AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

24th Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2026 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – Green

*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) — Dr. Mark Malone

Invocation

Voluntary — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* — arr. M. Ham
Melodye Sparks and Mark Malone, Four-Hand Piano

***Call to Worship** — Heather Cockerham, Reading Specialist for The Centenary with Gabby (10:45)

Leader: Creator God, you reign over all the universe with love and justice.
All: **Glory! We thank you with love.**
Leader: Christ, you reign over all human history with mercy and grace.
All: **Glory! We thank you with love.**
Leader: Holy Spirit, you reign in our hearts with beauty and power.
All: **Glory! We thank you with love. Alleluia!**

***Hymn 64** — *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Song of Praise (10:45) — *All Creatures of Our God and King*
Students from The Centenary led by Grant Morgan

Prayer — Monique Strickland, Assistant Director of The Centenary with Derrick (10:45)

Gracious God, in this season of harvest and thanksgiving,
we offer to you our gratitude and praise.
For all that you have given us, we thank you.
We yearn to sense your presence in our lives.
Open our eyes to witness your work among us
and in the world.
Speak to us now, that we may hear your Word,
and become your living Word
by the Spirit of Christ living in us. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship — Rev. Michelle Hunter

***Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings**
We dedicate our gifts to you, Eternal One,
as symbols of our choice to follow you.
Receive our tithes and offerings
as celebrations of your presence in our lives.
Hold us to our promises, that we might share
your blessings and wisdom with the world. Amen.

***Doxology** (#95)

Time for Children

Anthem — *As the Deer* — arr. J. Carter
Melodye Sparks and Mark Malone

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

Celebrating The Centenary — Mary Grey Moses, Director

Anthem (10:45) — *Look at the World* — J. Rutter
The Chancel Choir

Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
so many miracles along our way.

(Refrain) Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation,
give us thankful hearts that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
all things come of Thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
valley and flowing river, field and plain. *(Refrain)*

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
till it is gathered in the Father's fold. *(Refrain)*

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
comes from the Lord in token of His love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heavens above. *(Refrain)*

Scripture Lesson (CEB) — Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon — *Faithful Perspective* — Dr. Will Lauderback

***Hymn 546** (alt. text) — *The Church's One Foundation*

***Benediction**

Voluntary — *Prelude in F Major, BMV 556* — J.S. Bach

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:
Acolytes: Norah Shears, Jacob Shears, 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

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY
AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

HOME: Emily Cornelius, Scott Manley, Sue Hyatt

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. JASON GATTIS
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE (5:00 P.M.): REV. JASON GATTIS

- **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 8TH
8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class
9:45 a.m. - 5th Grade Faith Steps
10:45 a.m. - The Vine & Sanctuary Worship
10:45 a.m. - Centenary Sunday
2:00 p.m. - JOYs Baseball Game
3:00 p.m. - Compassionate Friends
4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth
5:00 p.m. - PCS Walnut Street Bridge Walk
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
2:00 p.m. - Executive Team Meeting
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. - PCS Covered Dish Dinner

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
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
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
3:00 p.m. - Celebration of Life
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program
4:45 p.m. - Youth Program
5:15 p.m. - Prime Time Meal
5:45 p.m.- Children's JumpStart Choir
6:00 p.m. - 4yr-1st Grade Choir
6:00 p.m. - Chancel Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Prime Time Classes
6:30 p.m. - JumpStart Instruments
6:30 p.m. - Children's Program
6:30 p.m. - Creation Care Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
1:30 p.m. - Aldersgate Vibrations
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
8:30 a.m. - OSP Rehearsal

SAVE THE DATE: *O Night Divine* – a musical celebration of the birth of Christ. Sunday, December 6th at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An All-Church dinner in the Vine will follow the program.

Stay Connected

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Charge Conference this year will be in-person or online on November 18th at 12:00 p.m. in the Prigmore Room at First-Centenary. If you want to join online, please call the church office at 423-756-2021. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Nathan Malone, will be attending in person.



JOYS BASEBALL GAME

Join your JOYs friends for an afternoon of baseball at **2:00 p.m. TODAY**! We'll head to **Erlanger Park** to enjoy an exhibition game between the UT Vols and Georgia Tech. **Tickets are $22** and can be paid by check or online through FCUMC. **For questions, email fcjoys@gmail.com.**



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING

Join us for a parent meeting on **November 15th at 12:00 p.m. in the Student Center** about our upcoming High School Mission Trip to Xela, Guatemala! We'll share important information as students prepare to serve Guatemala. **For more information, contact Tori at tcrook@firstcentenary.com.**



FRIENDSGIVING

Join us for an evening of thanks and giving on **November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Giardino's!** Enjoy an Italian meal, hear testimony from ministry students, and participate in both a raffle and auction! **Only 70 seats are available and tickets cost $50. For more information, contact Kirsten Shipp at kshipp@firstcentenary.com.**



YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Join us for our Youth Fall Retreat at **Camp Lookout, November 20th-22nd!** Students will enjoy a weekend of fun in the great outdoors. The retreat is **$100 per student**, and meals will be provided. Students should **meet at the Student Center at 5:00 p.m. on November 20th. For more information, contact Tori at tcrook@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
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
CHRIS SPITZER	Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern
WILLIAM SMITH	Interim Organist
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
HANNAH WOODRUFF	Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern

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MAIL **BANK DRAFT**

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