

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

1st Sunday in Lent | 11:00 AM | March 9, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Lord Jesus Christ, I Call to Thee from *Orgelbuchlein*
Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts
Henry Purcell

The Chancel Choir

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy, O God, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior, Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*HYMN 116

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be 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

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

ANTHEM

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked
Geoffrey O'Hara, Daniel S. Twohig

Michael O'Hearn, Bass

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

Artist of souls,
you sculpted a people for yourself
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.
Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,
that the discipline of these forty days
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,
and wet our thirst for the living water you offer
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 107:1-3; 23-32

Mike McLaughlin

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble
³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;
²⁴they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.
²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.
²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their
calamity;
²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.
²⁸Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;
²⁹he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.
³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.
³¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robinson 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

We Walk by Faith
Jan Sanborn

The Chancel Choir

We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
Sometimes trials come our way. We don't know what to do or say.
But we know God will make a way if we will trust, trust and obey.

We walk by faith...

We trust in God and in His Son. What God has promised will be done.
And as each journey is begun His Holy Spirit makes us one.

We walk by faith...

We may not fully understand, but we are guided by His hand.
And as we follow faith's command, God leads us to the promised land.

We walk by faith...

— J. Paul Williams (Based on Corinthians 5:7-9)

*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

Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Lawrence

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Most Important Words: I Need Help"

Rev. Lawrence

*HYMN 533

We Shall Overcome

MARTIN

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lawrence

***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**

If You Will Only Let God Guide You from **Orgelbuchlein**
J.S. Bach

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in memory of her father, Grady (Sonny) Hatchett, by Janet (Paul) Gazaway and family.

The rosebud on the sanctuary altar is presented to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birth of Juniper Mary Zivny on February 3, 2025. Parents are Andrew and Elise Zivny; grandparents are Mike and Tina Wheatley; great-grandmothers are Trudy Whittington and Ann Gibson.



WEEKENDER

American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Sunday, March 16

Great Day of Service
Saturday, March 29

Ed Travis Scholarship
Deadline
March 31



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Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM; Thursdays, 7:30 AM

NA Meeting: Thursdays 7 PM



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