

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | July 12, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Improvisation on FOOTSTEPS
J.M. Alexander

J. Martin Alexander, Organ

*INTROIT

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place
Gordon Young

The Summer Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*OPENING HYMN 701

When We All Get to Heaven
VS. 1 All VS. 2 Women, VS. 3 Men, VS. 4 All

HEAVEN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Short

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. Short

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Short

**Ancient Gardener,
your holy word is planted in our hearts
as good seed in fertile soil.
So nurture us
that we may bear fruit abundantly.
Amen.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet
 and a light to my path.
 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
 to observe your righteous ordinances.
 I am severely afflicted;
 give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
 Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
 and teach me your ordinances.
 I hold my life in my hand continually,
 but I do not forget your law.
 The wicked have laid a snare for me,
 but I do not stray from your precepts.
 Your decrees are my heritage forever;
 they are the joy of my heart.
 I incline my heart to perform your statutes
 forever, to the end.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Short

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short 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

All Good Gifts
 David Schwoebel

The Summer Choir

We plow the fields and scatter
 The good seed on the land,
 But it is fed and watered
 By God's almighty hand.
 He sends the snow in winter,
 The warmth to swell the grain,
 The breezes and the sunshine,
 And soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us
 Are sent from heaven above;
 Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
 For all His love.

He only is the Maker
 Of all things near and far;

He paints the wayside flower;
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey Him;
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more, to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, and food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts
But that which Thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

*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

*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 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Short

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

SERMON

"Green Growing Days"

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

*HYMN 377

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Keith

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord's My Shepherd
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The Summer Choir

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 forever more my dwelling place shall be.

*POSTLUDE

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music & Organist
Daniel Solberg, Piano

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

Dick Webb
Paul Wiley



WEEKENDER

Flood Bucket Collections
July 5th - July 26th

Messy Church
Back to School Block Party
July 25th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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



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

NA Meeting: Thursdays 7:30 PM



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