

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

14th Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 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 (10:45) Mrs. Melodye Sparks

Invocation

Voluntary (8:30) Fugue in C Major G.F. Handel
David Patton, organ

(10:45) More Love to Thee, O Christ arr. M. Kim
Melodye Sparks and Mark Malone, 4-Hand Piano

*Call to Worship (8:30) Mrs. Mimi Italia (10:45) Mr. Ed Nanney
Leader: God of grace, you create us because you desire us.
All: And we desire you, and we worship you.
Leader: Because you treasure us, you seek us out.
All: Even when we wander,
you search us out and bring us home.
Leader: Spirit of love, help us to reach out for you
and for all who are lost.
All: For in your love we discover one another;
we enter our own lives;
we meet you at last.
Leader: It is your will to seek and to save.
All: So we worship you. Alleluia.

*Hymn 381 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Prayer
God of love, we sometimes feel like a lost sheep,
not knowing the way.
Sometimes we feel like a forgotten coin under the cushion,
not knowing our worth.
Yet you treasure us;
you seek us and find us and speak your Word to us.
Reach out to us now with your Word,
touch us with your grace, and transform us,
so that we may live among those who are lost
as living signs of your grace and mercy. Amen.

Anthem (8:30) More Love to Thee, O Christ arr. M. Kim
Melodye Sparks and Mark Malone, 4-Hand Piano

(10:45) Kumbaya arr. P. Sjolund
The Chancel Choir

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone’s prayin’, Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone’s cryin’, Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone’s singin’, Lord, Kumbaya.
Sing alleluia! Oh Lord, Kumbaya!

Ritual of Friendship Rev. Michelle Hunter

*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings
Thank you, generous God of grace,
for pouring your love and abundance
so freely upon us.
Pour this same love and abundance
upon the tithes and offerings we return to you,
that they may be signs of grace and instruments of love
to bring the world home to you. Amen.

*Doxology (#95)

Time for Children

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation
The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Meditation Amazing Grace arr. J. Carter
Melodye Sparks and Mark Malone

*Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10

Sermon Lost Rev. Jason Gattis


*Hymn (bulletin cover) I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

Benediction


Closing Voluntary Prelude in C Major J. S. Bach

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:
Acolytes: George Simpson, Caroline Moore, Eva Caroline Armstrong,
and Nora Cate Armstrong
Pew Volunteers:
8:30: David Hudson
10:45: John Parham
Welcome Desk Volunteers:
8:30: Ann Ward
10:45: Erin & Bart Wallin



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.



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.

READING FROM THE LECTIONARY:

JEREMIAH 18:1-11, 22-28 PSALM 14 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17 LUKE 15:1-10

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

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
10:45 a.m. - 3rd Grade Bibles
1:00 p.m. - Wesley Center Open House
4:00 p.m. - Comedy for Peace at Christ UMC
4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship
5:00 p.m. - PCS Walk at Northgate Mall
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
1:30 p.m. - Aldersgate Vibrations
6:00 p.m. - OSP Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

5:30 p.m. - PCS Dinner at Couch's BBQ
7:30 p.m. - OSP Show: Sarah, Plain & Tall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

10:00 a.m. - Forward Grief Group
7:30 p.m. - OSP Show: Sarah, Plain & Tall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

7:00 p.m. - Wesley Small Group

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
4:45 p.m. - Youth Group
5:15 p.m. - Prime Time Meal
6:00 p.m. - Children's Program
6:00 p.m. - College 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
8:00 p.m. - College Worship



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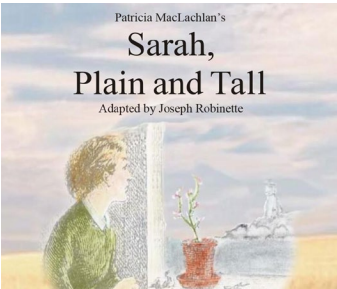
DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to the District Open House **TODAY from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Wesley Center!** Come tour the building, see recent updates, and meet the new student leadership team along with the new director.



COMEDY FOR PEACE

Come out for Comedy for Peace **TODAY at 4:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church.** This event features three comedians of different faiths. Come ready to enjoy a hilarious show! **Purchase tickets on our website.**



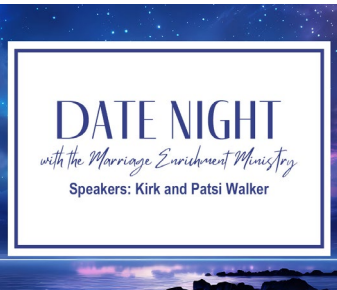
SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL

Join us in the Flo Summitt Theater for this story of family, hope, and new beginnings. Performances run **September 19th-21st and 25th-28th**, with a special Family Night on September 26th benefiting Camp Lookout. **Purchase tickets online.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR

The Sunday School Fair will be on **September 21st before and after the 10:45 a.m. worship services on the bridge!** This is an opportunity to explore the classes we offer, meet the leaders, and find the group that's right for you.



