

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
15th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | September 21, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Adagio from Sonata No. 1
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Beth Refuss
United Women in Faith Representative

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Beth Refuss 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

Beth Refuss

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

ANTHEM

We Are Women in Faith
Elai Mist, arr. Rick Massengale

United Women in Faith Choir
Deb Cole, Director

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Florence Prine
Lay Leader

Loving God, our hearts overflow with gratitude
for the beautiful tapestry of voices you weave through your church.
Today we celebrate with joy the women you have called
whose courage, wisdom, and strength have blessed us all.

As we gather in your presence,
open our hearts wide to receive your Word,
that we may flourish together as a beloved community.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 113

Florence Prine

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.
- ² Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- ⁴ The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.
- ⁵ Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
- ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸ to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
- ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Donna Blackburn
United Women in Faith President

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Donna Blackburn 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

Swell the Full Chorus from **Solomon**
George-Frederick Handel

The Chancel Choir

*Swell the full chorus to sound the Lord's praise;
for God is the King and the sun of our days.
Flow sweetly the numbers that dwell on his name,
and rouse the whole nation in songs to his name.*

*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 to Families and Children

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

Philemon 4-21

Faye Moulton
United Women in Faith Representative

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"That's What It's All About"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*HYMN 714

I Know Whom I Have Believed

EL NATHAN

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
All Singing: 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**

In Thee Is Gladness from **Orgelbuchlein**
Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Linda Brannon
Karen Davis

Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard

Terry Wallace
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in honor of Mildred Fitzgerald's 108th birthday on September 17, given by the family.



WEEKENDER

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

Blood Drive
Gym
Sunday, October 5
8 AM - 1 PM

Hymns & Gospel Songs
Concert with Central
Baptist Church, Newnan
Sunday, October 26



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

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