

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER | 11:00 AM | APRIL 26, 2026

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
arr. Diane Bish

Nicholas Bowden  
Minister of Music & Organist

## INTROIT

*Joyful, Joyful*  
arr. Johnnie Carl

The Chancel Choir  
HYMN TO JOY

ALL SINGING: PLEASE STAND

**Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson  
Minister of Nurture

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

### INTRODUCTION TO BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today we present Aiden Hoble, and Joseph Rocque Travis for baptism.

We present Gracie Fernandes, Connor Langdon Hansen, Aiden Hoble, Patrick Warren Mayhew, Anna Carrington Rice, Eleanor Grace Rice, Alexander Mathis Thompson, and Joseph Rocque Travis for Confirmation.

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? If so say, "I do."

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? If so say, "I do."

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? If so say, "I do."

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? If so say, "I will."

Will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,

and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? If so say, "I will."

Will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness? If so say, "I will."

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include those now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **CREED OF 2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**We believe in the one true, holy, and living God, who is the creator and giver of all things visible and invisible. We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, in whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day, he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and he will come again to restore and heal all creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, and the Church, which is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. We believe in the fellowship of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

Let us pray.

... We pray this in the name of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

### **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new siblings in Christ!

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith,

confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

### \*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."**

### CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister of Families and Children

### 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

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*  
Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

### \*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.*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson

**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

John 13:1-17

Rev. Robinson

*Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus*

answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Not Yet"

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

**\*HYMN 117**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

Toccata on FESTALSONG  
Robert Hebble

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis  
Tangie Hubbard

Martha Hale  
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are presented to the glory of God by the 2026 Confirmation Class in honor of confirmation teachers Rev. Drew West, Caroline Creel, and Faye Livingston.



24 Hours of Prayer  
May 7th

Youth and Children's  
Sabbath  
May 17th at 11:00  
Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School  
Snowball Mountain  
June 22-26

WEEKENDER



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

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