DATE NIGHT

Our next Date Night is **September 26th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Oak Street Center!** Couples can enjoy an evening together with dinner, free childcare, and a great program. The cost is \$30 per couple and speakers will be Kirk and Patsi Walker. **Register online!**



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for a fun-filled day at Camp Lookout's annual golf tournament on **September 27th at 8:00 a.m. at The Bear Trace in Harrison Bay!** Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and prizes for the top teams and contests. **Register online!**



2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

With cooling temperatures and the approach of Fall, Advent is just around the corner! We are looking for congregants of all ages and stages of life to share their wisdom, experience, enthusiasm, and inspiration in a 2025 Advent devotional. Participants can share a piece of art or music, a story, and/or their experiences or reflections for our Advent theme - **Wonder**. You're invited to share stories about how God has jolted you out of your routine with something **unexpected**. Maybe you have a story about how experiencing something new and **unfamiliar** has given you insight into the kingdom of heaven. How do you see God in **beautiful** actions, nature, art, people? When has puzzling over the **inexplicable** brought you into deeper relationship with the Holy One? **If you are willing to contribute a 150-word text to this special project, or would like more information, please contact Maria Crawford at mbcraw4d@gmail.com. Submissions are due no later than October 15th.**

PRIME TIME WEDNESDAY

MEAL: 5:15 | CLASSES: 6:30



The Parables of Jesus

led by Pastor Jason in the Prigmore Room

Methodism Deep Dive

led by Pastor Will in The Vine

The Tears of Things by Richard Rhor

led by Pastor Michelle in the Parlor

Eat - Pray - Move

led by Brittany Eastridge in Oak Street Center Room 101/102

First Things First Parenting Class

led by Gena Ellis in the Conference Room, September 17th-October 8th

Special Event

The Vine on October 1st

Life Must Go On

led by Bea Lurie and Dr. Steven Jacobs in The Vine on October 15th

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

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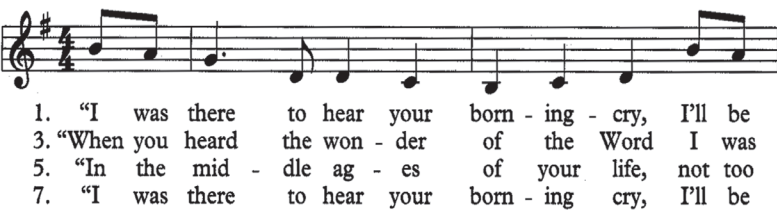
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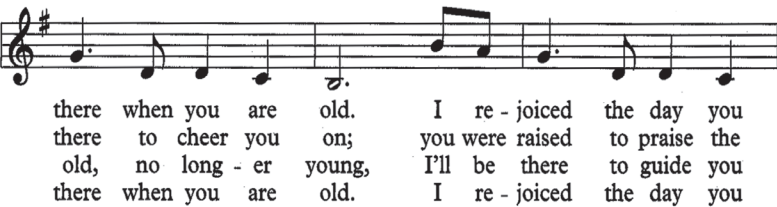
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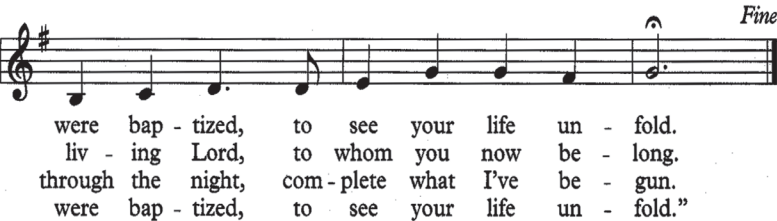
I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



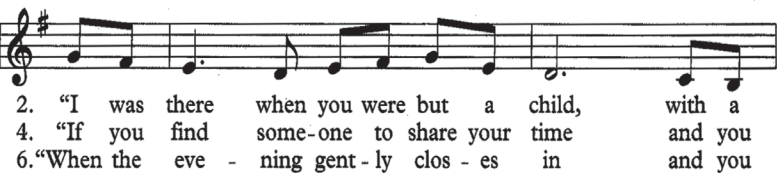
1. "I was there to hear your born - ing - cry, I'll be
3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



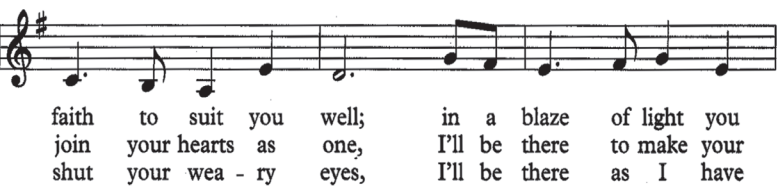
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you



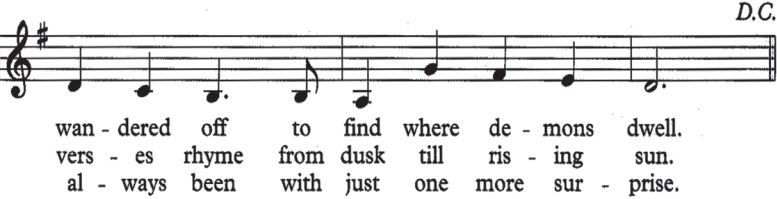
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. "I was there when you were but a child, with a
4. "If you find some-one to share your time and you
6. "When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

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