

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

Welcome

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

God is the True Vine,  
And we are the branches.  
Connected to God;  
Connected to bear fruit!  
Connected to God;  
Or we wither away.  
Connected to God;  
Or useless!

We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.  
God, teach us how to remain connected so that we  
might bear good fruit!

Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

\*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

O Merciful God,  
you know when we are afraid to love;  
you know when we are too cowardly  
to show mercy.  
Remind us again  
that perfect love casts out such fears.  
Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect  
love, even in the face of our imperfections.  
Imbue us with a love so strong,  
with such growth toward perfection,  
that we may cast aside our pride  
and embrace the power of love.

Words of Assurance

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches.  
If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us.  
Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name  
and it will be granted.  
In the name of Christ,  
you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

Children's Sermon

**Proclamation of the Word**

Gospel Lesson John 2:1-11

Anthem *Love Medley* Mauldin  
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-8  
This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Connection*

**Response to God's Word**

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir

*Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your Kingdom.  
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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

*Grace Alone* FWS 2162

\*Benediction

Beloved children of God, love one another well.  
We will abide in Christ's generous love.  
Be born in the Spirit of grace.  
We will live in the fullness of hope.  
Grow into branches bearing the fruit of love: peace, joy,  
hope, faith.  
We will remember that the greatest harvest is the  
harvest of love.

\*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

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Liturgist: Rebecca Roark

*Prayers for...*

*the people of Ukraine, Syria, 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  
those suffering loss in the recent storms*

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

**extended family...** James Louviere, Daniel Godwin,  
Sue Paysen, Lloyd Ryan, Billy Atkins, Steve Chambliss,  
Roberta Ross-Fisher, Erica Mederos, Debbie Moseley,  
George Robinson, Sharon Clay, Weegie Watts,  
Collins Nugent, Ellen Myers, Rick Powell

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

**military...** Buck Lucas



**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

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**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:00pm Grief Group  
5:00pm Youth - Pope

**Monday, April 7, 2025**

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

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry  
12:00pm HUB

**Wednesday, April 9, 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, April 10, 2025**

8:30am Preschool

**Friday, April 11, 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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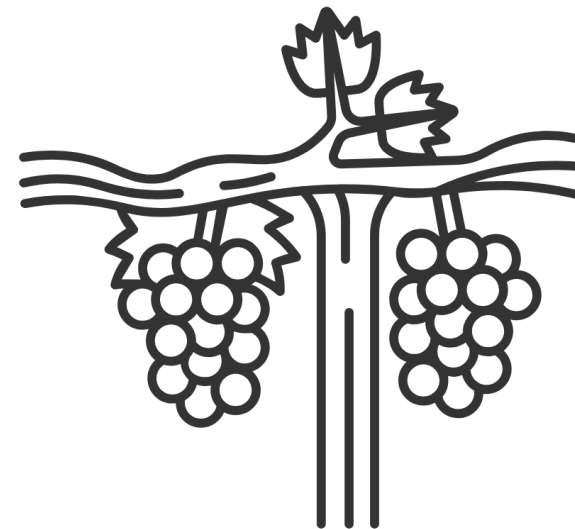
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Camden, Arkansas**



I am the True Vine  
John 15:1

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

**April 6, 2025**

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