

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany | 11:00 AM | February 16, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Londonderry Air
arr. Malcolm Archer

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful
arr. Johnnie Carl

The Chancel Choir

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. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Short

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

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. Short

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

**Loving God,
You have called forth disciples and prophets to live and speak your word.
Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, lives to respond,
and voices to proclaim the good news of salvation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1

Florence Prine

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.
⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

*HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

See insert

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Lawrence

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence 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

For the Mountains Shall Depart
Hank Beebe

The Chancel Choir
Nancy Lindsey, Mezzo-Soprano

*For one small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee.
For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed,
but my kindness shall not depart from thee.
For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed,
but my kindness shall not depart from thee.
For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken, and grieved in spirit,
and a wife in youth when thou was refused saith thy God.
For one small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee,
For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed,
but my kindness shall not depart from thee.*

*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. Short

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 4:21-30

Rev. Lawrence

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"My Little Box"

Rev. Short

***HYMN 733**

We're Marching to Zion

MARCHING TO ZION

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
 John Rutter

The 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
 Eugene Gigout

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Linda Brannon
Nancy Byers

Karen Davis
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard

Jerry Light
Bettina McDowell
Ron McDowell

Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Robbie Gray
February 12, 2025

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Paul and Cathy Birkhead and family upon the death of Cathy's father, Dr. John Thomas Grayson,
on February 5.

Dottie Gray and Kyle, Naudia and Sylvie Gray upon the death of Dottie's husband, Kyle's father, and
Sylvie's grandfather, Robbie Gray, on February 12.

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