

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent | 11:00 AM | November 30th, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

I Wonder as I Wander
Arr. Marty Alexander

Marty Alexander
Nicholas Bowden
Piano Duet

INTROIT

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
The Chancel Choir

*Savior of the nations, come: Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Children and Families

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 203

Hail to The Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

*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."**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Leader and **People**
The Halvorsens

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West

**Unexpected God, your advent alarms us.
Wake us from drowsy worship, from the sleep that neglects love,
and the sedative of misdirected frenzy.
Awaken us now to your coming, and bend our angers into your peace. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 122

Barbara Condon

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

*Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.*

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."
For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.*

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

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

And the glory of the Lord from Messiah
George-Frederick Handel

The Chancel Choir

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.*

***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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Rev. Robinson

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

*In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!*

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

SERMON

Series: "Let Heaven and Nature Sing"
Sermon: "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

***HYMN 196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever

Choir and **People**
EDELWEISS

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever!
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

***POSTLUDE**

Jesus Christ, Only Son of The Father from **Orgelbuchlein**
Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Bowden
Director of Music and Organist

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley

In Loving Memory
Charlie Pruett
&
Jerry Windham



WEEKENDER

Titus II
December 2nd
Noon
Gym

Youth Christmas Party
December 3rd
5:00 P.M.

Christmas Choir Concert
December 21st
7:00 P.M.



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