

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 19, 2023

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Tom Trenny

Savannah Cathey, Soprano

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
Rene' Clausen

Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

*HYMN 126

We Gather Together

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

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

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.

UMH 885

*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.

***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."**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UMH 36

***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 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Rev. Lawrence

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 97**

For the Fruits of This Creation

EAST ACKLAM

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus
Janice Kapp Perry

Chancel Choir

*I'm trying to be like Jesus; I'm following in his ways.
I'm trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say.
At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,
But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers,*

*"Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought," for these are the things Jesus taught.*

*I'm trying to love my neighbor, I'm learning to serve my friends.
I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus will come again.
I try to remember the lessons he taught.
Then the Holy Spirit enters into my thoughts, saying:
"Love one another..."*

***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 after Children's Moment.
No Wonders of Worship today.*

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

You knew, did you...?

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 102**

Now Thank We All Our God

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***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir and **People**

***"Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought," for these are the things Jesus taught.***

***POSTLUDE**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Diane Bish

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*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

Jerry Light
Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Julie Watson

Margaret Whitaker
Paul Wiley

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
by the Mayhew family in memory of Anna's mother, Marsha Minnick.

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