

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

21st Sunday after Pentecost November 2, 2025 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – White/Gold

*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.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God by Drs. Mitch & Marie Baldree in celebration of the Marriage of Anna Lassiter Baldree to William Shaw Hemby on 11/1/25, and in loving memory of their Grandparents.

Gathering Music (10:45)

Dr. Mark Malone

Invocation

Voluntary (8:30)

For All the Saints

R. Zuiderveld

(10:45)

Pie Jesu

G. Faure/arr. R. Dodge

Darin Bissell, French horn

Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest. Everlasting rest.
(Words from the Requiem Mass)

*Call to Worship

(8:30) Dr. Nicola Crisp (10:45) Mr. Ed Nanney

Leader:

A thousand days are but a moment to God;

All:

All flesh is grass, and withers away.

Leader:

Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,

All:

and reluctantly give them back to God.

Leader:

On this day, we give thanks for all the saints in our lives.

All:

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 711 (st. 1, 2, 4, and 6)

For All the Saints

Reading of the Memorial Roll

Rev. Michelle Hunter

The Rev. Dr. Albert Bowles, Jr

Janice Marie Ingram

Betty Jo Smith

Carolyn Hagen Denison

Allan Aubrey Ledford

Nancy Soteres

Jeryl "Jerry" DeSalba

Helen Manning

Lynn Williams

Martha Eaves

Catherine Ruth Martin

Kevin Witzel

Shirley Harper

Sue McCullough

Those Remembered

Jake Howell

Eugene A. Prawd

in the Book of Names

Prayer

God of grace, in all times and places

you have provided your church with individuals

whose lives have pointed others to you.

We thank you for the saints

whom we ourselves have known and loved.

For those who are here, it is difficult and we grieve,

for you know how much we loved them

and how much we miss them.

So in remembrance of these good companions

whom we have named before you,

for their love of us and for our love of them,

we give you grateful thanks.

In the mystery of your love, in the power of your Spirit,

we are one with them. Amen.

Anthem (8:30)

Pie Jesu

G. Faure/arr. R. Dodge

Darin Bissell, French horn

Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest. Everlasting rest.

(Words from the Requiem Mass)

(10:45)

Fly Away

Jonathan Reid

The Chancel Choir

The choir presents this anthem in gratitude to God for the lives of

Dr. Al Bowles and Mr. Allan Ledford

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,

to a home on God's celestial shore.

Fly away, I'll fly away, by and by, hallelujah, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away

to a land where joys shall never end. I'll fly away.

By and by, hallelujah, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown,

like a bird from prison bars has flown,

I'll fly away, oh, glory, in the morning.

By and by, hallelujah, I'll fly away.

(Words: and original music by Albert E. Brumley)

Ritual of Friendship

*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings

You shower us with your goodness every day, O God.

With grateful hearts we give our tithes and offerings.

Transform them into outpourings of peace and justice

to reconcile all people to one another and to you. Amen.

*Doxology (#95)

(Children may leave for Children's Worship)

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Hymn (10:45- cover)

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

(Instructions for singing are on the cover.
Please stand as directed at Stanza 4.)

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Sermon

Aligned with God

Rev. Jason Gattis

The Communion of the Saints

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Beloved God,

who was known to our mothers, fathers,

and spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.

We do not always love as you would have us love.

We do not always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness,

we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, dear One – comfort us

when we mourn the passing of friends and family,

for we know that they are rejoicing in your presence.

We praise you for the grace you shower on us,

constantly forgiving our errors,

especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.

Hear now the silent concerns of our hearts...

A time of silence

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. (the pastors continue...)

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

The Communion Offering is for Mustard Tree Ministries' Food Pantry.

Today's communion bread was baked by Elizabeth Carroll and Mark Malone.

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Loving God, we give thanks

that you have fed us in this sacrament,

uniting us with Christ

and with all your people in heaven and on earth.

You have given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,

and we are grateful.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit,

to live and work to your praise and glory,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 702

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Benediction

Voluntary

A Joyful Song

David L. Patton

-Please join us at the reception in the Cloister-

We welcome and thank the instrumentalists participating in worship this morning. Pablo Alvarez and Greg Lindquist, trumpets; Darin Bissell, horn; Landon Durham, trombone; Shawn Nelson, tuba; Monte Coulter, timpani.

