

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany | 11:00 AM | January 18, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Great is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Dan Miller

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 181

Ye Servants of God

HANOVER

*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

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 40:1-11

Robertine Mitchley

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.*

*Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.*

*Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."*

*I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.*

*Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.*

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Short

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

Just as I am
Arr. Nicholas Bowden

The Chancel Choir
WOODWORTH

Please rise and sing on cue:

Just as I am thou wilt receive; will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve. Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God I come, I come!

***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. Short

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 Corinthians 1:10-18

Rev. Short

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Way and Power of the Cross"

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

***HYMN 519**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. West

***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**

Toccata
Eugene Gigout

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
Paul Wiley

Dick Webb



WEEKENDER

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

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

**Souper Bowl Ends
February 8th
11:00 A.M.**



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

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