

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

ALL SAINTS' DAY | 11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 3, 2024

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Nicholas Bowden, Organ  
Carolyn Hancock, Violin

## \*INTROIT

*Make a Joyful Noise*  
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

## \*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 718

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY

## \*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Lawrence 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. Lawrence and **People**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

*"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."*

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: WHY FAYETTEVILLE FIRST?

Florence Prine

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Short

## OFFERTORY

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*  
Moses Hogan

The Chancel Choir

## \*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

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister of Families and Children

*Children are invited to return to seats after Children's Moment.  
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West 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.**

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

Rev. West

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.*

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

## SERMON

"Looking Forward"

Rev. Short

## 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

...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. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—

**\*THE NAMING OF THE SAINTS**

Florence Prine  
Lay Leader

*Silence may be kept for the remembrance of names.*

We remember with thanksgiving the saints of our church who this year passed from the church on earth to the Church Triumphant.

Julie Watson	December 4, 2023
Lynn Springer	December 7, 2023
Rev. Bob Partridge	December 14, 2023
Ben Westberry	December 23, 2023
Don Harp	January 4, 2024
Lynn Porter	January 27, 2024
Kenneth Russell "Red" Benefield	February 6, 2024
William "Bill" Trice	February 6, 2024
Helen Voyles	April 18, 2024
Wendell Shelnutt	April 22, 2024
Carol King	May 21, 2024
Carole Hyder	June 17, 2024
Wayne Hornbuckle	July 21, 2024
Doris Kerlin	July 21, 2024
Clara Martin	July 27, 2024
Martha Cantrell	October 17, 2024

and all the Saints gone before us who we now name in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, 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 711 (Vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever*

Choir and People

EDELWEISS

***May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;  
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever!  
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.***

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

### \*POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Thou Art the Rock"*  
Henri Mulet

Nicholas Bowden  
Director of Music & Organist

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew  
Blanche Babcock  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton

Karen Davis  
Robbie Gray  
Martha Hale  
Tangie Hubbard

Jerry Light  
Bettina McDowell  
Ron McDowell  
Ingrid Shields

Brenda Tierman  
Paul Wiley

**The flowers on the sanctuary altar are presented for the glory of God and in memory Marsha Minnick by her daughter, Anna Mayhew.**

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Wednesdays through Saturdays 7 PM  
NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM

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