

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

22nd Sunday after Pentecost    October 25, 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)

Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Voluntary

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. H. Hopson

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

Leader: Rejoice in God always!

All:        Rejoice in God’s steadfast love.

Leader: Rejoice in Christ’s enduring grace.

All:        Rejoice in God’s saving Word.

Leader: Rejoice in the Spirit’s gentle guidance.

All:        Rejoice in God’s healing presence.

Leader: Again, I say rejoice!

\*Hymn 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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 (10:45)

Creator of All Time and Space

Jonathan McNair

The Chancel Choir; Molly Epperson, flute

Creator of all time and space, we read your image on each face.  
Great Spirit of the cosmic whole, you made us body, mind and soul.  
We thank you for the human mind, in mystic harmony designed,  
for word and image, dream and thought,  
for lessons learned and answers sought.  
O God, of planet, moon, and sun, we wonder, knowing all you’ve done,  
that you befriend the human race, and fill our lives with love and grace.  
For miracles as large as space, as small as cells, as deep as grace,  
we offer you our thanks and praise, and pledge to serve you all our days.

(Text: Ruth Duck, 1993)

Ritual of Friendship

Rev. Jason Gattis

\*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings  
**God of steadfast love, your blessings overwhelm us.**  
**For the abundant gifts in our lives,**  
**we thank you.**  
**For the peace that passes understanding,**  
**we praise you.**  
**For keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,**  
**we honor you.**  
**Receive our tithes and offerings**  
**and help us stay focused on things**  
**that are excellent and admirable,**  
**holy and just, righteous and pure. Amen.**

\*Doxology (#95)

Time for Children

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation  
The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (#895)

Solo

Assurance

J.N. Beck

Claire Overdorf, soprano

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain) This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

(Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873)

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

Back to Basics

Rev. Michelle Hunter

\*Hymn 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

\*Benediction

Voluntary

Toccata

D. Wagner

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**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:**  
**Acolytes:** Janie Lynn Murphy, Sellick Wallin, Isie Gates, and Wills Gates  
**Pew Volunteers:**  
8:30: David Hudson  
10:45: Pete Palmer  
**Welcome Desk Volunteers:**  
8:30: Laurie & Steve Ziegler  
10:45: Melinda and Bill Thompson

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. ALEX THOMPSON

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE (5:00 P.M.): REV. MICHELLE HUNTER

• 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, OCTOBER 21ST

HOME: Rita Wilhite-Foster, Scott Manley

SYMPATHY: To John Wilson in October 14th death of his sister, Zora

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Costa Rica Mission Trip  
Youth Rally Retreat  
8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - The Vine & Sanctuary Worship  
12:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Lunch & Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. - PCS Walnut Street Bridge Walk  
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

10:00 a.m. - Church Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry  
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Caregiver's Support  
10:00 a.m. - Crafty Capers  
10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk  
10:30 a.m. - UWF Chris Bowles Circle  
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program  
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry  
3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program  
5:00 p.m. - Fall Festival

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

3:00 p.m. - The Centenary Program

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Time Change - Fall Back One Hour  
8:30 a.m. - OSP Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. - Altar Guild Meeting  
2:00 p.m. - Trunk-Or-Treat with Mustard Tree

Stay Connected

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: FIRSTCENTENARY.COM

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA: @FIRSTCENTENARY

PRIME TIME WEDNESDAYS MEAL STARTS AT 5:15PM

CLASSES START AT 6:30PM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



FALL FESTIVAL

Our Fall Festival is **October 28th!** Join us from **5:00-7:30 p.m.** for games, trunk-or-treat, a free dinner, and lots of fun for the family! **To volunteer**, fill out a form online or contact Pastor Will at [wlauderback@firstcentenary.com](mailto:wlauderback@firstcentenary.com). **Candy donations** can be dropped off at the Welcome Center or in the bins outside each worship space.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Join Mustard Tree Ministries for their annual Trunk-or-Treat on October 31st! We'll be at **College Hill (West Side)** from **2:00-3:00 p.m.** before heading to **East Lake Courts** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** You're welcome to volunteer at one or both locations! **To volunteer or for more information**, contact Pastor Barry Kidwell at [cbarrykidwell@gmail.com](mailto:cbarrykidwell@gmail.com).



