

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 11:00 AM | MAY 21, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

How Great Thou Art
arr. Craig Courtney

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist
Mr. Michael O'Hearn, bass

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68:1-4

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

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.
**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**
But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds – his
name is the LORD – be exultant before him.**

*HYMN 718

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Creed from Confirmation Class of 2017

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**We believe God made the heavens and the earth
and that we live in the community of God.**

**We believe in the Holy Trinity:
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**We have recognized our sins and accept God's forgiveness.
We believe Jesus died to save us from sin
to protect us from the consequences of our actions.**

**In worshipping God,
we believe good will triumph over evil.**

**God's grace moves through us
and guides us to a holy life.**

**We believe God loves us
and will take care of us no matter what.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

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

Acts 1:6-14

Rev. Lawrence

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 315**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

Midnight Cry

Greg and Chuck Day, arr. Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

Nicholas Doyle, soloist

*I hear the sound, a mighty rushing wind
And it's closer now than it's ever been.*

I can almost hear the trumpet as Gabriel sounds the call.
At the midnight cry, we'll be going home.

Refrain

When Jesus steps out on a cloud to call his children,
The dead in Christ shall rise to meet Him in the air;
And then those that remain shall be quickly changed,
At the midnight cry when Jesus comes again.

I look around me, I see prophecies fulfilled,
And signs of the times, they're appearing everywhere.
I can almost see the Father as He says, "Son, get your children."
And at the midnight cry, the bride of Christ will rise.

Refrain

***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**

John 17:1-11

Rev. Lawrence

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 312**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

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

"Pomp and Circumstance," March No. 1 in D, Op. 39
Sir Edward Elgar

Mr. Maxey

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Karen Davis

Robbie Gray
Martha Hale
Don Harp
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes
Brenda Tierman

Helen Voyles
Julie Watson

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GRADUATION SUNDAY

IN HONOR OF

Class of 2023

Sunday, May 21, 2023

FAYETTEVILLE FIRST UMC

Fayetteville, Georgia

Fayetteville First Preschool Graduates



Renn will be homeschooled and wants to be a princess.



Megan will attend Sara Harp Minter Elementary and wants to be a mommy.



Jasper will attend Harp's Crossing and wants to be a police officer.



Kenzleigh will attend Fayetteville Elementary and wants to be a veterinarian.



Monroe will attend Bolton Academy and wants to be a Target worker.



Aurianna will attend Liberty Tech and wants to be a builder.



Hadley will be homeschooled and wants to be a Supported Mama doula.



EJ will attend Georgia Cyber Academy and wants to be a police officer.



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.

**Preschool photos
courtesy of
Marcy Marks**

High School Graduates

"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



Emily Arden Agi
Whitewater High School
Georgia College & State Univ.
Criminal Justice



Brianne Mei Baileys
Whitewater High School
University of Kentucky
Equine Science
and Management



Layne Elizabeth Barlow
Whitewater High School
University of Georgia
Biological Sciences



Jack Michael Brady
Fayette County High School
Louisiana State University
Business Analytics



Sarah Nell Harp
Whitewater High School
Montana State University
Graphic Design/Marketing



Angelina Light
Whitewater High School
Coastal College of Georgia
Biological Science



Andrew Cole Starkey
Whitewater High School
Middle Tennessee State
Mechatronics Engineering



Eva Carolyn Watson
Whitewater High School
University of Georgia
Business



Adams Nicholas Walls
Whitewater High School
Georgia Southern University
Construction Engineering



Lauralee Elizabeth Walls
Whitewater High School
Georgia Tech
Biology



Luke Garrett Walls
Whitewater High School
University of Georgia
Computer Science

College & Graduate 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



Megan Castaneda
Master of Music Performance
Schwob School of Music
Columbus State University



Ashley Ann Haymans
College of Coastal Georgia
Biological Sciences
Coastal Ecology



Spencer Allen Kalafut
Texas A&M University
Mechanical Engineering



Bastein Millo
Mercer University
Master in Music
Orchestra Conducting



Ansley Moore
Georgia Southern University
Elementary Education



Rebecca Otwell-Dove
East Tennessee State
University
Doctor of Philosophy
Clinical Psychology



Hannah Vickery
Austin Presbyterian
Theological Seminary
Master of Youth Ministry
Graduate Resident -
Center for Youth Ministry
Training

*"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