

An Order for the Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – White/Gold

*Please stand as you are able.

Please remember to turn off cell phones and pagers.

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

Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

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

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

All: Come and see what it means

to be children of God.

Leader: Come with this hope -

that Christ's presence is real.

All: With joy, we come to worship the Living Christ.

***Hymn 310**

He Lives

Prayer

God of resurrection and new life,
we gather this morning
as a community of believers.

We come with joy to greet one another
and to tell again and again the amazing news:
Christ is alive!

Love is victorious over death!

Empower us, through our singing, praying,
listening, and proclaiming,
to bear witness to the power of your love and healing
in our community and in this world.

We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Anthem

Day by Day the Shepherd Leads
The Chancel Ringers

R. Mallory

Ritual of Friendship

Rev. Michelle Hunter

***Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings**

Generous God of love and grace,
bless our tithes and offerings with your abundant love
and your life-giving grace.

Bless us as bear witness to your love and grace
in all that we do. Amen.

***Doxology (#95)**

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

A Time for Children (10:45)

Anthem (10:45)

O Sing to the Lord a New Song!

L. Larson

The Chancel Choir

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
O sing to the Lord a new song! Come, lift up your voice and sing!
O shout to the Lord, all the earth! Break forth into jubilant praise.
O shout to the Lord all the earth! Rejoice in God's glory and grace!
Let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing together for joy!

O sing to the Lord a new song!

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
O sing to the Lord a new song! Come, lift up your voice and sing!
My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I am clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I am clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

(words based on Psalm 98 and Robert Lowry)

Scripture Lesson (8:30)

Hebrews 3:1-6

Sermon

Methodism 201: Who Are We? Rev. Will Lauderback

***Gospel Lesson** (10:45)

Luke 24:33-40

Sermon

They Thought Jesus Was a Ghost Rev. Charles Neal

***Hymn 318**

Christ is Alive

Benediction

Voluntary

Fugue in F Major

J. S. Bach

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Assisting in today's services:

Acolytes: Noah Cockerham, Cornelius Kandakai, Brie & Sellick Wallin

Pew Volunteers: 8:30 David Hudson 10:45 John Parham, Linda Hostetler,

Bob Richardson **Welcome Desk:** 8:30 Ann Ward 10:45 Erin & Bart Wallin

THE VINE WORSHIP SERVICE (10:45 a.m.) – Dr. Will Lauderback

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - (5 p.m.) – Rev. Barry Kidwell

We are glad you are here!

Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Friendship pad.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE – ASK USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

Nursery, Children's Sunday School and Worship —

Please check-in in the Children's hallway.

• 10:45 Service telecast on Channel 12, WDEF-TV, 11:30 a.m. Sunday & 12:35 a.m. Monday

• Visitors please stop by the Visitors' Information Desk in the Narthex.

Check out our website

www.firstcentenary.com

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

10:45 a.m. The Vine Worship

5:00 p.m. Youth Group

5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Meal

Monday, April 15

NO SCHEDULED FCUMC ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 16

10:00 a.m. ABIDE Respite Ministry

10:00 a.m. Crafty Capers

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 17

1:00 p.m. Abide Information & Interest Session

5:30 p.m. Prime Time Meal

5:45 p.m. Youth Group

6:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers

6:00 p.m. First Kids & Children's Music

6:30 p.m. Prime Time Classes

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18

10:00 a.m. ABIDE Respite Ministry

1:30 p.m. Aldersgate Vibrations

Friday, April 19

NO SCHEDULED FCUMC ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 20

NO SCHEDULED FCUMC ACTIVITIES



Are you looking for a way to support the youth traveling to Romania this summer? Here's your chance to make



a difference! By purchasing stock, you'll not only invest in their mission but also become an integral part of their journey. Your support will directly contribute to aiding in covering essential expenses such as supplies, food, travel, and accommodations. Each stock purchase will serve as a vital donation towards their mission trip fund. But that's not all!

When you buy stock, you'll receive:

- A receipt confirming your contribution.
- An exclusive invitation to a special luncheon hosted by the youth group at the end of July.
- The opportunity to engage with the students, hear their stories firsthand, and ask any questions about their experiences in Romania.

We recommend \$50 per stock, but any amount is immensely appreciated. Every dollar counts towards making this trip a success. Your support and prayers mean the world to us! Thank you for your generosity and let's make this mission to Romania an unforgettable experience for all!

For more information, email our Youth Director, Tori Crook, at tcrook@firstcentenary.com. Donations can also be given to Tori in-person. Scan the QR code to give through our website.



