

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
First Sunday In Lent | 11:00 AM | February 22, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Largo from Xerxes
George-Frederick 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 gladness: Come into 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 79

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*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

**God of mercy,
Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation,
that we who have been set free from sin by Christ
may serve you well into life everlasting. Amen.**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress,

the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Children and Families

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. West 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

In the Shadow of Your Wings

The Chancel Choir

Ken Medema

In the shadow of your wings my voice, with gladness, sings. To you alone, Lord, my soul clings, in the shadow of your wings. And my lips shall sing your praise while my hands, to you I raise. For your kindness follows me always in the shadow of your wings. And I will sing, alleluia!

*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 4:1-11

Rev. West

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "
Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "
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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Four "P"s

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*HYMN 480

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord bless you and keep you
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you
and be gracious unto you and give you peace. Amen.*

***POSTLUDE**

Nathan Avakian
Guest Organist

*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

**Nathan Avakian Concert
Tonight
7:00 P.M.
Sanctuary**

**Save the Date
Great Day of Service
April 18
9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Save the Date
VBS
June 22-26**



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