



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 4, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*Worthy of Worship*  
arr. Mark Hayes

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 139:1-6*

Dr. Martin and **People**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

**\*HYMN 530**

*Are Ye Able*

BEACON HILL

**\*INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**  
Associate Minister

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Let us pray together:*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

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**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

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

**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES & PASTORAL PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

**OFFERTORY**

*Know My Heart*  
Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

*Lord, You have searched me, You know ev'rything I do.  
When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me.  
Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day.  
O know my heart, O God.*

*If I ascend into heaven, You are there on the wings of the morning or in my deepest despair.  
His hand shall lead me, His right hand will guide me,  
though darkness should cover me, light shall surround me,  
and I will praise the Lord, I will praise Him with my whole heart!*

**\*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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Dr. Martin

*Children are invited to return to seats.  
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

**\*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.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 14:25-33*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to*

complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Martin

**\*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

See insert

**\*HYMN 159**

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*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**

*Song of Triumph*  
James H. Rogers

Mr. Maxey, organ

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton  
Margaret Grainger

Martha Hale  
Don Harp  
Chenelle Hernandez  
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings  
Sara Johnston  
Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes

Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles  
Elise Wheatley  
Mabel Wilbanks



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NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM

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# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heav'n\_\_\_ and earth\_\_\_ are full\_\_\_ of your

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glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes\_\_\_ in the

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name\_\_\_ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
 that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
 redeemed by his blood.

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
 one with each other,  
 and one in ministry to all the world,  
 until Christ comes in final victory  
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
 now and for ever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:



**HOLY COMMUNION**

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

*You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.*

Communion Music

*Give Me Jesus*

Kayla Harriot, soprano

# NURTURE IN FAITH GOING DEEPER

## GOING DEEPER

Ready to experience faith more fully and deeply while developing relationships with others? Take advantage of offerings for all ages and go deeper.

Questions? Just ask!

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## ADULTS

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Participate in ongoing traditional Sunday classes or dive into contemplative, in-depth study at 9:45 AM.

### WEEKDAYS

Start your day with a book study or join a weekly small group.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today:** Set of ancient rules? A guide for experiencing the good life today? Explore for ten weeks. 11 AM to noon. Begins September 14.

**Parenting:** Gather with other parents and discover how to nourish yourself and foster your family in faith. 6 PM to 7 PM. September 7 - November 30.

**Christian Believer:** Find out more about faith as you journey with others in this in-depth study. 6 PM to 8 PM from September 7 through May 2023.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEGIN WITH DINNER

Serving from 5:30 until 6 PM

Fellowship Dinners return this fall in the Fellowship Hall with meals offered from a local restaurant each week. Sign up for permanent or weekly reservations (due by 10 AM each Monday) at [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com) or by calling 770-461-4313 or using one of the Fellowship Dinner pew cards on Sundays. See the menu at [FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com) or use the QR code on the pew card.

Following dinner, take part in growth opportunities for all ages.

## CHILDREN

### SUNDAYS

Classes for ages PreK through 5th grade lead children in faith development at 9:45 AM. Nursery is provided birth through age 3. Wonders of Worship is offered most Sundays after the Children's Moment at the 11 AM service.

### CLUB NIGHT - VIDEO GAME CLUB & ART CLUB

Wednesday nights, 6 – 7 PM

Upper elementary students in 3rd — 5th grades will learn and interact with a Bible story and then break out into a club of their choice. We have Video Game Club with Mario Kart and Smash Brothers hosted by Alpha, VG Champ, and an Art Club with opportunities to explore freestyle art projects.

### KIDS CRESCENDO

Wednesday nights, 6 – 7 PM

This new kid's group is for children in Kindergarten – 2nd grade. We'll play games with a musical twist, learn songs of faith to keep in our musical suitcase for a lifetime and develop basic principles of rhythm and music. This group sings in several worship services throughout the church year and other special events.

### YOUNG KIDS NURSERY & PLAYTIME

Wednesday nights beginning at 6 PM

Our youngest students birth through PreK are invited to the nursery for supervised play and care. Reserve nursery by Monday at noon each week.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Look for seasonal big events like a Fall Festival and Christmas Pageant, Christmas Camp, outdoor movie nights, and special activities that connect with our community and each other.





## YOUTH

The FFUMC Youth Ministry is committed to inspiring, nurturing and empowering youth to GO into the world as disciples of Christ.

### BREAKFAST AT THE FOUNDRY

Explore the story of God and how that story is ours today on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

### FOUNDRY FELLOWSHIP

Gather each Wednesday from 6 to 8 PM for games, worship, and topic conversations as we reflect on God's action in the world and our part in it, together.

