

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Gathering of God's People**

Welcome

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise

*We Walk by Faith*

*FWS 2196*

\*Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; the third day he rose from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

*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.*

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

we come celebrating our unity,

but we confess the many ways

that we are divided.

**Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status,  
gender, age, and musical preferences  
all too often obscure the common calling  
we share in Christ's name.**

**May our common identity as your children  
and our communal witness to Christ  
bind us together in your name.**

**Forgive our tendency toward separation and  
division, and remind us that we are  
your Easter people. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

When we walk in the light of Christ,  
we have fellowship with one another.

When we confess our sins,  
the One who is faithful and just forgives our sins  
and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.  
For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
God has showered mercy upon the entire world.  
Amen.

Children's Sermon

**Proclamation of the Word**

Anthem

*Still*

arr. Ross

Chancel Choir

Epistle Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Spiritual Self-Awareness*

**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

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*FWS 2158*

\*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

*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: Bernie Dickson

**Prayers for...**

*the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.  
our men and women serving in harm's way.  
the neighbors served by our community ministries.  
victims and victim communities of mass shootings.  
reconciliation in the United States  
our public schools*

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

**extended family**...James Louviere, Daniel Godwin,  
Sue Paysen, Lloyd Ryan, Billy Atkins, Mike Albino,  
Roberta Ross-Fisher, Erica Mederos, Debbie Moseley,  
George Robinson, Ed Horton, Weegie Watts,  
Collins Nugent, Ellen Myers

**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



There will be a brief called Leadership board meeting to discuss two roof proposals. We will be in the Al Rose Classroom.

**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  
Director of Youth.....Dallas McCullough

**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Women's Support Group  
11:30am Leadership Board (Al Rose Class)  
3:00pm Grief Group  
5:00pm Youth - McCullough

**Monday, May 5, 2025**

9:00am Food Pantry  
2:00pm Great Hall Open  
4:45pm Sue's Table—Cinco de Mayo  
6:00pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00 noon Bible Study  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Choir

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

8:30am Preschool

**Friday, May 9, 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 - First United Methodist Church Camden, AR**

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***Third Sunday of Easter***

**May 4, 2025**

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