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Join us for All Saints' Sunday on **November 1st** as we remember First-Centenary members who have died in the past year. Through the reading of names, special music, and cherished family mementos displayed on the altar, we will celebrate their lives and Christian witness while finding comfort in worship together. Dr. Roland Carter will direct The Chancel Choir in the 10:45 service.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation starts **November 1st at 9:30a.m. in the Student Center!** This class is for students in 8th grade and older who are ready to learn more about what it means to be part of the church. **Visit our website at [firstcentenary.com/announcements](http://firstcentenary.com/announcements) to register. For more information**, contact Tori Crook at [tcrook@firstcentenary.com](mailto:tcrook@firstcentenary.com).



CHILI COOK-OFF

The annual Chili Cook-Off will be at **12:00 p.m. on November 1st in the Oak Street Center!** Chili entrants are invited to bring their homemade chili and attendees can vote for their favorite! **Admission is \$10 and chili contestants enter for free. To register**, visit [firstcentenary.com/announcements](http://firstcentenary.com/announcements). Contact Kirsten at [kshipp@firstcentenary.com](mailto:kshipp@firstcentenary.com) for more information.

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

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>JASON GATTIS</b>    | Senior Minister                   |
| <b>WILL LAUDERBACK</b> | Senior Associate Minister         |
| <b>MICHELLE HUNTER</b> | Minister of Congregational Care   |
| <b>CAROLINE ARCHER</b> | Minister of Environmental Justice |
| <b>MARY THOMPSON</b>   | Executive Pastor                  |
| <b>RICHARD LOONEY</b>  | Bishop in Residence               |
| <b>CHARLES NEAL</b>    | Minister Emeritus                 |
| <b>DAVID HARR</b>      | Minister Emeritus                 |

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>BRANDI ANDERSON</b>    | ABIDE Respite Ministry Director                   |
| <b>JIM ANDERSON</b>       | Facilities Assistant Director                     |
| <b>DEANNA BECKWITH</b>    | Welcome Center Administrator                      |
| <b>TORI CROOK</b>         | Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Director           |
| <b>ASHLEY DURHAM</b>      | Facilities                                        |
| <b>BRITTANY EASTRIDGE</b> | Administrative Assistant, Ministry Support        |
| <b>MICHAEL EDWARDS</b>    | Facilities                                        |
| <b>TROY HAMILTON</b>      | Facilities Director                               |
| <b>CLAIR HARRISON</b>     | Communications Director                           |
| <b>BINDY LEWIS</b>        | Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor          |
| <b>JANICE MCNAIR</b>      | Worship & Music Ministry Director                 |
| <b>JONATHAN MCNAIR</b>    | Music Ministry Assistant                          |
| <b>GRANT MORGAN</b>       | Contemporary Worship Director                     |
| <b>MARY GREY MOSES</b>    | The Centenary Director                            |
| <b>ADDIE CAMPBELL NIX</b> | ABIDE Respite Ministry Assistant Director         |
| <b>DAVID PATTON</b>       | Organist                                          |
| <b>LINDA QUINTRELL</b>    | Business Assistant                                |
| <b>KIRSTEN SHIPP</b>      | fcCollege Ministry & The Wesley Director          |
| <b>RANDALL SHUPTRINE</b>  | Multimedia Specialist                             |
| <b>CHRIS SPITZER</b>      | Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern             |
| <b>WILLIAM SMITH</b>      | Interim Organist                                  |
| <b>TONIA TAYLOR</b>       | Children's Enrichment Center Director             |
| <b>LEESHA VANDER WILT</b> | First Kids Children's Ministry Assistant Director |
| <b>ELLEN WARD</b>         | First Kids Children's Ministry Director           |
| <b>TROY WOOD</b>          | Facilities                                        |
| <b>HANNAH WOODRUFF</b>    | Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern             |

WAYS TO GIVE:

- GIVING KIOSK  
MAIL
- SUNDAY OFFERING  
BANK DRAFT
- ONLINE



OCTOBER 25, 2026

8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

REJOICE IN  
*the Lord*  
ALWAYS  
AND AGAIN I SAY  
*Rejoice*

Philippians 4:4