

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 16, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Praeludium in g
Dietrich Buxtehude

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music

INTROIT

All that hath life and breath
Rene' Clausen

The Chancel Choir

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord.
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia! Praise him, Laud him;
Alleluia!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

*HYMN 157

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

*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

He will hold fast
arr. Andrew Wicker

The Chancel Choir

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so,
He will hold me fast. Those he saves are his delight,
Christ will hold me fast; Precious in his holy sight,
Christ will hold me fast; He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last; Bought by him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *He will hold me fast...*
For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
Til our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last!
He will hold me fast...

Ada Habershon

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Keith and People

God of all,
your arms reach out to embrace
all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of Christ
so to love the world
that your name may be known
throughout the earth. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 133

Chase Leonard

*How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.*

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

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

Awake, My Heart
Jane Marshall

The Chancel Choir

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me, Beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nurture, thy word my nurture, giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.

*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 15: 10-20

Rev. Short

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

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

SERMON

"The Heart and Mouth Connection"

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

*HYMN 600

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Robinson

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

When in Our Music God is Glorified
arr. Anna Laura Page

Mr. J. Martin Alexander
Organist

*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
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Dick Webb
August 12, 2026

The flowers in worship are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Mike McElwaney



WEEKENDER

Wednesday Night Supper
Resumes
August 19th

Messy Church
August 29th
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Titus II
September 1st
Noon



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

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