

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY | 11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 5, 2023

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord*  
Craig Courtney

Mr. Steven Rotz  
Tenor

## INTROIT

*All That Hath Life and Breath*  
Rene' Clausen

Chancel Choir

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## \*HYMN 711 (Vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

## \*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Let us pray together:*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## \*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."*

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

## OFFERTORY

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir  
Brian Lindsey, Tenor

**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 as we celebrate Communion together.*

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.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Lawrence

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:*

*<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**May God bless the hearing of this scripture.  
Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Martin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.**

**...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves**

in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—

**\*THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS**

Mr. Bill Webb  
Lay Leader

Silence may be kept for the remembrance of names.

We remember with thanksgiving the saints of our church who this year passed  
from the church on earth to the church triumphant.

Hazel Neely	November 3, 2022
Margaret Grainger	November 7, 2022
Eleanor McDuffie	December 14, 2022
Charlie Stephen (Steve) McAdams	January 6, 2023
Stephanie Gill	January 18, 2023
Ellen Ellison	January 26, 2023
Thomas (Tom) Starling	February 5, 2023
Mabel Wilbanks	February 6, 2023
Julia Webb	February 21, 2023
Shannon Wade	February 23, 2023
Fred Springer	May 21, 2023
Thomas (Tommy) W. Tait	May 28, 2023
Julia (Judy) Olivia Cash	June 22, 2023
Michael De Lisle	June 27, 2023
William (Blair) Harrison	July 27, 2023
Ada Ruth Ballard Hewell	August 5, 2023
Donald Saunders	August 6, 2023
Eddie Porter	August 12, 2023
Kenneth Underwood	September 27, 2023
Eric Norris Reynolds	October 23, 2023

and all the Saints gone before us who we now name in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering  
on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.

Communion Anthem

*The First Song of Isaiah*  
Jack Noble White

Children's Choir & Chancel Choir  
Meredith Martin, Suzie Lusk Handbells  
Sam Burch, Baritone

## \*HYMN 708

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

HANOVER

## BENEDICTION

Dr. Martin

## \*POSTLUDE

*Carillon de Westminster*  
Louis Vierne

Mr. Nicholas Bowden  
Director of Music & Organist

\*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  
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 on the sanctuary altar are presented for the glory of God**  
and in memory of service members past and present from Rita McElwaney.

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