

Welcome to United Church of Fayetteville



We welcome you to our community of faith and are glad you have joined us for worship. Our congregation is theologically diverse, with roots in the American Baptist and Presbyterian Church (USA) traditions. As a strong community of faith, we are accepting of all people. Please ask any member about our life together. We are glad you are here!



November 19, 2023

Congregational Mission and Ministry

Meditation

On October 3, 1789, George Washington issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, designating for “the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving” to be held on “Thursday the 26th day of November,” 1789, marking the first national celebration of a holiday that has become commonplace in today's households

Welcome

Elder Jane Arras

Greeting of Peace

Prelude

Celtic Prayer
UCF Handbell Choir
Jonathan Bergman, Director of Music Ministries

J. Turner, J. Hall

Call to Worship

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is evil in your sight. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. And if the sum total of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, then in your sight we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here. In the strong name of Christ, we pray.

Offering of Our Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Offering God our Lives, God's Tithe, and our Pledges

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Rev. Kenneth Wonderland

Gloria Patri

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: 14-30

Meditation

"Afraid of What?"

Rev. Kenneth Wonderland

Hymn 383

God, whose giving

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 403

The church of Christ in every age

Benediction

Postlude

Christe Sanctorum

Trad.

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Our Commitment to Mission:
An expression of our hope

"We are a Jubilee community,
inclusive and united
to celebrate God's grace through worship,
to demonstrate Christ's love
by caring for one another and all people in need,
to cultivate the Spirit's gifts in all people,
and to reach out and disciple others in the Good News of
our faith.

We invite all people to join us
in ministries of praise, love, and concern."
(from the United Church of Fayetteville)