

An Order for the Worship of God

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – Purple

**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)

Allan Ledford

Invocation

Voluntary

Lamb of God

Christiansen

*Call to Worship

(8:30) Shannon Smith (10:45) Annabell Harr

Leader:

The time is coming and now is.

People:

Time for love. Time for hope.

Leader:

Time for mercy. Time for faith.

People:

Time for worship. Time for prayer.

Leader:

Time for singing. Time for praise.

People:

The time is coming and now is.

Leader:

Come, it is time to worship.

*Hymn 159

Lift High the Cross

Prayer

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,
you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation
and open the way to eternal salvation.
As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,
may your law of love be written on our hearts
as he draws all people to himself
revealing your love for the world. Amen.

Solo

Lamb of God

T. Paris/ arr. L. Larson

Addie Arnold, soprano

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,
the humble King they name a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Ritual of Friendship

Rev. Michelle Hunter

*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings

Holy God, you created us and love us.
You call us by name and give us all that we need.
May we honor you with the gifts that we bring.
Use our tithes and offerings to share your love
with a broken world,
and use us as agents of your grace. Amen.

*Doxology (#95)

Solo

Grazioso

A. Sherman

Jim Martin, solo handbells

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

A Time for Children (10:45)

*Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33

Sermon

The Gospel of John: Foreshadowing

Rev. Jason Gattis

*Hymn (bulletin cover)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Benediction

Voluntary

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

The Call to Worship and Gratitude for Tithes and Offering

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Assisting in today's services:

Acolytes:

Noah Cockerham, Caroline Moore, Isie & Wills Gates

Pew Volunteers:


8:30 David Hudson 10:45 Linly Mason and Angela Gross

Welcome Desk:

8:30 Julie Clark 10:45 Emily and Travis Shears

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.

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


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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

<div><div>Sunday, March 17</div><div>8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</div><div>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</div><div>10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</div><div>10:45 a.m. The Vine Worship</div><div>5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship</div><div>5:00 p.m. Youth Group</div><div>6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Meal</div><div>Monday, March 18</div><div>11:30 a.m. The Centenary Committee</div><div>Tuesday, March 19</div><div>10:00 a.m. ABIDE Respite Ministry</div><div>10:00 a.m. Crafty Capers</div><div>10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting</div></div> <div><div>Wednesday, March 20</div><div>5:30 p.m. Prime Time Meal</div><div>5:45 p.m. Youth Group</div><div>6:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers</div><div>6:00 p.m. First Kids & Children's Music</div><div>6:30 p.m. Prime Time Lenten Classes</div><div>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</div><div>Thursday, March 21</div><div>10:00 a.m. ABIDE Respite Ministry</div><div>1:30 p.m. Aldersgate Vibrations</div><div>5:30 p.m. The Centenary Parent Night</div><div>Friday, March 22</div><div>NO SCHEDULED FCUMC ACTIVITIES</div><div>Saturday, March 23</div><div>9:00 a.m. FORWARD</div></div>
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Free Meals Campaign


for the youth ministry.




The Youth need your help!

We are continuing our Free Meals Campaign through the spring so we are able to provide delicious and nutritious meals for our youth on Sundays and Wednesdays free of charge for students.

Meals are an important part of our community and we can't achieve it without your help and generosity. We thank you for your support!






United Women in Faith

First-Centenary UMC

Chris Bowles Circle

This Circle meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Morgan Classroom. *Chris Bowles invested her life's energies in her relationship with Christ and in her devotion to discipling others. Our circle bears her name to honor her memory and to be our reminder of her beautiful witness as we seek to deepen our Christian discipleship and emulate her Christian servanthood through study and service.*



MUSTARD TREE MINISTRIES

Mustard Tree Ministries Fish Fry

March 23 begins at Noon — College Hill Courts

Calling all Volunteers!

Join us at our upcoming Fish Fry event on March 23 at College Hill Courts. Whether you're a great cook, a master at serving smiles, or just love being part of community gatherings, we need YOU! The Fish Fry will start at Noon and continue until supplies last. Bring your friends and family and let's serve up some joy together. We hope to see you there!


Hometown Nazareth


Where Jesus was a Kid

JUNE

24-28

Register Today!





Easter Lily Orders Now Being Taken

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary and The Vine on Sunday, March 31. If you would like to place one to honor or remember someone, send your check (made payable to the ALTAR GUILD) for \$16 for EACH lily to Nancy Tolar, P. O. Box 208, Chattanooga, TN 37401. **Orders must be received in the church office by tomorrow, Monday, March 18.**

☐Sanctuary

☐The Vine

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Prime Time Wednesday

Meal 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

The Gospel of John with Pastor Jason and Pastor Will (The Vine)

1 John – Bible Study with Pastor Barry (Prigmore Room)

For the Beauty of the Earth led by UWF Creation Care Circle

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.

March 20 Hamburger Steak w/onions, Baked Potato w/butter, Collard Greens, Oreos Chocolate Pudding; Grilled Chicken Salad



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.

Join our Remind App for Wednesday Night Parent Info! Text @bethspea to the number 81010 to sign up!

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.

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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Youth Ministry Director
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Facilities
Business Manager
Facilities Manager
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Music Assistant
Facilities
The Centenary Director
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International/National Mission Partners

Costa Rica Methodist Children's Home Ray Zirkel, missionary	Lebanon Words of Issa Ministry to Syrian Refugees
Guatemala ACD Guatemala Ministry to children and women	Romania UMC Romania (Pastors Rares, Christian and Samuel)
Virginia Harry Howe	ALFA Group Ministry to Orphans

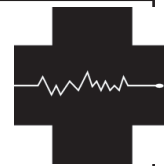
READING FROM THE LECTIONARY:

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

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.



March 17, 2024

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.



Beneath the Cross of Jesus



Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand;
Up - on the cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can see
The pre- cious blood of Je - sus up - on that cross was shed;
I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a migh - ty Rock With - in a wea - ry land;
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
the sin - less, spot - less Lamb of God, who died for me in - stead;
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wild - er - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
re - deem - ing love flowed out that day, a gift God now im - parts;
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from burn - ing of the noon - time heat, and burd - ens of the day.
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
what gift have I, what of - fer - ing, but give to Him my heart.
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
Adapted: David L. Patton, 1997

Music: David L. Patton
Tune Name: DEBEVOISE
Meter: 76 86 86

First-Centenary United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

FIRST KIDS

EGGstravaganza

March 24 – Palm Sunday

11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Come CELEBRATE with your Church Family! Jesus IS ALIVE!

Our EGGstravaganza Easter Bash is Palm Sunday, directly after our worship services.

There will be \$5 Pizza available in The Vine for everyone, Easter Crafts, Games, a Bunny Play, & 3 Egg Hunts! Baby & Toddler Egg Hunt, 2's-K Egg Hunt, & 1st-5th Egg Hunt.

We will also have Allergy Friendly Baskets available for children in need. So gather your Easter baskets and join us for some Easter Love.



Palm Sunday (March 24)

(At the 10:45 services, the children will process down the aisles waving their palm branches.)

Services in the Sanctuary
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Service in The Vine at 10:45 a.m.

Eggstravaganza Easter Bash:
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

Meal in The Vine at 5:15 p.m.
Service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (March 29)

Service in The Vine at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Services in the Sanctuary:
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Services in The Vine:
10:45 a.m. & 5 p.m.