

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Laity Sunday | 11:00 AM | October 18, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Andante from **Sonata No 2**
Paul Hindemith

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music

***INTROIT**

Make a Joyful Noise
arr. Johnnie Carl

The Chancel Choir

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving; and into his courts with praise.

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Florence Prine
Lay Leader and Certified Lay Servant

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 529**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Mrs. Prine 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**

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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**

Carlotta Murray
Certified Lay Servant

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jeff Hansen
Certified Lay Servant
and People

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.**

FIRST READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Connie Hyder
Music Librarian

Therefore, Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith 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

There is a Savior
Sandi Patty Helverling

The Chancel Choir
J. Martin Alexander, Piano

There is a Savior, what joys express: his eyes of mercy, his Word is rest. For each tomorrow, for yesterday, there is a Savior who lights our way. Are there burdens in your heart, is your past a memory that binds you? Is there some pain that you've carried far too long? Then strengthen your heart with good news: there is a Savior and he's forgiven you! There is a Savior...How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be; how marvelous! how wonderful is my Savior's love for me! There is a Savior...

(Greg Nelson, Bob Farrell, 1986)

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-Schaubroeck
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

Exodus 32:1-14

Barb Combs
Certified Lay Speaker

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Instant Gratification"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

***HYMN 714**

I Know Whom I Have Believed

EL NATHAN

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

A Gaelic Blessing

The Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in g (BMV525)

Mr. Bowden

Johanna Sebastian Bach

Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Brian Collins
Karen Davis

Tangie Hubbard
Martha Hale

Beverly Mobley
Joyce Ramsey

Will Sneed
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Carol Taylor
October 8, 2026

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor and appreciation of Rev. Kaylen Short, Rev. Allison Keith, Rev. Charles Robinson, Nicholas Bowden, and Dana Lamb-Schaubroeck.



WEEKENDER

Stewardship
Consecration
Sunday, October 25
8:45AM & 11:00AM

Charge Conference
Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 28
7:00PM

Christmas Marketplace
Church Campus
Saturday, November 7
9:00AM - 3:00PM



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