# AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday after Pentecost  July 20, 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**

**Opening Voluntary** — *Largo* — G. F. Handel

***Call to Worship** (8:30) Dr. Nicola Crisp (10:45) Dr. Jonathan McNair

**Leader:** We are gathered for worship.
**All:** **In a world of half-truths,**
**we need a time of truth-telling.**
**Leader:** In a world of many gods,
we need an encounter with the one true God.
**All:** **In a world that demands so much,**
**and yet so little of us,**
**we need to be confronted with a gospel**
**that will ask of us our very lives.**
**Leader:** In the name of God, we gather for worship today.

***Hymn 108** — *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets*

**Prayer**

**O God most holy and most near,**
**we give you thanks for life**
**and for all you have given us.**
**As we worship you, grant us new eyes and a vision**
**to see, as did the prophets, the world as you see it.**
**Grant us new ears**
**to hear the startling news of your gospel.**
**Grant us new hearts to love you unashamedly**
**and to love our brothers and sisters unreservedly.**
**Grant us new hands**
**to do the work of the kingdom,**
**to bind up the wounded,**
**to set free the captives,**
**to welcome the stranger.**
**As we worship, make us new creations. Amen.**

**Anthem** (10:45) — *Thanks Be to God* — arr. H. Sorenson
The Summer Choir
(The congregation may sing or speak the **boldface** responses in each stanza)

For the gifts of friends and neighbors, **thanks be to God!**
For our leisure and our labor, **thanks be to God!**
For the hush of sacred spaces, treasured truth and golden graces,
Lord, we offer You our praises. **Thanks be to God!**
**Thanks be to God!**

For Your comfort in our sorrow, **thanks be to God!**
For the hope of each tomorrow, **thanks be to God!**
For the simple joy of singing, for the Spirit in us breathing,
hear the song our hearts are bringing. **Thanks be to God!**
**Thanks be to God!**

Now we come with grateful voices, **thanks be to God!**
Joined as one, each heart rejoices, **thanks be to God!**
For this journey we are living, every day a new beginning.
This, our song of glad thanksgiving: **thanks be to God!**
**Thanks be to God!**
Amen.

(Words: Joseph M. Martin)

**Ritual of Friendship** — Rev. Michelle Hunter

***Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings**

**Loving God, like baskets of summer fruit,**
**you fill our lives to overflowing.**
**May the tithes and offerings we return to you**
**reflect our gratitude for your many blessings.**
**May they show our commitment**
**to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.**
**Through your goodness and the sharing of these gifts,**
**may the world come to know the richness of your love. Amen**

***Doxology** (#95)

**Time for Children**

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

**Old Testament Lesson** — Amos 8:1-12

**Sermon** — *The Time is Ripe for Love* — Rev. Caroline Archer

**Response** — *For Everyone Born* — Mann/arr. Trenney
Dr. James Harr, tenor

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*Refrain: And God will delight*
*when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:*
*yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free! (refrain)

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**Prayer of Commitment**

Let us pray that the Lord may guide our world.
*(pause for silent prayer)*

**Lord, mighty God,**
**you lead the world, all humanity and all creation**
**to their destiny in you.**
**Give to the leaders of the world and of our country**
**a vision of the future**
**that is both imaginative and realistic,**
**and respectful of human rights and dignity.**
**Help us to bear witness in everyday life**
**to the values of the gospel**
**and to be involved in the work**
**of freedom, integrity and justice.**
**May we thus build up a community**
**that foreshadows our heavenly homeland.**
**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn 150** — *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

**Benediction**

**Voluntary** — *Celebration* — D.L. Patton

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**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:**
**Acolytes:** Norah Shears, Norris Jackson, Emily Tolar, & Cameron Kitts
**Pew Volunteers:**
8:30: David Hudson
10:45: Angela Gross
**Welcome Desk Volunteers:**
8:30: Julie Clark
10:45: Melinda & 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, KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please check-in in the Children's hallway.

