

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | AUGUST 2, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Improvisations
Nicholas Bowden

Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music & Organist

INTROIT

Give Us This Day

The Summer Choir
Tony Thompson, Tenor

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

*OPENING HYMN 694

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Keith and People

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. 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. Keith

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nuture

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Robinson

OFFERTORY

Praise His Holy Name!

The Summer Choir

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me: I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

*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

Dana Lamb
Minister to Children

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Rev. Keith

*Children are invited to return to seats after Children's Moment.
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson and People

**Glorious God,
your generosity floods the world with goodness
and you shower creation with abundance.
Awaken in us a hunger for food to satisfy both body and heart,
that in the miracle of being fed
we may be empowered to feed the hungry in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14: 13-21

Rev. Robinson

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON

"Read It Again, Generosity"

Rev. Short

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves
in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

*You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering
on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.*

*HYMN 405

Seek Ye First

SEEK

BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie; in pastures green he leadeth me;
the quiet waters by. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house for-
ever more my dwelling place shall be.*

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
John Stanley

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Al Guice

Tangie Hubbard
Martha Hale

Beverly Mobley
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Russell Hamner
June 26, 2026

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are presented to the glory of God
by Judy and Wayne Reynolds in memory of their son, Ronald Todd Chamlee, on his birthday.



WEEKENDER

Youth and Parent
Children and Parent
Kickoff Meeting
August 12th

Rise Against Hunger
Sunday, August 16th
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday Night Supper
Resumes
August 19th



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