

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
Transfiguration Sunday | 11:00 AM | March 2, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Selections from Water Music
George-Frederick Handel

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*INTROIT

Hymn of Fellowship
John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir and **People**

*In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.*

All singing: (please stand)

**In Christ there is no east or west in Him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 363

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

SAGINA

*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

Rev. Lawrence 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

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Traditional, arr. Moses Hogan

The Chancel Choir
Brian Lindsey, Tenor

Refrain

*Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*On the mountain, my Lord spoke, out His mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please. Refrain*

*Jordan River, chilly and cold, chills the body, not the soul.
All around me, looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain*

*Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.
St. Peter waitin' at the gate, said "Come on sinner, don't be late!" Refrain*

*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

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

*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. West

**Loving God, You have called forth disciples and prophets to live and speak your word.
Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, lives to respond,
and voices to proclaim the good news of salvation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Rev. West

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds: ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify

God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

SERMON

"Unveiled"

Rev. Short

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.**

...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.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, 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.

At Communion: *If Ye Love Me* by Philip Wilby

The Fayette Young Singers
Dr Judy Hames, accompanist

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. (Repeat)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. (Repeat)
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Chorus)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side. (Repeat)
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. (Chorus)

All praise to the Father from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Chorus)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever

The Chancel Choir
EDELWEISS

*POSTLUDE

"Sinfonia" from Cantata No. 29
Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Bowden, organ

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Linda Brannon
Nancy Byers

Karen Davis
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard

Jerry Light
Bettina McDowell
Ron McDowell

Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Paul Wiley

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Seth and Laura Benefield (Jane and Dorsey) upon the death of Laura's mother and Jane and Dorsey's grandmother, Ellen Perdue Bettis, on February 24.



WEEKENDER

Youth Potato Bake
Sunday, March 9

Messy Church
Saturday, March 15

Souper Bowl
Celebration Meal
Wednesday, March 19



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