

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY | 11:00 AM | JANUARY 8, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:7-11

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

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

### \*HYMN 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons & Daughters

BEACH SPRING

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

*Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith: Since the earliest times, the vows of the Baptismal Covenant have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the  
living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*\*universal*

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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**

Dr. Martin and People

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

**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.**

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Rev. Lawrence

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon  
him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the  
street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully  
bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and  
the coastlands wait for his teaching.*

*<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth  
and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the  
Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as  
a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners  
from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory  
I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now  
declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

### CONGREGATIONAL NOTES, PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

### \*HYMN 603

*Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire*

WINCHESTER OLD

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

### OFFERTORY

*Timeless Tribute*  
arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Maxey

### \*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 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

*Matthew 3:13-17*

Dr. Martin

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

The Rev. Tommy Martin

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Rev. Lawrence and People

*Please follow liturgy on pages 51-53 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

### \*HYMN 451

*Be Thou My Vision*

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**\*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**

*Fanfare*  
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Mr. Maxey

\*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  
Karen Davis

Martha Hale  
Don Harp  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings

Sara Johnston  
Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes  
Tom Starling

Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles  
Mabel Wilbanks

**The rosebud on the altar is presented to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Franklin Alejandro Wheatley on January 1, 2023. Parents are Nick and Aleja Wheatley; grandparents are Mike and Tina Wheatley; and great-grandparent is Trudy Whittington.**

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