

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God’s People

Welcome
***Passing of the Peace**
Prelude

Call to Worship
Arise: shine, for your light has come!
We are called out of our darkness into light.
Lift up your eyes and look around.
We rejoice in the gift of light.
Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.
We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

Invocation
***Hymn of Praise**
There’s a Song in the Air **UMH 249**

***Affirmation of Faith**
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
Ever patient God, we are a people who live in
thick darkness.
We stumble around,
bombaraded by news of war and poverty,
famine and genocide, injustice and oppression.
The maelstrom of things and issues
and people of the dark,
can overwhelm and paralyze us.
Help us to be people of the light,
shining your light of righteousness, peace, and
joy into all the dark places of our lives and
world.
Turn our aimless wanderings into a
journey of purpose guided by your star.
Let the light break into our lives and our world,
and transform us into people of the light.

***Words of Assurance**
As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the
promise of God’s forgiveness and love for us all.
Arise and Shine!
Follow the star.
Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem...
and be transformed from darkness into light.

Children’s Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem Bernie Dickson

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13-23
This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Rest of the Story*

Response to God’s Word

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

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**
In the Bleak Midwinter **UMH 221**

***Benediction**
Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.
Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your
journey this week, this year, and forever.
May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill
you with grace. Amen.

***Congregational Choral Response**
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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***Postlude**
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Liturgist: David Mosley

*You are invited to a celebration*  
*of the 10th Anniversary of Sue’s Table.*

*January 12, 2026*

*5:00pm*

*Great Hall*

*Reservation Required by January 7th*

*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, Sara Yarbrough, Fred Dietrich, Brenda Grimes, Ron Randolph, Joe Hirsch, Neelie Dobbins, Charles Cathey, Sue Gregory, Mike Dobbins

**extended family**...James Louviere, Collins Whitley, Billy Atkins, Daniel Godwin, Bill Paysen, Bobby Clayborn, Joshua Sheehan, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Loel Tutt, Jay Williams, Elizabeth Rowlett, Kaye Haun, Donna Morey

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

**military**...Buck Lucas

**South District Prayer Partner**...Sulpher Springs UMC

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**This Week at Church**

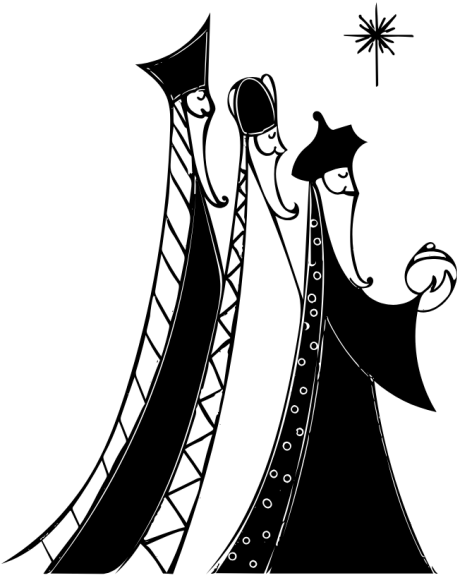
- Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00pm Youth
- Monday, January 5, 2026**  
9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women  
2:30pm Great Hall Doors open  
4:45pm Sue’s Table  
6:00pm Monday Bible Study
- Tuesday, January 6, 2026—Epiphany**  
8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry
- Wednesday, January 7, 2026**  
8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
Arkansas Food Bank Delivery  
12:00 noon Bible Study
- Thursday, January 8, 2026**  
8:30am Preschool
- Friday, January 9, 2026**  
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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**Camden, Arkansas**



*Epiphany of the Lord*  
**January 4, 2026**

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