## AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

17th Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2025 8:30 & 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**

From around the globe

### Invocation

Voluntary

Through the words, and the sights and sounds experienced this morning we unite with Christians around the world.

\*Call to Worship

Lord of the Church, We Pray for Our Renewing

Irish Folk Song

Ms. Abbie Dallman and Dr. Jan McNair

**Leader**: We are all one family.

We are all one family, made in the image of God. All:

Leader: Somos todos una familia (Spanish).

We are all one family, all over the world. All: **Leader**: Nous sommes tous une famille (French).

We are all one family, each unique, each special.

Leader: Siamo tutti una famiglia (Italian).

We are all one family, brothers and sisters.

Leader: 我们都是一家人 (Chinese)

We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share. All:

Leader: We are all one family (American Sign Language). We are all one family, on one journey of faith.

Leader: Ми всі одна родина (Ukranian) We are all one family, united in love,

united in peace, united in Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn (bulletin cover)

In Christ There Is No East or West

### **Prayer**

Holy God, we are one in your love, and we thank you.

It is not our beliefs or our faith that unite us,

but your love for us all that makes us one.

Those who are like us and those who are different.

all are beloved and all are made one.

People of every continent and race,

all join us at the table of your grace.

Humans and creatures and all living things

are one in the Body of Christ.

For the great diversity of people,

for the splendor of life in all its colors, we praise you.

Gracious God, in your grace we are one and we worship you. Alleluia! Amen.

**Anthem** (8:30)

May the Love of the Lord Jan and Jonathan McNair

Swee Hong Lim

(10:45)

O Sina The Chancel Choir Kenny Potter

Sing to all the nations, O sing to all the people, O sing to the heavens, O sing all around us! O sing for all the children, O sing for all thirsty, O sing for all the tired, O sing for all the weary,

O sing to all the nations!

May we never forget who came before us, provided for us, who brought us up. May we honor each other by hearing one another.

### Ritual of Friendship

Rev. Jason Gattis

**Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings** 

Holy God, may the gifts and tithes we offer not be a testimony to our worthiness. but to our readiness to be instruments of your peace, love and compassion in our hurting world.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

\*Doxology (#95)

The children may leave for Children's Worship.

## **Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation Prayers of the People**

The response to each petition:

Pastor: God of mercy All: hear our prayer.

The soloist will begin and end this time of prayer with this ancient Latin text, set to music from Taizé. France.

Ubi caritas et amor, (live in charity and steadfast love) ubi caritas Deus ibi est. (live in charity; God will dwell with you)

### **Scripture Lesson**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon The Voices Around Us Rev. Michelle Hunter

Song of Praise (10:45)

Alleluia The Chancel Choir South Africa

## **Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, forgive us, for we are fragmented people.

We go many directions at once.

We seek opposite goals;

we serve contradictory causes.

We mouth liberation, we live oppression.

We shout peace, we practice violence.

We shout justice, we walk injustice.

We preach love, we practice hate.

Through your compassion

have mercy on us and make us whole.

Enable us to discern your voice

among the dissonant voices. (Unknown writer, Phillippines)

Pastor: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives, redeems and empowers you. Take hold of this and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus, for in his name, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

## **Passing the Peace**

**Assurance of Pardon** 

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

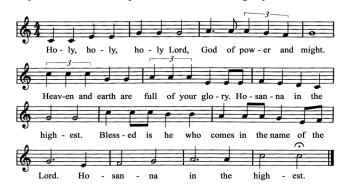
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of all things...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever



## The Prayer of Jesus

This Native American version of The Lord's Prayer will be sung as a solo. The sound of the drum represents our collective heartbeat. joining us as one in prayer.

Holy One, our only home, hallowed be your name. May your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven. Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other. Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil. For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### Giving the Bread and Cup

The communion offering is for The Centenary.

Today's communion bread was baked by Mitch Baldree and Lydia Weathersby. If you would like gluten free bread, please ask your server.

**Prayer after Communion (in unison)** 

O God, the bread has been broken, the cup has been shared.

All who have partaken are no longer worlds apart, but rather united in Christ.

Help us to sense the grace, feel the peace, and live the faith. Amen.

\*Hymn 356

**Voluntary** 

When We Are Living

Spanish Folk Song

\*Benediction

Cantad al Señor (Sing to the Lord)

Brazilian Folk

Song

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

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

2:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Pets 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 7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

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

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

7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 11:00 a.m - PCS Walk at Big Soddy Gulf 12:00 p.m. - Nominations Team Meeting

4:45 p.m. - Youth Program 5:00 p.m. - College Program

5:00 p.m. - Laity Team Meeting

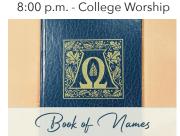
5:15 p.m. - Prime Time Meal

6:00 p.m. - Children's Program 6:00 p.m. - Chancel Ringers

6:30 p.m. - Prime Time Classes

6:30 p.m. - Creation Care Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir







### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

9:00 a.m. - Garden Mission 10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry 1:30 p.m. - Aldersgate Vibrations 7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

No events scheduled

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

10:00 a.m. - Forward Grief Group



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## **BOOK OF NAMES**

On November 2nd, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday, a special communion service honoring the lives of those who have passed. In preparation, the Book of Names will be available in the Narthex for you to record loved ones you wish to remember.

## **BLESSING OF THE PETS**

Bring your furry (or feathered!) friends to our Blessing of the Pets TODAY from 2-4pm at the drive-thru outside the Welcome Center. This special event is open to all pets, big or small, paws or claws, except snakes.

## **LEGACY LUNCHEON**

If you are at least 70 years young, you are invited to join us on October 13th at 12pm in The Vine for lunch! RSVP by 12pm tomorrow by calling the church at 423-756-2021 or emailing Michelle at mhunter@firstcentenary.com.

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

Acolytes: Oliver Harr, Caroline Culbertson, Wills Gates, and Isie Gates

**Pew Volunteers:** 8:30: David Hudson 10:45: Wendy Bailey

**Welcome Desk Volunteers:** 

8:30: Susan Byrd 10:45: Jennifer Fry

## **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.



MAIL

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.

# **MISSION PARTNERS:**

Costa Rica: Methodist Children's Home, Ray and Lidia Zirkel 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

**WAYS TO GIVE:** 

**GIVING KIOSK** SUNDAY OFFERING **BANK DRAFT** 

ONLINE



**OCTOBER 5, 2025** 

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



