

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday after the Epiphany February 1, 2026 8:30 a.m. & 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

Invocation

Voluntary (8:30)

Prelude on Azmon

Mrs. Melodye Sparks

Robert Lau

(10:45)

In This Very Room

The Chancel Choir

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us.
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom.

For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world.
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

*Call to Worship (8:30) Dr. Nicola Crisp (10:45) Mr. Ed Nanney

Leader: We are called to share the nature of God:
God loves the world.

All: **We are the salt of the earth.**

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God:
God gives us new life.

All: **We are the light of the world.**

Leader: We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

All: **The law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world.

All: **Come, let us love one another with the love of God
and join together to worship and follow Jesus. Amen!**

*Hymn 192 (st. 1-7) *There's a Spirit in the Air*

*Affirmation of Faith (883)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God,
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,**

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (#70)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem (10:45)

Let Your Light Shine

The Chancel Choir

C. Courtney

You are the light of the world.

Let your light shine, before all people,
let your light shine in all the earth,

that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing.

You are the light of the world, a city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

A lamp cannot be covered, but shines for all to see.

(Words: Matt.5:13-16)

Ritual of Friendship

Rev. Michelle Hunter

*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings

**Loving God, you call us to be salt —
to add flavor to the world.**

**And you call us to be light —
to add radiance and beauty to the world.**

**May the gifts and tithes we offer
be a response to the needs of the world,
that God's presence may be revealed
to this community and beyond. Amen.**

*Doxology (# 95)

(The children may leave for Children's Worship.)

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

The Pastoral Prayer

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Shine Your Light

Rev. Jason Gattis

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world.

We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy.

**Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good,
and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight.**

**Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness
and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world;
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the good news: We are forgiven!

As forgiven people, Christ calls us to new life
and empowers us to be salt and light in the world.

All: Glory to God. Amen!

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

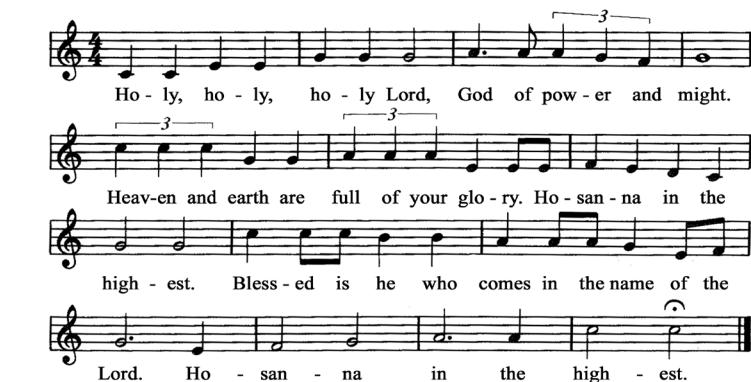
Lift up your hearts.

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 liturgy continues....)

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



...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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



The Lord's Prayer (#895)

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Sharing in Communion

Today's bread was baked by Maria Crawford and Amy Gattis.
The Communion Offering is for the United Women in Faith.

Prayer after Receiving

You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful.

Allow us to respond as salt and light this day,
and in the days to come,

with hearts made ready,
eyes made open,
hands made strong,
and feet made willing

to do your will in this place,
and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.

*Closing Song *This Little Light of Mine*

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
3. All – through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
4. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

*Benediction

Voluntary

Praise Him! Praise Him!

C. Callahan

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

Acolytes: George Simpson, Sellick Wallin, Nora Cate Armstrong, and Eva Caroline Armstrong

Pew Volunteers:

8:30: David Hudson

10:45: Adam and Beth Fletcher

Welcome Desk Volunteers:

8:30: Susan Byrd

10:45: Jennifer Fry

THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Classes
10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
10:45 a.m. - The Vine Worship
5:00 p.m. - PCS Walk at Northgate Mall
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

10:00 a.m. - Church Staff Meeting
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10:00 a.m. - Crafty Capers
10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

10:00 a.m. - ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:30 a.m. - Cupboard Meeting
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



YOUTH SUNDAY

The youth are taking over **The Vine 10:45 a.m. worship service on February 8th!** Come support and encourage these young leaders as they share their gifts and help guide us in worship. It's a joyful reminder of the ways God is at work through the next generation.

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. 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.

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

MEMORIAM: Jeri Sorrow, January 21, 2026

CELEBRATION: Birth of Ava Elizabeth Nanney, born on December 29, to Kate and Addison Nanney. Ava is the granddaughter of Ed and Hillaine Nanney.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY

Worship services in the Sanctuary and the Vine will be led by members of United Women in Faith on **February 15th**. Their ministry in the church and in the community will be reported and celebrated. Guest preacher, Kara Lassen Oliver will deliver the morning message which will be broadcast from the Sanctuary into the Vine.

This is a day to celebrate not only the mission of UWF, but also to prepare us for the upcoming season of Lent, which will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Oliver's message will bridge the story of the Transfiguration with this year's Lenten theme, "Be Still."

Kara Lassen Oliver is the Executive Director of St. Mary's Sewanee, a retreat, renewal and learning center in Sewanee, Tennessee. A contemplative at heart and a writer, Oliver brings over 15 years of leadership experience in spiritual formation, hospitality, and organizational growth. As a United Methodist lay person she has served as youth pastor, a Volunteer in Mission for two years in Malawi, and over ten years in publishing, most recently on staff at The Upper Room. She is passionate about cultivating renewal and connection, aligning seamlessly with St. Mary's Sewanee's mission.

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