

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

18th SUNDAY After PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | September 22, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Adagio Cantabile
Johann Sebastian Bach

Charles Higgs
Guest Organist

*INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Johnnie Carl

Chancel Choir and **People**

All singing: (please stand)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*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."**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MOMENT

Florence Prine
Lay Leader

CONSECRATION OF ORGAN

Sam Burch and **People**

We present this instrument to be consecrated to the glory of Almighty God and for service in this congregation.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, **to sing praises to your name, O Most High,**
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, **and your faithfulness at night,**
to the music of the lute and the harp, **to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; **at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

whom the generations have worshiped through the gift of music,
accept our praise to you in the sound of this instrument,
which we consecrate in your name and to your glory.

Grant that its music may be a blessing to all who worship here,
and that they may be consecrated to you,
whose sound has gone out through all the earth
and whose words to the end of the world.

Let our music be so joined to your holy Word
that your glory may surround us

and empower us for the service to which you call us in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

My Eternal King
Jane Marshall

The Chancel Choir
Charles Higgs, Organ

*My God, I love Thee: not because I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love Thee must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell;
not with the hope of gaining aught, nor seeking a reward;
but as Thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King!*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

**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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1:1-3

Rev. West

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. West

MINISTRY MOMENT: UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Deb Cole

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. West 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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON, arr. Mack Wilberg

The Chancel Choir
Rebecca Adams, Horn,
Harrison Morgan, Percussion,
Charles Higgs, Organ

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

***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

Rev. West

*Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.
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

James 3:13-18

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

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

SERMON

"Building on Wisdom"

Rev. Lawrence

***HYMN 577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lawrence

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata from Symphony No. 5
Charles-Marie Widor

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Karen Davis

Robbie Gray
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard
Jerry Light

Bettina McDowell
Ron McDowell
Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman

Paul Wiley

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Ben and Karen Smith upon the death of Karen's brother-in-law, Bob Poston, on September 15.

The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God

and in honor of Bobby and Beverly Mobley's 60th wedding anniversary.

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Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM

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