

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Baptism of the Lord Sunday | 11:00 AM | January 12, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Magnificat from Christmas Oratorio

Nicholas Bowden

Camille Saint-Saëns

Director of Music & Organist

Savannah Cathey, Soprano; Owen Connolly, Tenor; Michael O'Hearn, Bass

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise

The Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

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

The Rev. Drew West

Minister of Families and Children

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 79 (Vv. 1-4)** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

GROSSER GOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. West

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.

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*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

Rev. West

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West

**Come, divine Interpreter,
Open our eyes to your truth, and our hearts to obey your word
that we may share in your glory and reign with you forever. Amen.**

- Charles Wesley, 1762 (UMH 594) Adapted by Rev. Drew West

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 29

Arlene McGruder

¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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.

*HYMN 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

OFFERTORY

Be Still
Hank Beebe

The Chancel Choir

*Be still, and know that I am God, I will be exalted in the nations:
I will be exalted in the earth. Be still and know that I am God.
Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolation he has made in the earth,
he maketh wars to cease on the earth, He breaketh the bow,
He cutteth the spear, He burneth the chariot.
Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted in the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth, Be still, and know that I am God.
The Lord of hosts is with us, The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Be still and know that I am God....*

*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.
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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. West

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Like John"

Rev. Short

***HYMN 430**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

***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 lift his countenance upon you and give peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata
Theodore DuBois

Mr. Bowden

*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

James Watkins
Paul Wiley

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