

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# **Fayetteville First UMC**

16th Sunday After Pentecost September 25, 2022 11:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. Joel Raney

Mr. Justin Maxey Director of Music & Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamentations 3:22-24

Dr. Martin and **People** 

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

\*Hymn 514

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

WEBB

\*Invocation

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

\*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

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.

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Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Martin 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.

FIRST READING Psalm 146 Dr. Martin

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Martin

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.

\*Hymn 189 Fairest Lord Jesus St. ELIZABETH

Offertory Prayer Rev. Lawrence

**OFFERTORY** The Lord's Prayer with Stand By Me Clariece Paulk, guest pianist

\*Doxology OLD 100th

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.

Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service.

The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.

\*Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31 Dr. Martin

19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' 27 He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' 29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30 He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Lawrence

\*Hymn 176 Majesty MAJESTY

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lawrence

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

\*Postlude Toccata Mr. Maxey
John Weaver

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

#### Please remember in your prayers:

Martha Hale Brenda Tierman Van Askew Cindy Jennings Nancy Byers Sara Johnston Helen Voyles Don Harp Richard Clayton Chenelle Hernandez Doris Kerlin Elise Wheatley Mabel Wilbanks Margaret Grainger Tangie Hubbard Claudia Rhodes

### The flowers today are presented to the glory of God

and in memory of Mike Fowler and in observance of Robin and Mike's 30th wedding anniversary by Robin Fowler.

#### The rosebud on the altar is presented to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of

Lukas Stagg Evans to LuAnna (Kemberling) and David Evans on June 30, 2022. Grandparents are Tedd and Tami Kemberling.



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