

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 12, 2023

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Elegy
George Thalben-Ball

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
Rene' Clausen

Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*HYMN 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

The Rev. Charles Robinson and **People**
Minister of Nurture

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth, Amen.

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*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

Rev. Lawrence and People

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

MINISTRY MOMENT: SHARE CLOSET

Mr. Wayne Harris

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson 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 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Rev. Robinson

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 701

When We All Get to Heaven

HEAVEN

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

Rev. Lawrence

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Lawrence

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robinson

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.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks, Sing Praise!
Ken Galbreath

Chancel Choir

*It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
And to sing praises to thy name, O most high.
Give thanks unto the Lord, sing praises to thy name.
It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.*

To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning,
Thy faithfulness every night,
On an instrument of ten strings, and the psalt'ry and harp with a solemn sound;
For thou, Lord hast made me glad by thy work:
I will sing, I will sing for joy at the works of thy hands.
How great are thy works! How deep are thy thoughts, O Lord!

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
And to sing praises to thy name, O most high.
Give thanks unto the Lord, sing praises to thy name.
It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.
Give thanks, sing praise! Sing to the Lord!

*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

Rev. Lawrence

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 25:1-13

Rev. Robinson

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lawrence

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

Rev. Lawrence and People

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,

and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

*HYMN 593	Here I Am, Lord	HERE I AM, LORD
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lawrence
*POSTLUDE	Fugue in G BWV 540 Johann Sebastian Bach	Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew	Martha Hale	Jerry Light	Margaret Whitaker
Nancy Byers	Don Harp	Ingrid Shields	Paul Wiley
Richard Clayton	Tangie Hubbard	Brenda Tierman	
Karen Davis	Cindy Jennings	Helen Voyles	
Robbie Gray	Doris Kerlin	Julie Watson	

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