†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you
Share His love by sharing of your faith
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
Every moment, every day!

TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

GREETERS

8:30 Joe & Beth Kirk | 11:00 Claudia Beamon & Ted Collins

Memorial Gifts were given in memory of Becky Lail, Prentiss Scott and Mildred Lancaster.

Seeds of Generosity

Generosity booklets, seeds, and commitment cards have been distributed! We invite you to prayerfully consider your 2027 commitment and take the next step by returning your completed commitment card or giving your commitment online. Scan the QR code here to find the online form.

Behold! The Season Is Coming

Nov 29 - Kids Family Advent Night - 5:30pm
Dec 6 - Lovefeast and Candlelight Service - 6:00pm
Dec 7 - Orchestra Concert - 6:30pm
Dec 13 - Chancel Choir Cantata - 8:30 & 11:00am
Dec 13 - Journey to Bethlehem - 6:00-7:00pm
Dec 19 - Christmas Cheer Delivery - 10:00am
Dec 20 - Sing Christmas at The Rise - 8:30 & 9:45am
Dec 20 - Christmas Caroling - 3:00-5:00pm
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 11:00pm
Dec 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Pastor Sarah Appointed as Chair of Board of Ministry

We are excited to share that Pastor Sarah has been appointed as Chair of the Board of Ministry of the NC Conference for the Global Methodist Church. Our annual conference covers our state and includes 406 churches and 325 active and retired clergy people. In addition, there are 148 candidates still working through the process to become ordained. The BOM is responsible for helping individuals discern and pursue a call to ministry which is done by evaluating theology and leadership skills in our candidates. Chair of the BOM also includes becoming a part of the strategic leadership team that meets monthly to make decisions about the function and future of our conference.

Meet and Greet with Austin and Amanda Arnder

Come meet Austin, our new Director of Youth Ministry, and his wife, Amanda, on Sunday, November 15, at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary! All are invited to get to know them while giving them an opportunity to meet you.

Project Christmas Cheer

We have families to adopt through Project Christmas Cheer! Stop by the Atrium where you can adopt a family and learn how you can share the joy of Christmas. Our church adopts around 50 families each year. Delivery day is December 19th. We are also looking for servants to help staff the adoption table on Sunday mornings. Sign up through the Steeple Call or under the Missions link in the FMC app.

Annual Charge Conference - Nov 17

First Methodist's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 17, at 6:00pm. The Charge Conference is the primary governing and accountability meeting of a local church. All church members are encouraged to attend as we reflect on the work God is doing at FMC.

Sojourners Bible Study - Behold The Savior

As we think about preparing for the holidays, we invite you to prepare your hearts for Advent with a 4 week Bible study of Chapters 1 and 2 in Luke. We will meet in the Stanley Harrell Room at 10:00 on Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10 and Dec 17. We will use the book, Behold the Savior by Lifeway Women. It can be ordered through Amazon or Lifeway. There is no video. Plan to join us!

Decorate the Chrismon Tree - Sunday, November 22nd at 12:00pm

Mark your calendar to decorate the Chrismon Tree, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall in preparation for the Advent season. Lunch will be provided.

The Singing Christmas Tree - Dec 5

Open to all ages! Join us for the Singing Christmas Tree at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville on December 5! We will leave the church at 10:30 AM, stop for lunch in Kinston, and attend the show at 4:30 PM.

Moravian Lovefeast and Candlelight Service - Dec 6

Experience the Moravian Lovefeast and Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 6th, at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. This tradition brings us together for sweetened coffee and authentic Moravian buns, accompanied by Christmas carols and lighted candles wrapped in red ribbon.

Journey to Bethlehem - Dec 13

Christmas is a time of journeys. Long ago a young couple journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem to welcome a child on a mission to redeem the world. On December 13th, you are invited to follow the journey pausing at scenes of the first Bethlehem journey. Gather in the Fellowship Hall anytime between 6:00 and 7:00pm to celebrate the birth of our newborn King!

WaveRunners - Chinese Lantern Festival - Jan 5

Join the WaveRunners for a trip to the Chinese Lantern Festival in Cary, NC, on Tuesday, January 5! We will depart the church at 11:30 AM, enjoy lunch along the way, and arrive when the gates open at 4:30 PM to experience the beautiful illuminated lantern displays. The cost is $28 per person and the deadline to sign up is December 28.

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"WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 15, 2026 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE
PRELUDE
†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT
†CALL TO WORSHIP

One thing I have asked of the LORD; this is what I desire:
to dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.
For he will shelter and protect me in his presence.
He will set me high upon a rock.
Then my head will be lifted up above the enemies around me.
I will offer sacrifices in his tent with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD. (Psalm 27:4-6)

†HYMN "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" OGRP No. 4

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
and ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

†OPENING PRAYER Unison

Gracious God, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. Grant us willing and grateful hearts, that we may hold nothing back from you, but joyfully offer ourselves to your service. Teach us to be content in plenty and in need, to seek not our own glory but yours, and to trust in your goodness in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed Unison

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.

†GLORIA PATRI Unison

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 11:00AM
WELCOME AND BLESSING

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.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER Unison

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.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The King in All His Beauty" Chancel Choir
By Papa/Boswell/Parks

†DOXOLOGY

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.

†HYMN "My Worth is Not in What I Own" SING No. 285

My worth is not in what I own,
not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love
at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,
in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed
at the cross.

Refrain:
I rejoice in my Redeemer—
greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other;
my soul is satisfied in him alone.

As summer flow'rs we fade and die;
fame, youth, and beauty hurry by,
but life eternal calls to us
at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
or human wisdom's fleeting light,
but I will boast in knowing Christ
at the cross. [Refrain]

Two wonders here that I confess:
my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed, my ransom paid
at the cross. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:3-9

3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. 4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? 5 It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly. 6 "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. 8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

SERMON Offer Pastor Sarah

†HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" OGRP No. 84

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.