## WORSHIP INFORMATION:

**THE VINE WORSHIP SERVICE (10:45 A.M.):** REV. BARRY KIDWELL
**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, JULY 16TH**

**HOME:** Donna Palmer & Vickie Stone
**WEDDING:** Camille Mason and Stephen Rambajue, July 12th, 2025

# THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

**SUNDAY, JULY 20TH**

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
4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship
5:30 p.m. - PCS Walk at Northgate Mall
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

**MONDAY, JULY 21ST**

No events happening

**TUESDAY, JULY 22ND**

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Caregiver Support
10:00 a.m. - Crafty Capers
10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk
10:00 a.m. - Church Staff Meeting
10:30 a.m. - Chris Bowles Circle

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD**

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
4:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Youth

**THURSDAY, JULY 24TH**

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
7:00 p.m. - UWF Parking Cars

**FRIDAY, JULY 25TH**

5:30 p.m. - PCS Dinner Night
7:00 p.m. - UWF Parking Cars

**SATURDAY, JULY 26TH**

9:00 a.m. - fcCollege River Tubing

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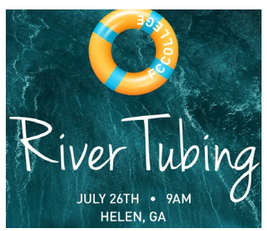
# ANNOUNCEMENTS




## FCCOLLEGE RIVER TUBING

The College Ministry is heading to Helen, GA for River Tubing on **July 26th - we will meet at the student center at 9:00am**. We'll enjoy a relaxing ride down the river. Bring your swimsuit and sunscreen! For more information, email Kirsten at kshipp@firstcentenary.com.

## 5TH & 6TH GRADE LOCK-IN

5th/6th Grade Lock-In is **August 1st at 5:00pm in the Student Center**! This overnight adventure includes dinner, a trip to Rock City, snacks, games, and a fun night spent with friends. Cost is $35 per student and scholarships are available upon request. We are also looking for adult volunteers. **Register online!**

## PRIME TIME KICK-OFF

Join us **August 13th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary** for a special concert featuring The King's Brass! This ensemble brings together brass, keyboard, and percussion to inspire worshipers of all ages. Don't miss this evening of music and praise to launch our Prime Time Wednesdays!

# 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 of Congregational Care |
| **CAROLINE ARCHER** | Minister of Environmental Justice |
| **RICHARD LOONEY** | Bishop in Residence |
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| **DAVID HARR** | Minister Emeritus |
| **BRANDI ANDERSON** | ABIDE Respite Ministry Director |
| **JIM ANDERSON** | Facilities Assistant |
| **TORI CROOK** | Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Director |
| **DEANNA BECKWITH** | Welcome Center Administrator |
| **ASHLEY DURHAM** | Facilities |
| **BRITTANY EASTRIDGE** | Administrative Assistant, Ministry Support |
| **MICHAEL EDWARDS** | Facilities |
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| **JONATHAN MCNAIR** | Music Ministry Assistant |
| **GRANT MORGAN** | Contemporary Worship Director |
| **MARY GREY MOSES** | The Centenary Director |
| **DAVID PATTON** | Organist |
| **KIRSTEN SHIPP** | Assistant Youth Director/fcCollege Ministry Director |
| **RANDALL SHUPTRINE** | Multimedia Specialist |
| **TONIA TAYLOR** | Children's Enrichment Center Director |
| **ELLEN WARD** | First Kids Children's Ministry Director |

# READING FROM THE LECTIONARY:

**AMOS 8:1-12 PSALM 52 COLOSSIANS 1:15-28 LUKE 10:38-42**

# 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

ENGAGE
SERVING WITH PURPOSE

The Engage program is an ongoing opportunity to match your interests with ministry opportunities at the church.
***Scan this code to get started.***

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.

## WAYS TO GIVE:

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

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United Methodist Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
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