

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God’s People

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

Prelude

Call to Worship
Come! Share the joy of the Lord!
Delight in God’s goodness!
Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.
Lord, we thank you for these gifts!
Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.
Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us.

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise**
Come, Ye Thankful People Come **UMH 694**

***Prayer of Confession**
Imagining your reign can be difficult, eternal God.
It is difficult to picture a world governed by your justice and righteousness alone.
Our minds are held captive by the worst images of human kings, rulers, and powers.
When nobler visions fail and we settle for kingdoms of our own making, correct and forgive us.
Free the borders of our imaginations, that we may envision your greater good and celebrate the coming of your reign on earth as in heaven. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**
Hear the prophecy of Zechariah:
Tender mercy and forgiveness are the ways of God.
We are forgiven. Let the church say,
Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Sacrament of Holy Baptism **UMH 39**
Opal Payton Oxner, daughter of Cori & Tyler Oxner

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *We Gather Together* arr Hopson
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 19:11-27
This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Despair vs. Hope* Rev. Waldrup

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

The Lord’s 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.

***Hymn of Invitation and Dedication**
A Charge to Keep, I Have **UMH 413**

***Benediction**
Though the days increase in their darkness,
the Lord of light and love reigns supreme.
May the power of God’s love be in your hearts
and reflected in your lives now and always.
Go in peace, and may God’s peace be with you.

***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**

Liturgist: Rebecca Roark

This Coming Week...
The Community Thanksgiving preparation continues on Monday at 10am and Tuesday at 10am. On Monday, we will make the cornbread and on Tuesday, we will assemble the dressing. Once again, volunteers are appreciated.

We will gather this after at 4:00pm to decorate for Advent. Volunteers will put up the Chrismon tree but will not decorate it. That will be part of our service on Sunday, November 30th.

Due to the Community Thanksgiving meal and upcoming holiday, there will be no weekly Bible studies, no Strong Women, and no Choir or Hand Bell practice. Enjoy your families.

This Thanksgiving we give thanks for you, the church. You have volunteered, you have cooked, you have collected, you have prayed, and you have given so that in this time of uncertainty, we have embodied our faith and our hope. So far this month we have...
fed 516 families through the Food Pantry
fed over 300 people through Sue’s Table
made 15 Cleaning Buckets for UMCOR
provided food for the school Backpack program
prepared to serve over 600 on Thanksgiving
taught preschoolers
distributed books & Bibles

Prayers for...
the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.
our men and women serving in harm's way.
neighbors served by our ministries
our public schools
victims of violence and their families

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, Arthur Davis

extended family...James Louviere, Collins Whitley, Billy Atkins, Daniel Godwin, Bill Paysen, Bobby Clayborn, Joshua Sheehan, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Lowell Tutt, Jay Williams, Zach Sloan, Elizabeth Rowlett, Emory Long, Kaye Haun, MeLissa Horseman

homebound or assisted living ...Joyce Mann, Elizabeth Taylor, 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

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*Christian love and sympathy are extended to Jill, Bob, & Sebrand Daugherty in the death of her brother, Jerry Brands.*

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to Mark & Kandy Bradshaw in the death of his sister, Caroline Denton.*

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

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**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**  
 9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:30am Worship  
 5:00pm Youth

**Monday, November 24, 2025**  
 9:00am Food Pantry  
 2:30pm Great Hall Open  
 4:45pm Sue's Table

**Tuesday, November 25, 2025**  
 9:00am Food Pantry

**Thursday, November 27, 2025**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
**Church Offices Close**

**Friday, November 21, 2025**  
**All Church Offices & Ministries Closed**

**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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***Christ the King Sunday***  
***Thanksgiving Sunday***  
**November 23, 2025**

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