

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Even if we feel abandoned and alone,
our faith in God brings us to this moment.

**We yearn for that solid foundation
amidst the shifting sands of life.**

Come to Christ who welcomes us
even when our faith wobbles.

**We yearn for that welcome
in a world that storms with hatred and fear.**

Christ our rock holds us now,
even as God holds us throughout life's storms.

**We come to be held, to worship, and praise.
We come with faith in God's love.**

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

How Firm a Foundation

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*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 Yearning,

O God, our refuge, cover us now.

**Protect us from the glaring sun, the blasting rain,
and the galelike winds.**

**Forgive us for the many times we stray from
your foundation, and wander from the
cover of your love.**

**Forgive us when we build our lives on beliefs that
shift, and on priorities that are like quick sand.**

**Offer your saving hand, that we may walk away
from the treacherous places and live in the
safety of your love.**

**Help us trust the foundations of your ways,
and that love will survive even the stormiest
waters of life.**

**In the name of Christ, the rock of our faith,
we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear Jesus' words of promise:

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine
and acts on them will be like a wise man
who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew
and beat on that house, but it did not fall,
because it had been founded on rock.”

With Christ as our foundation,

Children's Sermon John 10:1-10

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Matthew 7:12-21

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

Sermon

Foundations

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer

Chancel Choir

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.*

I can hear the brush of angel's wings,

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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*Benediction

The wise build houses upon the rock.

The foolish build houses on sand.

With God's wisdom, we go to live lives of rocklike faith.

We go to build a world that is founded on love.

*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: Anita Stafford

*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, Sue Gregory, Bill Gibbs, Mike Dobbins, Mari Weidmann Sutterfield, Tina Freeman, Dick Newcomb, Joan Coffey

**hospice...**Ray Ellen

**extended family...** Bobby Clayborn, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Robyn Yarbrow, Willie Gibson, Elizabeth Rowlett, Anita Walker

**homebound or assisted living ...**Joyce Mann, Danny Barnes, Sarah Shirey, Ruth Dempsey, Pat Beasley, Ann Ellen, Fay Kendrick

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

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to Linda McAllister in the death of her brother, Charles Cathey.*

*Christian love and sympathy are extended to Rob Minyard and family in the death of his wife, Kate Minyard.*

**Needed for Vacation Bible School—June 8th-11th**

Storyteller                      Child Wranglers  
Kitchen helpers                Refreshments for workers  
Clean baby food jars with lids

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

Pastor.....Rev. Beth A. Waldrup  
Administrator.....Erin McAllister  
Choir Director/Organist.....Cynthia Outlaw  
Director of Missions.....Tate Wunnenburg  
Director of Preschool.....Jill Daugherty  
Asst. Director of Preschool....Amanda Reynolds

**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

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

**Monday, April 27, 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, April 28, 2026**

8:30am            Preschool  
9:00am            Food Pantry

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

8:30am            Preschool  
11:00am            Strong Women  
7:00pm            Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 30, 2026**

8:30am            Preschool

**Friday, May 1, 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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*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**April 26, 2026**

*Following Jesus  
Loving People  
Sharing Grace*