

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
Pentecost Sunday | 11:00 AM | June 8, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Come Holy Ghost from *Orgelbuchlein*
Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
René Clausen

The Chancel Choir

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 61

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. West and People

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal UMH 881

*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. West

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West and People

Holy God,
you spoke the world into being.
Send your Spirit to the ends of the earth,
so that all your children may come home—
as citizens of your kingdom.
Heal our divisions,
through your word of love
and your gift of righteousness. Amen.

FIRST READING

Romans 8:14-17

Mike McLaughlin

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence 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

I Sing Because I'm Happy

The Chancel Choir

Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Kenneth Paden/Rollo Dilworth

I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I'm so happy, yes I am! For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*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

VBS Celebration

Chase Leonard

Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.

Younger children are invited to attend with a parent.

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

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Lawrence

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All

were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Happy Birthday"

Rev. Short
Senior Minister

***HYMN 369**

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on RESTORATION
arr. Dale Wood

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Karen Davis

Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard
Jerry Light

Bettina McDowell
Ron McDowell
Ingrid Shields

Brenda Tierman
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Jeannie Hixon
May 27, 2025

In Memoriam
Robert Ladd
June 1, 2025

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Linda and Serena Ladd upon the death of Linda's husband and Serena's father, Robert Ladd, on June 1.
Joe Hixon and family upon the death of his wife, Jeannie Hixon, on May 27, 2025.

Summer Lunch Program
Tuesdays
June and July

Farewell Reception
Rev. Allyson Lawrence
June 22, Noon

Hymns & Gospel
Songs Concert
June 22, 7 PM

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Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM; Thursdays, 7:30 AM
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