### HANGOUTS, MISSIONS, AND LIFE GROUPS

Youth meet in the community for fun and a deeper dive into what they've been discussing in The Foundry. They also get together for scripture study to ask the hard questions about God's unfolding story. Serving and loving others is a big part of our ministry. Throughout the year, our youth partner with local organizations to participate in God's restorative work. During the summer, we partner with communities farther away on mission trips. Life Groups are supported by adults who care about youth and show up in the community for them.

## SENIORS

Adults aged 55+ show up and support ministries throughout the church, but these programs are set aside just for them!

### TITUS II LUNCH & LEARN

Our seniors meet together each month at noon for food, time together, and a program.

### SAGE (Senior Adults Going Everywhere)

Take a trip each month for entertainment and fun (and usually a good meal) with other seniors as you explore restaurants, theatres, orchards and more.

### SENIOR YOGA

A special yoga class designed to keep you healthy, flexible and connected to others meets once a week.

### SEASONED SINGERS

This group gathers to sing each week and presents special music in worship and throughout the community.



## AND MORE

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Believing that love in action can change the world, United Women in Faith connects women in relationships and service to others. Numerous groups meet at varying times, so you can find the circle of friendship, fellowship, and service that's right for you.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

A group of men support ministries throughout the church and community, and they have a good time at it!

### MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Music enhances worship through the Chancel Choir and church orchestra with intention and excellence. Special programs are also planned throughout the year for the church and the community.

### SERVICE TO OTHERS

We seek to love and serve our neighbors throughout the year. Whether through SafeHouse Outreach meals to the homeless, funds distributed through our Benevolence Program, food collection for Fayette Samaritans, meal packing events, or other mission projects, we become the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:45 AM AND 11 AM

AA MEETINGS: Sun. 3 PM; Mon. 7 PM; Wed. - Sat. 7 PM

NA MEETINGS: Thurs. & Sat. 7 PM

## SOME FALL/WINTER EVENTS

KICKOFF FOR FALL: 9/7

YOUTH CAMPING TRIP: 9/24

SAFEHOUSE OUTREACH: 9/29

BLOOD DRIVE: 10/16

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: 10/22

FAYETTEVILLE ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL: 10/22

CHURCHWIDE FALL FESTIVAL: 10/30

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE: 11/5

SUNSHINE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: 12/4

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: 12/7

CHRISTMAS CAMP: 12/10

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE: 12/11

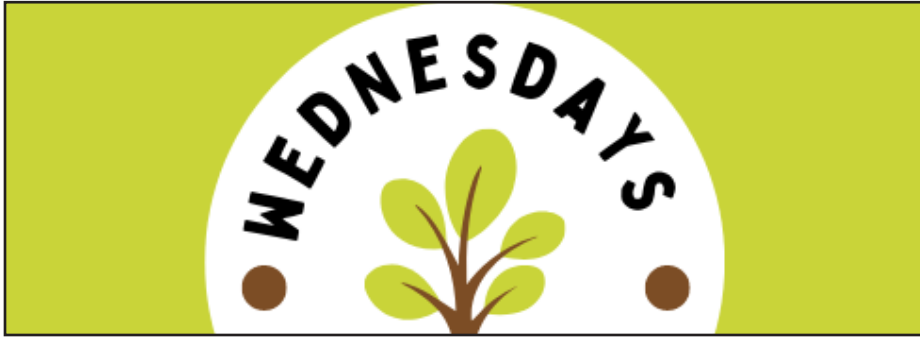
CHURCHWIDE CAROLING: 12/14

CAROLS & KEYBOARDS CONCERT: 12/15 & 12/16

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: 12/21

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 12/24





## New Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners Fellowship, Food, Growth Groups for All

### Fellowship dinners return September 7

*Our nights together begin with dinner in the Fellowship Hall*

Dinner served 5:30 to 6 PM

Meals will be offered from a local restaurant each week including Speedi-Pig, Georgia Potato Factory, Papa Lou's, and Wings N' Things.

#### September 7 Meal:

Speedi-Pig Piglet Sandwich, Baked Beans, Mac-n-Cheese,  
Peach Cobbler

#### RESERVE YOUR PLACE:

Reservations are due each Monday by 10 AM

#### Choose a way to sign up:

- Complete this form this week or a pew card any week and place it in the offering plate on Sundays.
- Go to FayettevilleFirst.com for the complete menu and sign-up links.
- Use the QR code on this form or the pew card each week.
- Call the church office at 770-461-4313.

*Following dinner, take part in growth opportunities all ages.*

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesday Nights

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Main Meal:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

See QR code below for  
weekly menu

This week only (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

or

Permanent Reservation: Sign up online

Adults: \$8 Children (11 & under): \$6  
Family Max: \$28

Reservations can be made using this pew card,  
calling the church office (770-461-4313)  
or signing up online at [fayettevillefirst.com](http://fayettevillefirst.com)  
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**Reservations and cancellations are  
due by Monday at 10 a.m.**

You are expected to pay  
if you do not cancel  
by the deadline.

