

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God’s People

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

Prelude

Call to Worship
You who created the heaven and stretched them out above us,
You who spread out the earth beneath our feet and summoned sprouts and shoots,
Breathe life into us, O God who creates!
You who came to the river,
You who sought the Baptizer and the Jordan waters,
Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ!
You who soared through the heavens,
You who hovered and rested upon Jesus,
Alight upon us today, Spirit of God, Heaven’s Dove.

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise**
Fairest Lord Jesus **UMH 189**

Prayer of Yearning
O God of Holy Expectation,
when we read about those who serve you,
like John, like Jesus, those whom you love
and delight in, we yearn to feel your delight
in us as well.
Our voices seem weak, our efforts in vain.
Sometimes we feel like dimly burning wicks,
just about to go out.
Sometimes we are the ones sitting in the darkness,
even though you call us to help others
Find their way out of the darkness.
Holy God, take us by the hand.
Strengthen us in our weakness,
that your holy work may be accomplished
through us and that we may know your delight
In the core of who we are. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**
Isaiah assures us that our weakness and limitation
do not stand in the way of God’s plans for the
world or God’s pleasure in us.
We are God’s beloved children, God’s partners
in the work of world renewing.
We are God’s chosen in whom Christ delights.

Children’s Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Anthem *Remember Me* Berry
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17
This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *How to Change the World*

Response to God’s Word

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

Pastoral Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Waters

***Hymn of Invitation and Dedication**
Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters **UMH 605**

***Benediction**
A surprise John asked Jesus,
“...and do you come to me?
Jesus came to him with a surprising request.
Jesus comes to each of us, inviting us to bold and hopeful action.
So when God calls, when Jesus arrives,
we will answer the call and step forward.
We will bring hope to those suffering injustice,
and light to those in darkness.
Through the power of the Spirit,
we go to live our lives to the fullest. Amen.

***Congregational Choral Response**
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**
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Liturgist: Larry Horseman  
Communion Stewards: David & Lisa Holland  
Jerry & Lynne Rowland

*Prayers for...  
the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.  
our men and women serving in harm’s way.  
neighbors served by our ministries*

**our church family**... Ed & Bonnie House, Judson Hout, Rhonda Shirey, Dot Everett, Wanda Shambley, Verna Riley, Sara Yarbrough, Fred Dietrich, Brenda Grimes, Ron Randolph, Joe Hirsch, Neelie Dobbins, Charles Cathey, Sue Gregory, Mike Dobbins

**extended family**...James Louviere, Collins Whitley, Billy Atkins, Daniel Godwin, Bill Paysen, Bobby Clayborn, Joshua Sheehan, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Elizabeth Rowlett, Kaye Haun, Donna Morey

**homebound or assisted living** ...Joyce Mann, Danny Barnes, Sarah Shirey, Ruth Dempsey, Billy Joe Black, Vickie Moore, Lou Slaughter, Pat Beasley, Dot Bearden, Ann Ellen

**military**...Buck Lucas

**South District Prayer Partner**...Sulpher Springs UMC

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to Phyllis Tutt in the death of her husband, Loel Tutt. They were committed members of our church until they moved to Arkadelphia.*

*Best wishes to Chet Green and Vilma Espinoza who were married January 3<sup>rd</sup> at First United Methodist Church in Magnolia.*

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

- Pastor.....Rev. Beth A. Waldrup
- Administrator.....Erin McAllister
- Choir Director/Organist.....Cynthia Outlaw
- Director of Missions.....Tate Wunnenburg
- Director of Preschool.....Jill Daugherty
- Asst. Director of Preschool....Amanda Reynolds

**This Week at Church**

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, January 11, 2026</b>    |                                 |
| 9:00am                             | Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1    |
| 9:30am                             | Sunday School                   |
| 10:30am                            | Worship                         |
| 5:00pm                             | Youth                           |
| <b>Monday, January 12, 2026</b>    |                                 |
| 9:00am                             | Food Pantry                     |
| 11:00am                            | Strong Women                    |
| 2:30pm                             | Great Hall Doors open           |
| 4:45pm                             | 10th Anniversary of Sue’s Table |
| 6:00pm                             | Monday Bible Study              |
| <b>Tuesday, January 13, 2026</b>   |                                 |
| 8:30am                             | Preschool                       |
| 9:00am                             | Food Pantry                     |
| <b>Wednesday, January 14, 2026</b> |                                 |
| 8:30am                             | Preschool                       |
| 11:00am                            | Strong Women                    |
| 12:00 noon                         | Bible Study                     |
| 6:30pm                             | Hand Bell Practice              |
| 7:30pm                             | Choir Practice                  |
| <b>Thursday, January 15, 2026</b>  |                                 |
| 8:30am                             | Preschool                       |
| <b>Friday, January 16, 2026</b>    |                                 |
| 9:00am                             | Food Pantry                     |
| 11:00am                            | Strong Women                    |

**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service is available on our YouTube channel - First United Methodist Church Camden, AR**

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Camden, Arkansas**



***Baptism of the Lord***  
**January 11, 2026**

***Following Jesus  
Loving People  
Sharing Grace***