

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
Baptism of the Lord Sunday | 11:00 AM | January 11, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Selections from **Water Music**
George-Fredrick Handel

Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music

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 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Robinson

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.

*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."

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson

Creator God, our soul's delight,
your voice thunders over the waters,
liberating the future from the past.
In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth,
Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son;
may we recall our baptism,
and be disciples of the Anointed One. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Florence Prine

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short 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*The Lord is my Light*

Francis J. Allitsen

The Chancel Choir

Owen Connolly, Tenor

*The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation. Whom, then, shall I fear?**The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?*

Though an host of men were laid against me,
Yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though there rose up war against me,
Yet will I put my trust in Him.

*For, in the time of trouble,
He shall hide me in His tabernacle,
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.*

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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

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**

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. West

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON*"The Beginning"*

Rev. Short

HYMN 77How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

*CHORAL RESPONSE

I'm Trying to be Like Jesus
Arr. Barlow Bradford

Chancel choir

*Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought; for these are the things Jesus taught.*

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
John Carter

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Our Christian sympathies are with Carlotta Murray on the passing of her Mother Maeva Lopez.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard
Paul Wiley

Dick Webb



WEEKENDER

Souper Bowl V Begins
Today!

S.A.G.E. Trip
Delta Flight Museum
January 22nd
8:30 A.M.

Messy Church
January 31st
11:00 A.M.
Gym



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

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