

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 11:00 AM | JANUARY 14, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Trio (No.1)
Gustav Merkel

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise
John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands, Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come before his presence with singing, Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

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."**

MISSION MOMENT: ADULTS IN ACTION

Rene Chesnut

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

John 1:43-51

Rev. Lawrence

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Lawrence

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Drew West and **People**
Assistant Minister of Families and Children

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 593

Here I am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise.
Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I go from your presence?
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea;
Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say "surely darkness will hide me", and the light be dark around me;
Not even dark is dark to you. Night will shine like the day.
And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea;
Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast,
So I'll praise you, lift up my voice and I'll praise you Lord!
Father I praise you, praise you my Lord, yes, I'll praise you Lord!
You created me within, you knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you for I am fearfully made, your works are wonderful.
And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

*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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Samuel 3:1-10

Rev. Short

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

SERMON

"If At First..."

Rev. Short

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

HYMN 140Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

POSTLUDEToccata*
Theodore DuBois

Nicholas Bowden

*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
Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin
Jerry Light
Nancy Ricciardi
Ingrid Shields

Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Don Harp
January 4, 2024

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Allen and Julie Harp (parents) and Harrison and Sarah Nell Harp (siblings) upon the death of their son and brother, Don Harp, on January 4, 2024.

Charles and Linda Leonard and Chase and Alyssa Leonard and family upon the death of Charles' mother and Chase's grandmother, Kay Leonard, on January 8.

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