

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent | 11:00 AM | March 15, 2026

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee  
from Orgelbuchlein*

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. Psalm 100*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister of Children and Families

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

## \*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."*

## ANTHEM

*How Beautiful are the Feet from Messiah  
George-Frederick Handel*

Joy Rotz, Soprano

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Charles Robinson  
Minister of Nurture

**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 23

Michael McLaughlin

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

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

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Robinson

## 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

*Eternal Life*

The Chancel Choir

Olive Dungan, arr. William Strickland

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, to be  
understood as to understand, to be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

-Francis of Assisi

**\*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**

Ephesians 5:8-14

Rev. Robinson

*For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, or the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

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

**SERMON**

"Light Walking"

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Pastor

**\*HYMN 474**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

**\*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**

*Carillon de Westminster*  
Louis Vierne

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Karen Davis  
Dick Webb

Martha Hale  
Paul Wiley

Tangie Hubbard



WEEKENDER

**Messy Church  
Easter Celebration  
March 21  
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**Mozart Requiem Concert  
March 22  
7:00 P.M. - 10 P.M.  
Sanctuary**

**Easter Flower  
Orders Due  
March 30**



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