

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

World Communion Sunday | 11:00 AM | October 5, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Aria
Eugene Bozza

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist
Paula Van Goes, Soprano Saxophone

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing;
enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise!*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Robinson 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. Robinson

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Short

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every blessing
arr. Mack Wilberg

The Chancel Choir
Fayette Young Singers
Marty Alexander, Organ

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
Seal it for thy courts above.*

*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. Short and People

**God of all the ages,
you have revealed your grace
in our Savior, Jesus Christ.
As we wait patiently on your mercies,
strengthen us to live in your justice,
that with open hearts we may hear
and accomplish your will,
through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26

Rev. Short

¹ *How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces*

has become subject to forced labor.

- ² She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.
- ³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations;
she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.
- ⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate;
her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.
- ⁵ Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the Lord has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
- ⁶ From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Stewards of Despair"

Rev. West

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.

*HYMN 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Robinson

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again
arr. Mark Wilberg

The Chancel Choir
GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you'til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely hold you. God be with you 'til we meet again. Amen.*

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in C BWV 547
Johann Sebastian Bach

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
Maeva Lopez

Dick Webb
Paul Wiley



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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