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

Acolytes: Oliver Harr, Caroline Culbertson, Noah Cockerham and Cornelius Kandakai

Welcome Desk Volunteers:

8:30: Susan Byrd

10:45: Jennifer Fry

SAVE THE DATE:

Night of Wonder – a musical celebration of the birth of Christ

Sunday, December 7th at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

All Saints' Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - College Fundraiser
10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
10:45 a.m. - The Vine Worship
12:00 p.m. - Youth Missions Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Reception for Jan McNair
1:00 p.m. - Devotional Hike
4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship
5:00 p.m. - PCS Walk at the Greenway
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

5:00 p.m. - UWF Meeting
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

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
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

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
8:00 p.m. - College Worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Caregivers Support
7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

8:30 a.m. - OSP Rehearsal/Set Setup
4:00 p.m. - Wedding
9:00 a.m. - Altar Guild Meeting



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOTHING BUNDT CAKES COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

Nothing Bundt Cakes is teaming up with our College Ministry for a sweet fundraiser! Stop by The Vine Lobby **TODAY between 10:30a.m. and 12:30p.m.** to grab a delicious bundtlet cake (or two). You can also pre-order full-size cakes!



DEVOTIONAL HIKE

Join us for our Devotional Hike **TODAY at 1:00p.m. at Greenway Farms!** We'll start with a short devotion, then stay for Notes in Nature hosted by Arts, Culture & Creative Economy and Outdoor Chattanooga. This event is for all ages, so bring your family and friends! **For more details, contact Tony Smith at hemingway999999@gmail.com.**



CENTENARY SUNDAY

Centenary Sunday will be celebrated on **November 9th during the 10:45a.m. worship services in both the Sanctuary and The Vine.** Join us for this special day as The Centenary shares a short surprise presentation during worship, you won't want to miss it!



CHILI COOK OFF

College is bringing back the heat! Join us for our Chili Cook Off right **after the 10:45a.m. worship service on November 9th** and put your best recipe to the test. Enter your chili for a chance to be voted on and win prizes. Contestant entry is \$20, meal tickets are \$10, and kids 10 and under eat free. **Register by visiting our website!**

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:

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**SUNDAY OFFERING
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NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

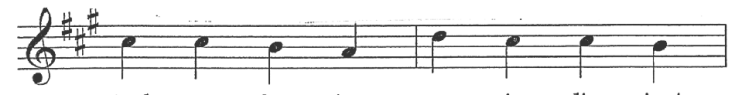
Dedicated to Dr. Jan McNair in honor of her 30 years of faithful and inspiring leadership as Director of Worship and Music ministries.

Congregation joins on verses 1, 4, and 5

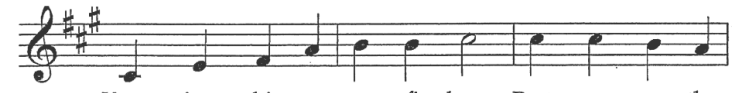
*All stand



All 1. Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense
Choir 2. Je - sus my re - deem - er lives;
Choir 3. No, I am too close - ly bound
*All 4. I am flesh and must re - turn
*All 5. Then take com - fort and re - joice



And my Sav - ior now is liv - ing!
Like - wise I to life shall wak - en,
By my hope to Christ for - ev - er,
To the dust, whence I am tak - en;
For his mem - bers Christ will cher - ish.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence Rests up on the
He will bring me where he is; Shall my cour - age
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will
But by faith I now dis - cern That from death I
Fear not, they will hear his voice; Dy - ing they will



hope here giv - en And we need not fear the grave;
then be shak - en? Shall I fear, or could the Head
leave it nev - er; E - ven death now can - not part
will a - wak - en With my Sav - ior to a - bide
nev - er per - ish; And will live for - ev - er - more



Christ, to earth, was sent to save!
Rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
In his glo - ry, at this side.
In the pres - ence of the Lord.

Text: Anonymous, Berlin 1653 Music: David L. Patton 1996/2025
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All Saints' Sunday