

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

16th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | September 28, 2025

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Rhosymedre  
J. D. Edwards

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. Drew West  
Minister to Families and Children

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 384

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ALT. TUNE: HYFRYDOL

## \*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

Holy God,  
you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us  
so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone.  
Heal us from our woundedness  
so that we may, in turn, help others bind up their wounds. Amen.

## FIRST READING

Psalm 146

Arlene McGruder

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
    I will sing praises to my God all my life long.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
    in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
<sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
    on that very day their plans perish.  
<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
    whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
    the sea, and all that is in them;  
    who keeps faith forever;  
<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed;  
    who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup> the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
    the Lord loves the righteous.  
<sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the strangers;  
    he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
    but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
<sup>10</sup> The Lord will reign forever,  
    your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

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

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. West

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. West 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

Greet the Dawning

The Chancel Choir

Jan Sanborn

Judy Hames, Meredith Martin, Courtney Cole, Handbells

*Greet the dawning, greet the morning, greet the Lord with a joyful song.*

*Day's beginning, start with singing, gather with the joyous throng.*

*Greet the sunrise, everyone rise to you feet, the Lord is near.*

*High and holy, praise Him solely, His creation now revere.*

*Without making a sound, all nature is singing its love for Him, in a song without words.*

*Without saying a word, all creatures are singing their praise to Him, their hearts have been stirred.*

*Without saying a word, the organ is playing a hymn to Him, let its music be heard.*

*You who love Him, come with singing, use your powers to give Him praise.*

*Join your voices in a chorus, make of this a day of days. Alleluia! Amen!*

## \*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. West

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 Timothy 6:6-19

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"True Riches"

Rev. Short

## MISSION CONSECRATION: BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

## \*HYMN 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

MESSIAH

## \*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**

*Toccata from **Symphony No. 5**  
Charles-Marie Widor*

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Linda Brannon  
Karen Davis

Martha Hale  
Tangie Hubbard

Terry Wallace  
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley

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WEEKENDER

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

Charge Conference  
October 22  
Fellowship Hall  
7 PM

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



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