

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
9th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | July 26, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Fairest Lord Jesus
arr. Diane Bish

J. Martin Alexander
Organist

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

*HYMN 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Keith and People

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.

*universal UMH 881

*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."**

ANTHEM

Philippians 4:13

Sunshine VBS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Keith and People

Holy God,
you shape us into living parables.
We pray that with your Spirit in us
we may become creative and abundant stewards
of your love. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 84: 1-4, 10-12

Blake Smith

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah*
For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

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

Open my Heart
Yolanda Adams

Jayme Alilaw, Soprano

*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: 44-46

Rev. Robinson

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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SERMON

"Read It Again: Belovedness"

Rev. Short

***HYMN 400**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

God is so Good

Sunshine Singers

**God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me!
He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me!
I love Him so, I love Him so,
I love Him so, He's so good to me!
I praise His name, I praise His name,
I praise His name, He's so good to me!**

***POSTLUDE**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
arr. Albin Whitworth

Mr. Alexander

*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



WEEKENDER

Blessing of the
Backpacks
Sunday, August 2nd

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

Wednesday Night Supper
Resumes
August 19th



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

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