22, 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 Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Voluntary *Allegro Maestoso* Mendelssohn/arr. Martin
The Brass Quintet, Organ and Timpani

***Call to Worship** (8:30) Mrs. Mimi Italia (10:45) Mr. Bill Lockett

Leader: God, for all the ways you love us, we say
All: thank you!
Leader: For the ways you provide for us, we say
All: thank you!
Leader: For the opportunity to give, we say
All: thank you!
Leader: For enabling us to participate
in the work of building your kingdom, we say
All: thank you!
Leader: May the thankful words and songs on our lips
and the meditations of our hearts and minds
be acceptable to you, O God,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

***Hymn 87** *What Gift Can We Bring*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
God of every goodness,
we give you thanks for all that gives life its savor:
for work well done, and rest;
for good food, and the strength we draw from it;
for familiar things, and new;
for the spring of youth, and age's season;
for the touch of loved ones,
and the kindness of strangers;
for times of gathering with your people in prayer,
and the prayer we carry into work,
school, and home;
for the spoken word, and silence.
God of every, every goodness, hear our thanks. Amen.

Anthem (10:45) *This is the Day* B. Balmages
The Chancel Choir, Brass and Timpani

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice. Sing Alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!
(Psalm 118:24)

Ritual of Friendship Mrs. Sarah Clegg

***Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings**
O God, we give in grateful thanksgiving
for all that you have given us.
In the upside-down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give generously through our tithes and offerings,
to bless your church, your people, your creation.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Doxology** (#95)

Songs of Thanksgiving (10:45) JumpStart Children's Choir

All God's Children Give Thanks arr. Shafferman

Listen to the children of all nations sing their thanks to God.
Arigato (Japanese), danke (German), thank you,
gracias (Spanish), merci beaucoup (French)!

(refrain) Jubilate, jubilate, sing thanksgiving to the Lord.
Jubilate, jubilate, sing your thanks forevermore!

Listen to the children of all nations sing their thanks to God.
Grazie (Italian), toda (Hebrew), spaciba (Russian),
tack (Swedish), asante (Swahili), kösönöm (Hungarian)! *(refrain)*

An African Worship Song Martin/ Paradowski

Nanuma wyee nanuma (Nanuma means "beautiful")

We come to worship now, nanuma.
We praise the Lord most high, give thanks and glorify.

We sing a song of praise, nanuma.
With heart and soul and voice, creation now rejoice.

We pray with humble hearts, nanuma.
Lord, give us strength today and help us know your way.

Sing all creation! Sing Jubilation!

We go to share God's love, nanuma.
Let peace be multiplied, may joy be magnified.
We go to share God's love! Nanuma!

Time for Children

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation
The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 17:11-19

Sermon *Faithful Thanksgiving* Rev. Jason Gattis

***Response** *For the Life that You Have Given* TUNE: HOLY MANNA

For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.

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Presentation of Stewardship Commitments
You are invited to come forward and place your commitment cards on the altar.

Anthem *God of Grace and God of Glory* Manz/arr. Crutchfield
The Brass Quintet, Organ and Timpani

Consecration of Stewardship Commitments
Giving God, we now give You thanks and praise
for all of Your gifts to us.
We know that You are the source of every good thing,
light and love come from You.
You have given us so much,
through the power of Your Holy Spirit.
And it is because we recognize the gifts
You have given to us, that we now give
to the work of Your kingdom here on earth.
May these resources be used wisely and diligently,
that Your love may be known widely.
As we dedicate our commitments
we offer ourselves too,
for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves.
Take and use us,
that our hands may reach out in service,
our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation,
and that our words may be words of peace.
For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn 102** *Now Thank We All Our God*

***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary *Festive Trumpet Tune* D. German

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Please offer your thanks and appreciation to Hillaine Nanney and our Altar Guild for designing the beautiful cornucopia on the altar.
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; Anthony Henderson, timpani and djembe.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:
Acolytes: Madolyn Waller, Margaret Stanley, Caroline Culbertson, and George Simpson
Pew Volunteers:
8:30: David Hudson
10:45: Pete Palmer
Welcome Desk Volunteers:
8:30: Laurie & Steve Ziegler
10:45: Melinda and Bill Thompson

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY
AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
HOME: Lori Smith

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

Youth Fall Retreat
Commitment Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class
10:45 a.m. - The Vine & Sanctuary Worship
1:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
2:00 p.m. - UWF Parking Cars
4:00 p.m. - PCS Walnut Street Bridge Walk
4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

10:00 a.m. - Crafty Capers
10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk
10:30 a.m. - UWF Chris Bowles Circle
11:30 a.m. - ABIDE Holiday Luncheon
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

No Events Scheduled

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

Church Offices Closed
11:00 a.m. - PCS Thanksgiving Lunch

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

No Events Scheduled



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

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2026 ADVENT CALENDAR

Our 2026 Advent Calendar is here! The holiday season is full of fun opportunities to celebrate the season. Mark your calendars and save the dates for our upcoming Advent events. Scan the QR code or visit **firstcentenary.com/advent-2026** to explore the full calendar and find all the details!



CENTENARY CHRISTMAS

Share your Christmas with The Centenary! Select an Angel Tree ornament outside the worship spaces, shop for a child, and drop off wrapped gifts by December 2nd. You can also sponsor a family by shopping for their needs or make a donation. Contact Monique at mstrickland@firstcentenary.com if you would like to sponsor a family.



ADVENT WREATH CREATION

Join us on **December 2nd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Street Center** for our free Advent Wreath Creation! Come any time to decorate a wreath and prepare your home for the season. There will be a meal at 5:15 p.m. **To ensure we have enough supplies, RSVP using the form online at firstcentenary.com/advent-2026.**



CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

Oak Street Playhouse presents Christmas Presence on **December 4–13 in the Flo Summitt Theater!** When a family decides to skip store-bought gifts, the kids get creative with personalized presents, discovering that the best gifts come from the heart and being together. **Performances times vary, to purchase tickets visit our website: firstcentenary.com/advent-2026**



KIDS CHRISTMAS BASH

The annual Kids Christmas Bash is set for **December 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center!** Hosted by the Youth Ministry, this festive night will be filled with games, food, and fun for kids. There is no cost to attend, but a donation is appreciated. All proceeds will support Youth Missions! **Visit our website: firstcentenary.com/advent-2026 to register.**



O NIGHT DIVINE

Celebrate the joy of the season with O Night Divine, presented by our Music Ministries on **December 6th**! Enjoy a **concert beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. in The Vine**. Both are free to attend, but registration is requested for the dinner. **To register, visit our website: firstcentenary.com/advent-2026.**

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Happy Thanksgiving