

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 11:00 AM | JANUARY 21, 2024

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Improvisation on MIDDLEBURY  
Dale Wood

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. Drew West  
Assistant Minister of Families and Children

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. West 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 the 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

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

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

## ANTHEM

Total Praise  
Richard Smallwood, arr. John Ratledge

Chancel Choir  
Stephen Rotz, Conductor

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills  
Knowing my help is coming from You.  
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength.  
You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

## 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

Psalms 62:5-12

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>5</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.  
<sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
<sup>7</sup>On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.  
<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah*  
<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.  
<sup>10</sup>Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.  
<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,  
<sup>12</sup>and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short and **People**

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

O Lord, Most Holy  
Cesar Franck

Chancel Choir  
Joy Rotz, Soprano

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,  
O loving Father, Thee we would we be praising always.  
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;  
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;  
Father, Father, guide and defend us.  
Rule Thou our willful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts;  
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;  
And in temptations hour, save through Thy mighty pow'r,  
Thine aid O send us.  
Show us Thy favor, we pray Thee.

## \*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 and Rev. Short

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

Mark 1:14-20

Rev. Short

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Go Fish"

Rev. Short

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Short

God of the prophets,  
**you call us from where we are stuck into new places.**  
Fulfill in us your kingdom of justice and joy,  
**so that the light of your presence**  
may be revealed to all nations,  
**to the glory of Jesus' name. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 733

Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune and March*  
Jeremiah Clarke

Mr. Bowden

\*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  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin  
Mike Leonard  
Jerry Light  
Nancy Ricciardi

Ingrid Shields  
Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles  
Paul Wiley

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Tommy and Vicki Turner upon the death of their son-in-law, Stephen "Steve" Ray Boyd, on January 14.

**The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God**

and in memory of Cathryn Redwine Stephens by Harriett Bankston and family.

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