LIFTING UP VOICES FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

United Women in Faith

2024 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

May 5, in the Kate Lyle West Chapel,

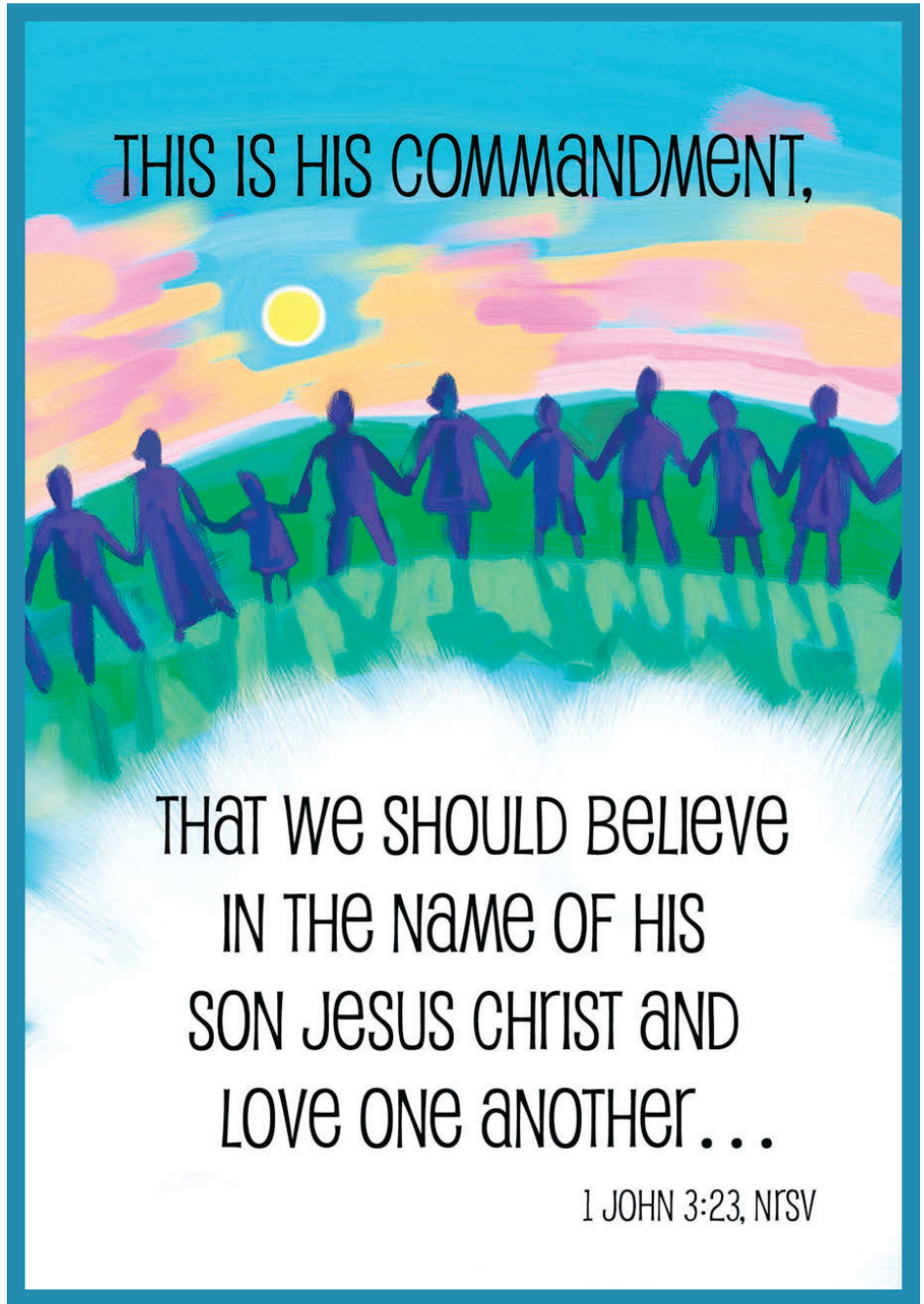
immediately following 10:45 worship

This service is a faith-filled time to assemble with lifted hearts and hands: to give selflessly to a common cause and to be in communion with God. All are invited! The offering this year goes to UWF climate justice projects.

If you will need childcare (and pizza) please notify Brittany Eastridge in the church office (423-756-2021) by May 2.

If you want to give, but are not able to attend the service, you can give through all the usual channels. Offerings should go to Sally Richardson, UWF, for Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.





Prime Time Wednesday



Meal 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Classes** 6:30 - 7:15-30 p.m.

