

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Gathering of God’s People

Welcome  
\*Passing of the Peace  
Prelude

Call to Worship  
Praise the God of love and deliverance.  
We rejoice in this abundant love.  
Praise the God of hope.  
We sing praise for this life giving hope.  
Praise the God of new beginnings.  
We give thanks for this chance at new life.

Invocation  
\*Hymn of Praise  
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH 127

\*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,  
be the hope that overcomes our despair;  
be the love that overcomes our anger;  
be the mercy that overcomes our sin.  
Set us free from the prisons of our own making,  
and release us from the bonds that bind us.  
Forgive us and watch over us.  
Welcome us home into the loving arms of your  
peace. In Christ’s names we pray. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance  
You are not far from the kingdom of God, for in  
Christ we are given grace and forgiveness. Praise  
God for this marvelous gift.  
  
Children’s Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary Moore  
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 7:1-6  
This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon But the Bible Said 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  
Grace Alone FWS 2162  
  
\*Benediction  
The world awaits the love and gifts you have to offer.  
Go forth in joy and peace to be God’s witnesses this day  
and all your days. Amen.  
  
\*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: Tara Armstrong

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We hope you  
join us as we join with people from around the world in  
celebration of this holy meal.

In October, we begin a new sermon series called Always  
Room for One More. Each week we will look at a  
different Scripture about feasts leading us through God’s  
understanding of abundance, generosity, and grace.

*Prayers for...*  
*the people of Ukraine*  
*the people of Little Rock, North Little Rock and*  
*Wynne as they recover from the damage of tornados*  
*the people of Maui*  
*the people of Morocco*  
*the people of Libya*  
*our country and its willingness to work together for the*  
*good of all its people*  
*our church that it may shine as a beacon of God’s love*  
*in our community*

*Our church family...* Ed & Bonnie House,  
 Gary & Brenda Grimes, Wanda Shambley, Alice Robertson,  
 Elizabeth Rowlett, Bill Huey, Rhonda Shirey, Don Davis,  
 Jay Daniel, Bob Wunnenberg (Baptist Rehab), Chris deFrance

*Hospice...*Martha Davis

*Extended family...*Robert Parham, Jean Beaver,  
 Oren Blann, Sandra Neal, Bonnie Outlaw, Cash Beatty,  
 Jason Peppers, Pat Beasley, Letita Landers, Jack Finley,  
 Ellen Myers, Brynn Thayer, Ham Singleton, Trina Merritt,  
 Tiffany Merritt, James Louviere (ACH), Carol Ellen

*Homebound or assisted living ...* Elizabeth Taylor,  
 Sarah Shirey, Cledra & Gerald Keith, Juanice Barker,  
 Danny Barnes, Bill Morrison, Lou Slaughter, Ruth Dempsey,  
 Virginia Guthrie, Joyce Richardson, Joyce Mann,  
 Gloria Bounds, Sherry & Ron Randolph

*Military...*Buck Lucas

*Happy Birthday to Alice Robertson who turns 93*  
*on September 28th.*

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

| This Week at Church                  |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, September 24, 2023</b>    |                              |
| 9:00am                               | Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1 |
| 9:30am                               | Sunday School                |
| 10:30am                              | Worship                      |
| 3:00pm                               | Grief Group                  |
| 5:00pm                               | Youth                        |
| <b>Monday, September 25, 2023</b>    |                              |
| 9:00am                               | Food Pantry                  |
| 11:00am                              | Strong Women                 |
| 4:45pm                               | Sue’s Table - Open Door      |
| 6:00pm                               | Monday Bible Study           |
| <b>Tuesday, September 26, 2023</b>   |                              |
| 8:30am                               | Preschool                    |
| 9:00am                               | Food Pantry                  |
| <b>Wednesday, September 27, 2023</b> |                              |
| 8:30am                               | Preschool                    |
| 11:00am                              | Strong Women                 |
| 12:00 noon                           | Bible Study— Old Testament   |
| 6:00pm                               | Youth Bible Study            |
| 6:30pm                               | Handbells                    |
| 7:30pm                               | Choir                        |
| <b>Thursday, September 28, 2023</b>  |                              |
| 8:30am                               | Preschool                    |
| <b>Friday, September 29, 2023</b>    |                              |
| 9:00am                               | Food Pantry                  |
| 11:00am                              | Strong Women                 |

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 Pastor.....Rev. Beth A. Waldrup  
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 Choir Director/Organist.....Cynthia Outlaw  
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*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**September 24, 2023**

*Encouraging and equipping believers*  
*to make disciples through their*  
*loving service to all.*