

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

God calls us to set out in faith.

The love of God leads us home.

Christ blesses us that we might bless others.

The blessings of Christ heal our world.

The power of the Spirit strengthens us for our journey.

The power of the Spirit sustains and supports us.

Our God who made heaven and earth meets us here.

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

More Love to Thee, O Christ

UMH 453

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH 885

Where the spirit of the Lord is,

There is the one true church, apostolic and universal,

Whose holy faith we now declare:

We believe in God the Father,

infinite in wisdom, power, and love,

whose mercy is over all his works,

and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Son of God and Son of man,

the gift of the father's unfailing grace,

the ground of our hope,

and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

as the divine presence in our lives,

whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance

of the truth of Christ,

and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself

in the service of love

as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,

to the end

that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

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 Yearning

**O Holy God, when we face times of trial,
lift our eyes to the hills to find our help.**

For you meet us in our need,

and you lift us from the cares and toils

that weaken our spirits and sap our strength.

Call us this day as you called your followers of old,

so we may respond with faithful hearts

and willing spirits.

Bless us each day,

that we might share those blessings with a world

struggling to find its way. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Just as the wind blows where it will,

God's Spirit moves in our world,

calling us into ever deeper life with Christ.

Hear and claim this good news. It is freely given.

Children's Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1-8

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Religion without Compassion*

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer

Chancel Choir

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402

*Benediction

Hear the words of the psalmist.

"The Lord is your keeper.

The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun will not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep your going out

and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore."

Go with the blessings of God.

*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: Ellen Horseman

March 15th is UMCOR Sunday!

*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, Fred Dietrich, Brenda Grimes, Joe Hirsch, Ron Randolph, Neelie Dobbins, Charles Cathey, Sue Gregory, Mike Dobbins, Sara Yarbrough (ONRC), Mari Weidmann Sutterfield, Tina Freeman, Bernie Dickson

**extended family**...James Louviere, Billy Atkins, Bobby Clayborn, Joshua Sheehan, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Elizabeth Rowlett, Lanae Gaston, Ernest Rayford, Willie Gibson, Ray Ellen, Bonnie Outlaw, Belinda & Dave Carpenter, Robyn Yarbrow

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

**military**...Buck Lucas

This week we will begin our Lenten study using the new book by Adam Hamilton, *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* We would love to have you join us on Monday evenings or Wednesday noon.

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

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**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00pm Youth

**Monday, March 2, 2026**

9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women  
2:30pm Great Hall Doors open  
5:00pm Sue's Table  
6:00pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00pm Bible Study  
Arkansas Food Bank Delivery  
6:30pm Hand Bell Practice  
7:30pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

8:30am Preschool

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

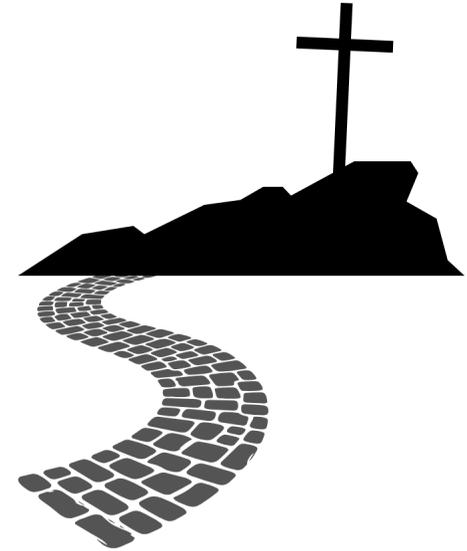
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**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service is available on our YouTube channel - First United Methodist Church Camden, AR**

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***Second Sunday in Lent***

**March 1, 2026**

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