

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany | 11:00 AM | February 23, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON, arr. Tim Zimmerman

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
René Clausen

The Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Robinson

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. Robinson

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

ANTHEM

Song of Exaltation
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

*Hath the rain a feather? Who hath begotten the drops of dew?
Canst thou send lightnings to cause it to rain on the earth, to satisfy the wasteground?
Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us?
Who hath gathered the wind in His fists? Who can number the clouds in wisdom?
He that formeth the mountains and created the wind, The Lord, the God of hosts is His name!
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let men say among the nations: our God reigneth!
Let the sea roar and the fullness thereof; let the fields rejoice and all that is therein;
and let men say among the nations: thy God reigneth!
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel forever and ever!*

INTRODUCTION TO BAPTISM AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

Today I present Abigail Kay Short for Baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the parents, Kaylen and Alli.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? If so, say, "We do." **We do.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Abigail, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of faith,

I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

The pastor addresses the baptized and family and sponsors:

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
Establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

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

An Expression of Gratitude
David Scwoebel

The Chancel Choir

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Always with joy in every prayer for you; I thank my God.
I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel from the very first day 'til now;
I thank my God for you.
And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you,
will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.
And this I pray that your love may abound more and more.
Abound in knowledge, in judgment, that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God.
That you may be pure and blameless,
filled with the fruits of righteousness which comes through Christ Jesus.
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.
Always with joy in every prayer for you.
I thank my God for every remembrance of you, in every prayer with joy; I thank my 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

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and 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. The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.
Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lawrence

**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

Luke 6:27-38

Rev. Lawrence

²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

SERMON

"For Those Still Listening"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*HYMN 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*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.**

*POSTLUDE

Flourishes
Carlyle Sharpe

Mr. Bowden, Conductor

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Guest Musicians: The Atlanta Brassworks; Janice Folsom, Conductor; Marty Alexander, Organist;
John Lawless, Timpani; Rick Massengale, Organist; Harrison Morgan, Percussion

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
Ken Hazelton
February 16, 2025

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Harriett Hazelton and family upon the death of Harriett's husband, Ken Hazelton, on February 16.

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God

and in honor of Rev. Kaylen and Allison Short in celebration of the baptism of their daughter, Abigail Kay Short, by Sam and Susan Burch.

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