

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
14th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | September 14, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Andante from **Sonata No. 1**
Felix Mendelssohn

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
René Clausen

The Chancel Choir

*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord;
shout to the Lord, alleluia! Praise Him, Laud Him, alleluia!*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 103

Immortal, Invisible

ST. DENIO

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Short 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. Short

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Short

ANTHEM

The Prayer
David Foster

Savannah Cathey, Soprano

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word
and draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 98:1-5

Robertine Mitchely

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.
- ² The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Robinson

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robinson 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

Go Out with Joy
Frank Beebe

The Chancel Choir
Marty Alexander, Piano

*For you shall go out with joy, be lead forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills shall break forth you into singing,
and all the trees shall clap their hands.
Pine trees shall shoot up in place of the camel thorn, myrtles instead of briars.
All this shall win the Lord a great name; a sign for all time.
For you shall...*

*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 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

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Rev. West

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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SERMON

"Let's Be Fools"

Rev. Short

*HYMN 733

We're Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
United Methodist Hymnal No. 136 (Vv. 1, 5)

Choir and **People**
CRIMOND

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

*POSTLUDE

Sortie in g
Gabriel Pierné

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard
Ed Richardson

Ingrid Shields
Terry Wallace

Dick Webb
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Dan Springer
September 5, 2025

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Jo Springer and family upon the death of her husband, Dan Springer, on September 5.



WEEKENDER

UWF Salad and Sweets
Thursday, September 18
11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

Great Day of Service
9 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturday, September 20
Local Ministry Projects

Messy Church
Stained Glass Theme
Saturday, September 27
11:00 AM - 1 PM



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