

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

Welcome

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Sing out your praises and say,

**God has saved his people.**

See how the Savior brings them from the end of the earth,

**the blind and lame among them,**

women with child

**and women in labor, a great company.**

Young men and old shall rejoice,

**then shall the girl show her joy in the dance.**

God turns their mourning into gladness,

**and gives them joy to outdo their sorrow.**

Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise

*We Three Kings*

*UMH 254*

\*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 Yearning

All-glorious God, we have faith in Jesus Christ,  
and love towards your people, yet we are not  
without blemish in your sight, not full of love,  
wisdom, and other spiritual blessings you still  
have available for us. Our love is not as inclusive  
as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give  
us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be,  
so that by becoming fulfilled, we may increase the  
glory that is properly revealed in Jesus Christ,  
your beloved. Amen

\*Words of Assurance

Friends, hear the Good News! The liberator has come  
to free us from all proud pretenses.

**The Christ has come in Jesus of Nazareth to  
show us the undeserved favor of God.**

Friends, believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Children's Sermon

**Proclamation of the Word**

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem

*Softly & Tenderly*  
Nathan Beasley

Thompson

Epistle Lesson Philippians 4:12-20

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Contentment*

**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

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

*There's a Song in the Air*

*UMH 249*

\*Benediction

The mighty God of Israel is faithful.

**God's promises are sure.**

The rock of our salvation is strong and true.

**Christ's kingdom never ends.**

The Spirit guides and guards us.

**The Spirit's love leads us home.**

\*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

Liturgist: Tara Armstrong

**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*

**our church family...** Ed & Bonnie House,  
Bob Wunnenberg, Rhonda Shirey, Wanda Shambley,  
Mattie Upton, Don Davis (VA-NLR), Dick Taylor (ONR),  
Mona Jeffus (SO), Sara Yarbrough

**hospice...** Bill Morrison (ONR)

**extended family...** John Cash, James Louviere,  
Daniel Godwin, Lanae Gaston, Sue Paysen, Lloyd Ryan,  
Steve Chambliss, Samantha Milner, Roberta Ross-Fisher,  
Billy Atkins, Mike Albino

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

**military...** Buck Lucas

*Christian love & sympathy is extended to the family of  
Camille Robertson Helms who has been on our  
prayer list for several months.*

**The ninth year of Sue's Table will start at 4:45pm  
Monday.** Please be aware as we are setting up tables  
that the floor has been recently waxed and we prefer not to  
"drag" tables into positions. Doors open in the Great Hall at  
2:00pm. We stopping serving at 5:20pm. Thank you!

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

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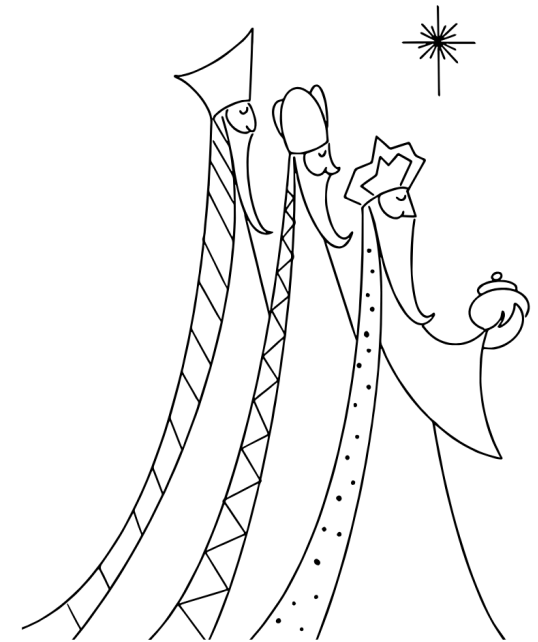
**This Week at Church**

- Sunday, January 5, 2025**  
9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00pm Youth—McCullough
- Monday, January 6, 2025**  
9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women  
4:00pm Sue's Table - Team Erin  
6:00pm Monday Bible Study
- Tuesday, January 7, 2025**  
8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry
- Wednesday, January 8, 2025**  
8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00 noon Bible Study  
Arkansas Food Bank Delivery  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Choir
- Thursday, January 9, 2025**  
8:30am Preschool
- Friday, January 10, 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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***Epiphany Sunday***

**January 5, 2025**

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