

Welcome

Prelude *Christmas Reflections* Ingram
 Hand Bell Choir

In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away”.

We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

Light the third candle (pink) of the Advent wreath.

*Hymn of Praise

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ***UMH 224***

**We lay our burdens before you, O Lord,
with our lives open and ready to receive
your light and love.**

**Lead us toward your son, Jesus, Emmanuel,
as we continue to wander with you in faith.**

**Thank you for the many signs of your love,
sent in your infinite wisdom.**

**May we have the faith of Mary and Joseph,
and may we be your attendants,
anxious for the coming of your light
once again. Amen.**

The king of love comes for all!
We are all called by God, forgiven, cleansed,
and made free.

Offertory *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Lamb
Hand Bell Choir

*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.*

Here We Come a'Caroling

created by Dave Mathews
Chancel Choir

Here We Come a'Caroling

Gloria (Emmanuel Has Come)

Joyful Wonderful News

Festival of Carols

It's Christmas

Autumn Beasley
Narrator

Cynthia Outlaw
Choir Director

Go in faith and anticipation of the greatest gift of all.
Christ, the Light of the World, will restore us to love,
hope, and peace.

Emmanuel, God with us, will be with us again.

With faithful obedience encouraging us,
let us happily await the days ahead.

Go in joy to spread signs of God's good news.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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**Our Traditional Christmas Eve Communion and  
Candlelight Services will be on Wednesday,  
December 24th at 10:30am and 5:30pm.**

**Monday Evening is our last Sue's Table of 2025.** Please mark your calendar for our 10th Anniversary Celebration on January 12th, 2026.

**A special thank you to Cynthia Outlaw, our Chancel Choir and our Adult Hand Bell Choir for leading our worship service.**

**Please come to the chancel area** at the end of today's service for a congregational picture. Last time, we were too spread out. Please kneel in the front or fill out the back. We do not want anyone to be cut out of the picture.

*The beautiful altar arrangement was given  
in memory of*

*Byrd, Donice, and Bill Morrison*  
by

Denise Morrison and Elaine &amp; Kendall Evans

*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 (12/17), Charles Cathey

**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, MeLissa Horseman, Diana & TJ Hill

**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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Camden First United Methodist Church Staff
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Director of Preschool.....Jill Daugherty

This Week at Church

Sunday, December 14, 2025
9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
5:00pm Youth

Monday, December 15, 2025
9:00am Food Pantry
11:00am Strong Women
4:45pm Sue’s Table
6:00pm Monday Advent Study

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
8:30am Preschool
9:00am Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 17, 2024
8:30am Preschool
11:00am Strong Women
12:00 noon Advent Study

Thursday, December 18,
8:30am Preschool

Friday, December 19, 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 in Advent
December 14, 2025

Following Jesus
Loving People
Sharing Grace