People: With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Celebrations and Concerns of the Parish

Call to Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer
Response to Prayer

Children’s Blessing
Rev. Charlotte Brendel

Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ within us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us. Christ be ever with us!

(Saint Patrick, Ireland, 5th century, adapted)

(Offering of the Morning Tithes and Offerings)

Anthem
A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Martin Luther

Church reformer Martin Luther is attributed with writing the original, and very rhythmic tune with the same name. The chorale prelude by Johann Walther which follows is a beautifully ornamented composition based on the same tune.

*Doxology (#95)

*Hymn 534 Be Still, My Soul

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Witness to the Word
Loosen Up and Live
Dr. Doug Fairbanks

*Hymn 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction and Response

Voluntary
Prelude in d Minor
J. S. Bach

Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.


*Congregational singing during this prayer is also

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Nell Moloney, by the Nell Moloney Singles Sunday School Class.

*Hymn 110 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the ages and of this present moment, forgive us. We confess that too often we live by tunnel vision, failing to see beyond tomorrow’s deadline. We become immersed in our little worlds, and let an entire world pass by, unnoticed and unlived. Frustration overcomes patience, and anxiety replaces faith. Your promises come easily to our lips, but are more difficult in our lives. We confess our sins, O Lord, asking that in your forgiveness we receive a wider vision, a sense of history and future much larger than our tiny moment in time. Grant us faith to accept Your Word, and hope that comes from its presence in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem – An Affirmation of Hope (10:45)
All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord
R. Stroope

The Chancel Choir (text on bulletin cover)

(The music for the anthem was given in memory of Bill Long, an active participant in our music ministry who died on March 30, 2012.)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:45)

William Eugene Cushman, son of Chris and Carin Cushman, will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Congregational Commendation and Pledge

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care, William, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ?

We are glad you are here!

Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Friendship pad and pass it to your neighbors so they can register also.

*Hymn 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Call to Worship
8:30 Joe Wilson
10:45 Scott Farley

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are gathered to give thanks for all we have received from God’s good hands:

People: to praise God’s holy name;

to acknowledge and confess our sins;

to hear God’s holy word;

to ask those things needful for life.

Leader: Let us draw near to God in all humility and celebrate God’s infinite goodness and mercy.

People: Amen!

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prime Time Wednesday — October 31**

Please join us for

**A Celebration honoring the 91st birthday of Neil Mohney**

Dinner will be available at 5:15 p.m.
Program begins at 6 p.m.
Oak Street Center

This special evening will be filled with laughter, inspiration, and reflection as we celebrate the life and influence of Dr. Neil Mohney. There will be a variety of guests who will speak, sharing stories of fun times and moments of inspiration. We want to be sure to have enough meals prepared for this special occasion, so please make your meal reservation by tomorrow (email foodrsvp@fcumc.org or call 756-2021, ext. 3123) or go to www.firstcentenarywednesday.menu.

October 31 MENU: Chicken Rice Casserole, Fried Okra, Garden Salad, Birthday Cake, Youth Chicken — Oven Fried Chicken

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**

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**Welcome, Guests!**

We’re glad you came. We would like to get to know you better. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

**Available Fields**

- Name(s) ____________________________
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- Phone number ______________________ Work __________________________
- Email ____________________________

- First-time Guest
- Returning Guest
- New Resident
- Would like a phone call
- Would like to know more about First-Centenary
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**Commendation and Welcome — New Members**

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**Congregation:** We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and armed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Marble Collegiate Church

419 McCallie Avenue

November 4 is the day our church will celebrate All Saints’ Sunday in the sanctuary services. In preparation for this special evening, the Book of Names is available in the Narthex. You are invited and encouraged to record the names of your loved ones you would like to remember. Those “named” may be church members, or they may be family or friends, heroes or heroines from other places and times. On November 4, the Book of Names will be on the altar as a reminder of our communion with these saints. You will find the book on the podium in the Narthex today.

**WANT TO GET THAT LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY OUT OF YOUR HOUSE BEFORE YOU EAT IT?**

Donate it to Inner City and we will include it in our Christmas presents to our children and families. Please leave your candy in the church office.

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8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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(from Psalms 90 and 91)

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**MEDICAL SERVICE “NAVIGATORS” NEEDED** — Dan Baker is working with the Hamilton County Medical Society to draft a set of guidelines for local indigent people about how to use available medical services. Volunteers, or “Navigators,” willing to become familiar with the guidelines, are needed to meet with people after the Breakthrough worship service on Sunday evenings. Two volunteers are needed to be available each week. Your service obligation would be limited to once a month and one training session. Contact Cindy Ruff at 756-2021 or cruft@fcumc.org if you are interested in serving.

**Operation Christmas Child is in full swing.** Help spread the Good News by preparing a gift box for an underprivileged child or donating $25 (note Operation Christmas Child on it) to have a box prepared for you. Bring all boxes and donations by November 4. Look for the detailed flyer or contact Tina Harris at 937-5508.

**As the sun reaches noon, Lauda, laudé!**

And then at sunset, Lauda, laudé!

Or at the midnight, Lauda, laudé!

May we sing, sing for joy, Lauda, laudé!

May our days all be glad, Lauda, laudé!

Plagues and serpents of the dark, Pestilence that stalks the night, They who harm, who destroy, Those who spread fear and terror, But those who make the Lord most high their refuge and their dwelling, No fear, no harm, no foe will come near your land, No shame, no death, no evil consume or destroy. Lauda, laudé!