



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

Ascension Sunday

May 16, 2021

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Clair de Lune
Mr. Justin Maxey

Claude Debussy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not
wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANSFAIR

*HYMN

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

HYFRYDOL

*God the Spirit, guide and guardian, windsped flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love;
give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.*

*Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:*



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*in your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.*

*Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts
oversee her life steadfastly yet not overlook her faults.*

*Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

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. **universal UMH 881*

***GLORIA PATRI**

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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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."*

PRESENTATION OF EDWARD N. TRAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Kathe Anderson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-28

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Becoming Like Christ: Deciding

Dr. Martin

***HYMN**

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Martin

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

POSTLUDE

Toccata on How Firm A Foundation

Claude Murphree

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.
Offerings will be received by the chancel as you exit.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Marlene Amos
Van Askew
Annelle Burch
Joe Byers
Richard Clayton

Anne Free
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin
David McDuffie
Lurlene Perry
Claudia Rhodes
Nancy Riccardi

Sue Sheddan
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
Jake Murphy
May 8, 2021

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Travis, Amanda, and Andrew Murphy upon the death of Travis and Amanda's son and Andrew's brother,
Jake Murphy, on May 8.



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Class of 
2021!

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*We celebrate these students and their many accomplishments.
Our blessings and prayers follow you wherever you go.*

High School Graduates



Ben Agi
Whitewater High School
Georgia College & State Univ.
Physics



Barrett Lawson Conner
Whitewater High School
University of Georgia
Biology



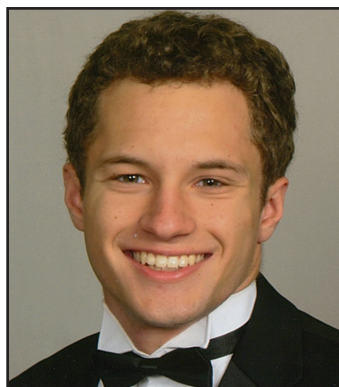
Jack Durham
Starr's Mill High School
Georgia College & State Univ.



Katie Elliott
James Madison High School
Kennesaw State University
Nursing



Kile Greenwald
Whitewater High School
Georgia College & State Univ.
Business



Jacob Hartley
Whitewater High School
University of Georgia



Mitch Lawhorn
Whitewater High School
Georgia College & State Univ.
Philosophy/Political Science



Jim Lauson Walls
Whitewater High School
University of Louisville
Biology/ULEAD Program

Congratulations



Colin Watson
Whitewater High School
University of Georgia

(Photo not available)
Max Benoit
Whitewater High School



*“Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go.”*

Joshua 1:9

College, Graduate & Professional School



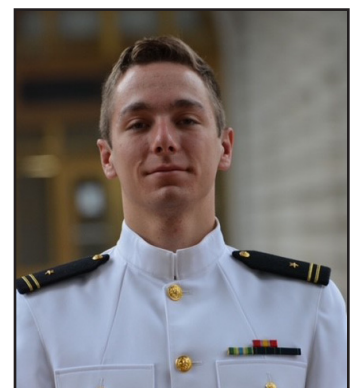
Megan Castaneda
Auburn University
Bachelor’s of Music,
Music Performance



Renee Milner Crosby
Georgia State University
Master’s in Elementary
Education, Literacy Focus



Hayley Grayson
Georgia Southern University
Bachelor’s in Recreational
Therapy



Ensign James C. Hartley
United States Naval Academy
Bachelor’s of Science
in Computer Science



Donald Allen Harp III
Auburn University
Bachelor's of Science
in Building Construction



Kathleen Lewis-Greene
University of Georgia
Master's in Clinical Mental
Health Counseling



Abby Milner
Valdosta State University
Bachelor's of Business Admin.,
Healthcare Administration



Rev. Carson Thaxton
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Master's of Divinity



Nicole Wiley
University of Georgia
Master's of Public Health in
Epidemiology

*“For surely I know the plans I have
for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare
and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.”*

Jeremiah 29:11

*“God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless these graduates as they now finish this course of study.
We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.
Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.
Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people;
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

For Graduates from The United Methodist Book of Worship

Fayetteville First Preschool Graduates

These bright, fun, inquisitive, caring children are off to new schools in August and we could not be more proud of them. We wish them well and hope they always love learning as much as we love them.



Logan will attend Kedron Elementary and wants to be a police officer.



Eli will attend Sara Harp Minter Elementary and wants to be a superhero.



Penny will attend Sara Harp Minter Elementary and wants to be a princess.



Addie will attend Spring Hill Elementary and wants to be a veterinarian.



Charlie will attend Spring Hill Elementary and wants to be Mario.



Maddy will attend Sara Harp Minter Elementary and wants to be a ballerina.



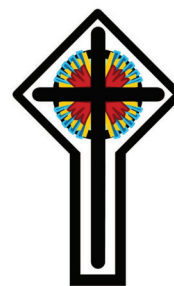
Isaac will attend Spring Hill Elementary and wants to be a police officer.



Emory will attend One Church and wants to be a veterinarian.



Paige will attend Inman Elementary and wants to be a firefighter.



Fayetteville First
preschool
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Congratulations