

# AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 18, 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** (8:30) Dr. Roland Carter (10:45) Mrs. Trish Foy

**Invocation**

**Voluntary** *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* P. Manz

**\*Call to Worship** (8:30) Mrs. Mimi Italia (10:45) Mrs. Cindy Stulce

**Leader:** The world belongs to God,

**All:** the earth and all its people.

**Leader:** How good and how lovely it is

**All:** to live together in unity.

**Leader:** Love and justice come together,

**All:** justice and peace join hands.

**Leader:** If the Lord's disciples keep silent

**All:** the stones would shout aloud.

**Leader:** Lord open our lips,

**All:** and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

**\*Hymn 66** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**\*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** *We Are Singing, For the Lord is Our Light* H. Hopson  
(8:30) Jan McNair, piano (10:45) The Chancel Choir

Refrain: We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing for the Lord is our light. (2x)  
We are singing, oh, we are singing,  
for the Lord is our light. (2x)

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?  
Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light. (Refrain)

When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.  
Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock.  
(Refrain in the Zulu language)

We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure.  
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song. (Refrain)

**Ritual of Friendship**

Rev. Caroline Archer

**\*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings**

O God, with our tithes and offerings,  
bring justice to the oppressed  
and food to the hungry.  
With our ministries of love,  
proclaim unity in a divided world.  
Bless us and bless the gifts,  
that your light may shine in places  
shadowed by despair. Amen.

**\*Doxology (#95)**

**Time for Children**

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

**\*Gospel Lesson**

John 1:29-42

**Sermon**

*Come and See*

Dr. Will Lauderback

**Response**

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the world around us.  
Show us what we should see,  
but from which we hide our eyes.  
Show us how people live in this world  
and the reality of their days.  
Give us courage to do what you ask and to 'Come and see'.

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the shape of your Kingdom.

Show us what life could be like  
if only we could see in wisdom.

Show us what we could do  
to change things forever with you.

Give us courage to have a vision and to 'Come and see'.

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the people all around us.

Show us what we should see,  
but what we fail to notice.

Show us what people are saying to us  
and what they long for.

Give us courage to be where you are and to 'Come and see'.  
Amen.

**\*Hymn 577** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**\*Benediction**

**Voluntary**

*Chorale*

J. Langlais

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the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**Acolytes:** Layten Hill, Riley Hill, Oliver Harr, and Caroline Culbertson

**Pew Volunteers:**

8:30: David Hudson

10:45: Angela Gross

**Welcome Desk Volunteers:**

8:30: Julie Clark

## 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. MICHELLE HUNTER

**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, JANUARY 14TH

**HOME:** Susie Dailey, Rick Sieger, Mary Seiger

**REHAB:** Carl Hartung

**SYMPATHY:** To Lydia Weathersby and family in the recent death of  
her sister, Mary Anne Wilkey, on January 13, 2026.



## UMC MOVIE NIGHT: "1946"

Join us on February 6th at 6:00 p.m. in The Vine for a special Movie Night featuring the "1946" documentary. This film explores the history of when the term "homosexual" was added to the Bible. Food will be available and a Q&A discussion will follow the screening to discuss the film. **Free to attend, but please register online.** There will also be an optional donation opportunity.

**Sponsored by:** Holston LGBTQIA+ Ministries

**In partnership with:** Wesley Center Chattanooga, St Mark's UMC, St Luke's UMC, St Elmo UMC, and First-Centenary UMC

**Childcare will be available if needed, please register for Kids Night Out.**

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.



## THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Refresh  
10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship  
10:45 a.m. - The Vine Worship  
5:00 p.m. - PCS Walk at Northgate Mall  
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Church offices closed

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

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  
11:30 a.m. - The Centenary Committee  
12:00 p.m. - Mustard Tree Board Meeting

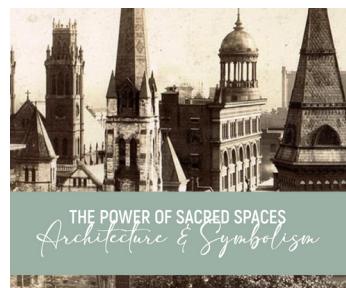
### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry  
4:45 p.m. - Youth Program  
5:00 p.m. - College Program  
5:15 p.m. - Prime Time Meal  
6:00 p.m. - Children's Program  
6:00 p.m. - Chancel Ringers  
6:30 p.m. - Prime Time Classes  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFIRMATION REFRESH

Interested in what our youth are learning during confirmation? Missed out on confirmation growing up? Join Pastor Will in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays until March 29th and explore some of our foundational beliefs as United Methodists.



### POWER OF SACRED SPACES

What makes a space sacred? How do architecture and symbolism shape the way we worship and gather? Join us for a presentation on exploring The Enduring Power of Sacred Spaces, led by Todd Morgan, on January 25th at 4:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.

### KIDS NIGHT OUT

Kids deserve a fun night out too! While parents enjoy the screening of 1946, kids can have an exciting evening of their own. Drop the kids off on February 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center and know they're having a blast! Register now by filling out a form online: [firstcentenary.com/kids-night-out](http://firstcentenary.com/kids-night-out).



## 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**  
**WILL LAUDERBACK**  
**BARRY KIDWELL**  
**MICHELLE HUNTER**  
**CAROLINE ARCHER**  
**RICHARD LOONEY**  
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Senior Minister  
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Minister of Congregational Care  
Minister of Environmental Justice  
Bishop in Residence  
Minister Emeritus  
Minister Emeritus

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**LEESHA VANDER WILT**  
**ELLEN WARD**  
**TROY WOOD**

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Facilities Assistant Director  
Welcome Center Administrator  
Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern  
Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Director  
Facilities  
Administrative Assistant, Ministry Support  
Facilities  
Business Manager  
Facilities Director  
Communications Director  
Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor  
Worship & Music Ministry Director  
Music Ministry Assistant  
Contemporary Worship Director  
The Centenary Director  
ABIDE Respite Ministry Assistant Director  
Organist  
Business Assistant  
fcCollege Ministry & The Wesley Director  
Multimedia Specialist  
Children's Enrichment Center Director  
First Kids Children's Ministry Assistant Director  
First Kids Children's Ministry Director  
Facilities

## WAYS TO GIVE:

**GIVING KIOSK**   **SUNDAY OFFERING**   **ONLINE**  
**MAIL**   **BANK DRAFT**



JANUARY 18, 2026

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

“BEHOLD, THE  
LAMB OF GOD,  
WHO TAKES  
AWAY THE SIN OF  
THE WORLD!”

— John 1:29