- April 17** (The Vine)
Pre-General Conference Update
- May 8, 15** (The Vine)
Post-General Conference Update
- April 17, 24** (Room 101/102)
Enneagram/Marriage Study
- April 17, 24, May 1** (Conference Room)
"Context: Putting Scripture in its Place"

PRIME TIME SCHEDULE

Meal 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Classes 6:30 - 7:15-30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
First Kids Wednesday &
Children's Choirs at 6 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY
Wednesday Activities

Meal: 5:45 p.m.
Lesson: 6:30 p.m. **Gym:** 7:30-8 p.m.

CHOIRS: Chancel Ringers: 6 p.m.
Chancel Choir: 7 p.m.

DINNER INFORMATION

Adults - \$10 each (meal)
Children - \$5; 3 & under free **Family max** - \$30
Please make dinner reservations by 4 p.m.
Monday. Go to firstcentenary.com/prime-time-wednesday for dinner reservations.
April 17 - Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cake, Chicken Caesar Salad

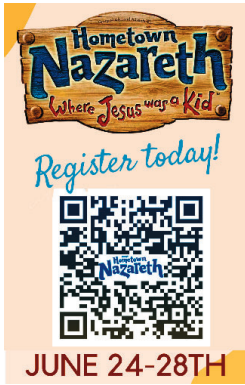
ABIDE Information and Interest Session

Wednesday, April 17 - 1 p.m. Oak Street Center (101/102)

Are you looking for a meaningful place to serve? Are you a caregiver for a person with dementia? Do you have talents that you would like to share? If so, then YOU ARE INVITED to come learn more about ABIDE Respite Ministry. We are committed to providing joy, hope, dignity, and quality care to persons with dementia, as well as their caregivers. Join us in this important ministry!



ABIDE



Get ready for ONE of THE BEST Summer Events! VBS!! This year we are stepping back in time to Jesus' Hometown, Nazareth! We will explore ancient Nazareth and even get to hear Mary



Are you a first time visitor or have been visiting for a while? Want to know more about First-Centenary? Interested in becoming a member of First-Centenary? Or, do you simply want to get to know the Senior Pastor? Then join Pastor Jason every third Sunday at 9:45 in the Conference Room (Room 105) for Coffee With the Pastor - April 21.

tell us stories about what happened when Jesus was a kid! It will be EPIC! Reserve your spot today! Scan the QR code above or go to our website to sign up today!

Camp Lookout Senior Adult Day - April 23, 9:30 a.m. at Camp Lookout

Join us at Camp Lookout to enjoy great fellowship and food, hymn singing, awesome presentations, a devotion, wonderful music, and much more!
Special Guests: • Charles Neal • Jeanne Eller • Charles Maynard • Lon Eldridge • Mark Gooden • Mike Feely
Cost for the day is \$10 and includes refreshments and lunch.
To register, call Camp Lookout at 706-820-1163. You can pay by phone or bring payment to check-in (card, check, or cash are accepted). To learn more about Camp Lookout visit their website at www.camplookout.com.



Church Office Hours

Beginning Monday, April 29, the office hours for First-Centenary will be Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call the church office if you have any questions at 423-756-2021.

Commendation and Welcome - 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: 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

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| JASON GATTIS | Senior Minister |
| WILL LAUDERBACK | Senior Associate Minister |
| BARRY KIDWELL | Minister of Mustard Tree Ministries & Outreach |
| MICHELLE HUNTER | Minister, Congregational Care |
| RICHARD C. LOONEY | Bishop in Residence |
| ALBERT J. BOWLES | Minister Emeritus |
| CHARLES NEAL | Minister Emeritus |
| DAVID HARR | Minister Emeritus |
| BRANDI ANDERSON | Abide Ministry Director |
| ANITA BASINGER | Communications |
| JEFF BLAKE | The Vine Worship Leader |
| TORI CROOK | Youth Ministry Director |
| ASHLEY DURHAM | Facilities |
| BRITTANY EASTRIDGE | Administrative Assistant, Ministry Support |
| MICHAEL EDWARDS | Facilities |
| KAREN GATES | Business Manager |
| TROY HAMILTON | Facilities Manager |
| CLAIR HARRISON | Multimedia Specialist |
| JERRY LAWSON | Facilities |
| BINDY LEWIS | Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor |
| JANICE McNAIR | Worship & Music Ministry |
| JONATHAN McNAIR | Music Assistant |
| ROBERT MORGAN | Facilities |
| MARY GREY MOSES | The Centenary Director |
| DAVID PATTON | Organist |
| RANDALL SHUPTRINE | Video Specialist |
| BETH SPEARS | Children's Ministry |
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READING FROM THE LECTIONARY:

Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

Scan the QR code for online giving.



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.

