

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Trio
Gustav Merkel

Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music & Organist

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. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nature

*OPENING HYMN 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINISTER ABBEY

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Robinson 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. Robinson

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Keith

OFFERTORY

Devotion
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

I am thine O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.
Consecrate me now to thy service Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died:
draw me nearer, nearer to thy precious bleeding side.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

*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.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Keith and People

God among us,
we gather in the name of your Son
to learn love for one another.
Turn our feet from evil paths,
our minds to your wisdom,
and our hearts to your grace.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Rev. Keith

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I

am there among them.”

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

SERMON

"Honest Dialogue"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

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 77

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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
Beverly Mobley

Will Sneed
Paul Wiley



WEEKENDER

**Labor Day
Church Campus Closed
Monday, September 7th**

**The Sermon on the Plain
A Four Week Bible Study
Begins September 9th
5:30 pm**

**UWF Fall Gathering
September 10th
11:30 am**



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