

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 11:00 AM | FEBRUARY 12, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*I'll Walk with God*  
from *The Student Prince* - Nicholas Brodsky

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist  
Mr. Sam Burch, baritone

*I'll walk with God from this day on. His helping hand I'll lean upon.  
This is my prayer, my humble plea: May the Lord be ever with me.  
There is no death though eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I'm near to Him.  
I'll lean on Him forever and He'll forsake me never.  
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, whatever road I may walk along.  
I'll walk with God; I'll take his hand. I'll talk with God; He'll understand.  
I'll pray to Him, each day to Him, and He'll hear the words that I say.  
His hand will guide my throne and rod, and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:1-6

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

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.  
Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,  
**who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**  
You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.  
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!  
**Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

## \*HYMN 545

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

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## \*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

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Rev. Lawrence

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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 410

*I Want a Principle Within*

GERALD

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

## OFFERTORY

*Look at the World*  
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way.*

Refrain:

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see:  
All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee.*

*Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flowers. Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Refrain*

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Refrain  
Every good gift, all that we need and cherish, comes from the Lord in token of his love.  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth and his the heavens above. Refrain  
All things come of thee.

### \*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 5:21-37

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Dr. Martin

### \*HYMN 568

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

**\*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**

*Festal March*  
Scotson Clark

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  
Doris Kerlin

Claudia Rhodes  
Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles

In Memoriam  
Tom Starling  
February 5, 2023

In Memoriam  
Justin Daniel Edwards  
(Dennis Ramig)

In Memoriam  
Mabel Wilbanks  
February 6, 2023

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Richard and Linda Lewis, Katy (Conner) Lewis-Greene and Emily Lewis upon the death of Linda's father and Katy and Emily's grandfather, Tom Starling, on February 5.

The family of Justin Daniel Edwards (Dennis Ramig) upon his death.

Beverly Redd and Ivey and Rachel Redd upon the death of Beverly's mother and Ivey and Rachel's grandmother, Mabel Wilbanks, on February 6.

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