

An Order for the Worship of God

8th Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021 Paraments – Red
10:45 a.m. In-Person/Live-Stream

*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) Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Voluntary *Largo* G. F. Handel

***Call to Worship** Dr. Jan McNair

Leader: From far and near we gather together,

All: **called to unity in Christ.**

Leader: Built into one body,

All: **we are the dwelling place of God.**

Leader: May God guide our steps and direct our ways,

All: **that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.**

***Hymn 559** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*
TUNE: REGENT SQUARE

Prayer of Confession (please be seated)

Guiding, guardian God,

**we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd,
or strangers wandering alone in the world.**

We want to know your presence,

**and trust that your Spirit resides within each of us
and flows through this community.**

Fill us when we are empty.

Forgive us when we are wrong.

Guide us when we are lost.

Comfort us when we are tired.

Reconcile us when we are disconnected,

**and guard and direct our lives
with your indwelling Spirit.**

In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Day by Day* K. Lee Scott
The Chancel Choir

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus,

for all the benefits which thou hast done for us;
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us,
O merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother.
(text by Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253)

A Time for Children Dr. Al Bowles

Concerns and Celebrations
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon *In Christ We Are One* Rev. Laura Shearer

Response *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary*
(sing two times)

Lord, pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks- giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.

***Hymn 408** *The Gift of Love*

Benediction

Voluntary *Prelude in C* J. S. Bach

*Congregation standing as they are able

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Assisting in today's services:

Organist: David Patton **Song Leader:** James Harr

Acolytes: Matthew Ashline, Ella Goodyear, and James David Patton

Nursery, Children's Sunday School and Worship now open.

Please check-in in the Children's hallway.

- 10:45 Service telecast on Channel 12, WDEF-TV,
6 & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Visitors please stop by the Visitors' Information Desk in the Narthex.

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 yellow cards in pews.

 **ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE – ASK USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE.**

PREACHING IN THE VINE: Dr. C. Mark Gooden

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

Sunday, July 18

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. The Vine Worship

5:00 p.m. Sunday Night
Worship

Monday, July 19

9:00 a.m. - Noon VBS

12:30 p.m. Prayer Requests

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 a.m. - Noon VBS

10:30 a.m. Crafty Capers

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. - Noon VBS

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 22

9:00 a.m. - Noon VBS

Friday, July 23

9:00 a.m. - Noon VBS

Saturday, July 24

No scheduled FCUMC activities

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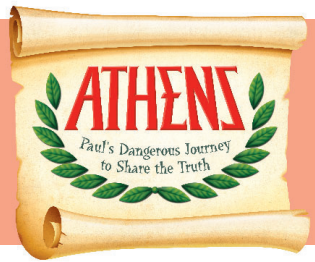


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VBS July 19-23

9 a.m. - Noon

Please pray for our children and volunteers!



We are planning a time of celebration at the church on August 15 after worship. Join us for food, fun and fellowship! Everyone invited!

Artist: One who creates. Is that you?

During the last year did you find healing, comfort, or joy in creating?

- painting sewing music photography writing carving woodworking quilting

Your church family would love to see what you've created! Will you share with us? During August, we will display our works of art for all to enjoy.

IF YOU ARE WILLING, CONTACT DONNA PALMER at dsbpsych@gmail.com

A New Season of Music!

Chancel Rings resume rehearsals Wednesday, August 4 at 6 p.m.

Aldersgate Vibrations will begin again on Thursday, August 5 at 1:30 p.m.

If you read music and are interested in playing in one of our handbell choirs, please contact Jan McNair (756-2021 or jmcnair@fcumc.org).

Children's Music begins Wednesday August 18.

Elementary Choir (Grades 2-5) 6 - 6:45 p.m. Preschool -1st Grade Choir 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Check out our website www.firstcentenary.com

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

Table listing church staff members and their roles, including Mark Gooden (Senior Minister), Laura Shearer (Minister, Congregational Care), and Anita Basinger (Communications).

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OUR MISSIONARIES Harry Howe, Marion, VA Ray & Lidia Zirkel, Costa Rica

Reading from the Lectionary 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:22