AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9th Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 2025 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – Red

\*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 (10:45)

Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

**Voluntary** (8:30) Be Thou My Vision arr. Purifoy

Mrs. Laurie Ziegler, flute

(10:45) Interlude John Blow

\*Call to Worship (8:30) Ms. Shannon Smith (10:45) Dr. Scott Farley

Leader: Like a loving Father,

God offers us freedom to choose our own path. In God's freedom, we are a new creation.

**Leader**: Like a merciful Mother,

God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

All: In God's mercy we are a new creation.

**Leader**: Like a forgiving Parent,

God welcomes us home with open arms.

In God's embrace, we are a new creation.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the One

who makes all things new.

\*Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Prayer** 

Holy, gracious and everlasting God, we gather to sing and speak your praise.

You love us as a parent loves a child.

When we are weak you offer us your strength.

When we are brokenhearted

you offer us your comfort and healing.

When we stumble or fall you offer to help us.

When we turn and run from you,

you welcome us back with arms opened wide.

For being our help in the past and our hope for the future, we offer you our thanks.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Anthem** For the

For the Beauty of the Earth
The Greer Family Music Makers

arr. Carter & Greer

Margaret, Anna, Michael and William

The Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Michelle Hunter

Loving God, be with all who are going back to school – students, teachers, administrators, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, librarians,

and afterschool caregivers.

Be with them and help them as they begin a new year of learning, teaching, growing, and serving.

May their minds and their pencils be sharp:

may their lunches never be forgotten at home;

and may their Pink Pearl erasers

help them to remember that mistakes are okay -

in fact, they are the most important part of the process.

God, thank you for glue sticks and homework folders and laptops and crisp new notebooks waiting to be filled; thank you for schools and libraries, lunchtime and recess; thank you for the gift of curiosity

God of Wisdom, bless these backpacks. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

and for your wisdom that is all around.

(10:45 - The children may leave for Children's Worship)

**Ritual of Friendship** 

\*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings
Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have gifts to share.
Accept and use our tithes and offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

\***Doxology** (#95)

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

**Anthem** (8:30)

Amazing Grace
Laurie Ziegler, flute

arr. J. Purifoy

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(10:45) Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands
The Summer Choir

Put peace into each other's hands, and like a treasure hold it. Protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation.
Be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put Christ into each other's hands,
He is love's deepest measure.
In love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Put peace into each other's hands.

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\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:25-32

**Sermon** God's Door is Always Open Rev. Jason Gattis

\*Hymn (bulletin cover)

Lord of All Hopefulness

Benediction

**Voluntary** Trumpet Tune and March

Jeremiah Clarke

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## **ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:**

Acolytes: Brie Wallin, Sellick Wallin, Cornelius Kandakai, & Wills Gates

Pew Volunteers: 8:30: David Hudson 10:45: John Parham

## **Welcome Desk Volunteers**:

8:30: Ann Ward

10:45: Erin & Bart Wallin

## **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.

# WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

**HOSPITAL:** Jerre Haskew, Peggie Hixson IN MEMORIAM: Allan Ledford

# THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

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

10:45 a.m. - Blessing of the Backpacks

12:00 p.m. - Back-to-School Bash 4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship

5:00 p.m. - PCS Walk at Northgate Mall 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

## MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH

12:00 p.m. - Executive Meeting 6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

# TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry

10:00 a.m. - Crafty Capers 10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk

10:00 a.m. - Church Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. - Mustard Tree Board 6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 5:15 p.m. - Prime Time Meal

6:30 p.m. - Prime Time Kick-Off Concert

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9:00 a.m. - Garden Mission 10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:00 a.m. - OSP Practice/Set Reset

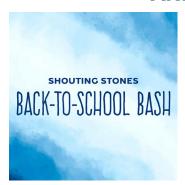


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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH**

Join the Youth Ministry for our annual Back to School Bash TODAY at 12:00 p.m. at Chester Frost Park! Let's celebrate the end of summer and kick off the new school year with food, games, and swimming. All youth and families are welcome. Don't forget your swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen, we will see you there!



# PRIME TIME WEDNESDAY KICK-OFF: THE KING'S BRASS

Join us August 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the **Sanctuary** for a kick-off concert featuring Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass! Blending classics with innovative flair, this celebrated ensemble brings together brass, keyboard, and percussion to inspire worshipers of all ages. Register for your meal online!



## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

Do you want to know more about First-Centenary? Are you interested in becoming a member of First-Centenary? Or, do you simply want to get to know the Senior Pastor? Join Pastor Jason on August 17th at 9:45 a.m. in the Executive Conference **Room** located outside the pastor's office for Coffee with the Pastor!



# **CREATION CARE MEETING**

The next Creation Care Meeting is on August 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. This ministry works to inspire and equip our church and community to care for God's creation through education, advocacy, and hands-on service. All are welcome, whether you've been involved before or are just curious about joining!



### **FALL LAITY RETREAT**

Enjoy great fellowship on August 22nd-23rd at Pipestem Resort in West Virginia with a time of learning and spiritual growth with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett as she teaches and leads the weekend. The Fall Laity Retreat is a joint event of both the WV and Holston Conferences. Register online!

# **CHURCH STAFF**

**JASON GATTIS** WILL LAUDERBACK **BARRY KIDWELL MICHELLE HUNTER CAROLINE ARCHER RICHARD LOONEY CHARLES NEAL DAVID HARR** 

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# READING FROM THE LECTIONARY:

ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20 PSALM 50:1-8, 22-23 HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16 LUKE 12:32-40

# **MISSION PARTNERS:**

Costa Rica: Methodist Children's Home, Missionary Guatemala: ACD Guatemala, Ministry to children and women

**Lebanon:** Words of Issa, Ministry to Syrian Refugees

Romania: UMC Romania (Pastors Rares, Christian and Samuel), ALFA Group Ministry to Orphans



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**AUGUST 10, 2025** 

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



Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust every child-like, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray. your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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