

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany | 11:00 AM | January 25, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

The Harp of St. Cecelia
Auguste Wiegand

Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music
Marty Alexander
Associate Organist

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise
John Ness Beck

*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.*

The Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62 (vss 1,4,6,7) *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS EREFREUEN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. West

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. West

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

**O God,
you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON**Psalm 27:4-9**

Luanne Harms

*One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.*

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.*

*Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.*

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.*

*Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!*

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTESThe 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 all the earth shall own him Lord*

C. Hubert H. Parry, arr. Fred Bock

The Chancel Choir

Marty Alexander, Organ

Parker Olsen, Percussion

And did those feet in ancient time walk upon Israel's mountains green? And did the Christ of heaven come down? Was God in flesh both heard and seen? And did He die to prove His love? And did He rise more pow'rful still? And was His rule on earth started there upon Golgatha's tragic hill? Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my Chariot of Fire! I will not cease to spread His light: my faith a shield, His word my sword; 'till Christ, my God, is crowned as King, and all the earth shall own Him Lord.

Bryan Jeffery Leech (adapted from William Blake, 1982)

***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

Matthew 4:17-23

Rev. Robinson

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON*"Follow the Leader"*

The Rev. Kaylen Short

Senior Minister

HYMN 156I Love to tell the story*

HANKEY

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Sevenfold Amen
John Rutter

Chancel choir

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata
Eugene Gigout

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

The Sanctuary Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of David Richard's mother, Lora Faye Ellis, who passed away December 28th, 2025.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard
Paul Wiley

Dick Webb



WEEKENDER

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

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

Nathan Avakian Concert
February 22nd
7:00 P.M.
Sanctuary



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