

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

When we confess our transgressions,

Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

Be Still, My Soul

UMH 534

*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 Confession

**Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness,
we too struggle with desires to get what we
want when we want it.**

**Teach us to turn from these temptations and to
turn toward the power of scripture and prayer.**

Center us in our faith.

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast
love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Children's Sermon Matthew 4:1-11

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Smith
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:33-48

This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Ultimate Law Professor: Part 2*

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!

Prayers of the People

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

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

*Benediction

Climb the mountain of God.

We will walk in the light and truth of God.

Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens.

We will heed our call to follow Jesus.

Draw near to God's holy fire.

We will bathe in the warmth of our God.

Shine the light of Christ in the world.

We will be bold, for God goes with us.

*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: Autumn Beasley

*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), Bernie Dickson, Tina Freeman, Mari Weidmann Sutterfield

**extended family**...James Louviere, Collins Whitley, Billy Atkins, Bobby Clayborn, Joshua Sheehan, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Elizabeth Rowlett, Lanae Gaston, Ernest Rayford, Willie Gibson, Ray Ellen, 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

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to the Black & Plyer families in the death of Billy Joe Black on February 13, 2026.*

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Watson Baker who died February 16, 2026.*

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

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**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00pm Youth  
**Monday, February 23, 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, February 24, 2026**  
8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**  
8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00pm Bible Study  
5:45pm Leadership Board (parsonage)  
6:30pm Hand Bell Practice  
7:30pm Choir Practice  
**Thursday, February 26, 2026**  
8:30am Preschool  
**Friday, February 27, 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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***First Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2026***

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