

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God’s People

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

Prelude *Amen* arr. Morris
Adult Hand Bell Choir

Call to Worship
The God of love and grace invites us in.
Blessed be the God of love!
The God of power and might welcomes us here.
Glory to God on high!
The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.
Praise to the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

Invocation

***Processional**

***Hymn of Praise**
Blessed Assurance *UMH 369*

***Prayer of Yearning**
God of love and grace, we yearn for a world
where love and grace guide our steps
and bless our days.
We dream of families and communities
led by love and guided by grace.
Yet, division, danger, and death
interrupt our dreams for our lives.
Comfort us in our sorrow.
Heal us in our troubles.
Protect us in this dangerous world.
Unify us with your love and grace,
that we might offer your abundant love
and amazing grace, everywhere we go.
Amen.

Words of Assurance
In God’s love we are held.
In Christ’s grace, we are forgiven.
In the spirit’s power, we are strengthened.
Give thanks for these marvelous gifts.

Children’s Time—Blessing our Mothers

Blessing of our Graduates
High School
Jayce Reynolds—Hampton High School
Matthew Reynolds - Camden Fairview High School

College Graduates
Katelyn Elliott—Southern Arkansas University

Post-Graduate
Krista Merriott—Southern Arkansas University
Claire Mosley—UAMS School of Pharmacy

Extended Family
Saylor Cropper – Smackover High School.
Saylor is the granddaughter of Jeff Zachry.
Sawyer Cropper – graduate of Arkansas State
University – Three Rivers.
Sawyer is the grandson of Jeff Zachry.
Nicholas Price – Georgetown University.
Nicholas is the grandson of Kay Martin.

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *Eagles’ Wings*
Chancel Choir

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:16-24
This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *An Active and Truthful Love*

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**
They’ll Know We are Christians *FWS 2223*

***Benediction**
Go now with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Go to share your faith and your lives.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Go to proclaim the good news of Easter.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***Congregational Choral Response**
*Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with thee.*

***Postlude** ~~~~~

Liturgist: David Mosley

*Please join us in the Great Hall after the worship service
for a Potluck celebrating our Mothers and our Graduates.*

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
families and pets affected by the distemper outbreak

our church family... Ed & Bonnie House,
Bob Wunnenberg, Rhonda Shirey, Dot Everett, Don Davis,
Wanda Shambley, Mattie Upton, Dick Taylor (SO),
Sara Yarbrough, Annie Mae Stafford, Judson Hout

palliative care... Mona Jeffus (SO)

extended family...James Louviere, Daniel Godwin,
Sue Paysen, Lloyd Ryan, Billy Atkins, Mike Albino,
Roberta Ross-Fisher, Erica Mederos, George Robinson,
Ed Horton, Weegie Watts, Collins Nugent, Ellen Myers,
Troy Carter (ACH-burn unit), Barry Bloomfield,
Bobby Claiborn

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

military...Buck Lucas

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*Vacation Bible School will be June 16-19th. Please  
check our website or the weekly emails for more  
information and to register your child.*

We thank Dallas and Spencer McCullough for their years of  
service to our youth and their families. Today is Dallas' last  
day as Youth Director. Craig Lawson and Nathan Beasley  
will be taking over the coordination of Youth beginning  
Wednesday, May 14th, as volunteer coordinators. Please  
pray for this transition.

**This Week at Church**

- Sunday, May 11, 2025**  
9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:00pm Grief Group
- Monday, May 12, 2025**  
9:00am Food Pantry  
2:00pm Great Hall Open  
4:45pm Sue's Table  
6:00pm Bible Study
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025**  
8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025**  
8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00 noon Bible Study  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
7:30pm Choir
- Thursday, May 15, 2025**  
8:30am Preschool  
10:30am Preschool Graduation
- Friday, May 16, 2025**  
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 -  
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*Mother's Day* HAPPY

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
***Mother's Day***  
***Senior Sunday***  
**May 11, 2025**

***Open Hearts, Open Minds***  
***Open Doors***