

**Weekly Calendar
Schedule**

Sunday 12/31/23

8:45am The Depot Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship

Monday 01/01/23

**CHURCH OFFICE &
CHILDREN FIRST CLOSED**

Wednesday 01/03/23

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Worship Attendance

12/24/23

The Depot — 31

Traditional Worship — 114



Stewardship

Budget	\$	530,743.00
YTD Received	\$	505,491.00
Monthly Need	\$	44,229.00
Monthly Received	\$	59,289.00

Online Giving is available.

Go to www.waycrossfirst.com and click the tab for "Online Giving." Several methods of payment are now available for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the church office at 912-283-2077.

**Waycross First United Methodist
Church Staff**

Senior Pastor *Rev. Christy Bandy*
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Looking Ahead...

- Weekly Church Night Suppers return on January 10th.
- A+ TEAM planning meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 10:30am.
- Sunday, January 14th FUMC Youth @ the Brethericks! Meet at church 4:30pm.
- Sunday, January 28th is M&M's luncheon! Save the Date!



**First United
Methodist Church**

410 Williams St.
Waycross, Georgia
(912)283-2077
December 31, 2023
10:30 a.m.
www.waycrossfirst.com

Mrs. Cindy Taylor

Rev. Christy Bandy

Prelude

Opening Prayer (Year of Prayer – Breath Prayer)
{Inhale – My Eyes Have Seen / Exhale – Your salvation}
Read: Luke 2:22-40

Dear Heavenly Father,

We desire to pray like Simeon and Anna. With our hearts and lives we too want to honor and serve You faithfully all our days here on earth. Help us to never grow weary in the daily ways we dedicate our lives to You. Allow us to always kindle the eternal hope and joy that are the true gifts from you. Most of all thank you for the past year and the lessons learned. We pray that in the year to come we are more intentional to grow closer to You.

Hear our prayer, in the name Jesus!
AMEN!

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Rev. Bandy
p. 241 (UM Hymnal)

***The Apostles' Creed**

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;
and 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.

*Please stand as you are able.

December 31, 2023

We're glad you're here!

We are delighted that you joined us to worship today! So that we may know you better, please take a moment to complete the following and place in the offering plate.

Also, please **update** any information that we may already have on file.

This connection card helps the office keep attendance that is turned in to the conference on a monthly basis.

Your attendance is important!

Please Print. Thanking you in advance!

Name _____

Children _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip _____

Contact# _____

E-mail _____

1st time guest _____

Regular Attender _____

Member _____

Prayer Request:

**No need to miss a worship service!
Here's how to stay connected:**

1. On Vyve Cable TV: Channel 15
2. Online: Go to waycrossfirst.com. Choose "Sermons" then "Watch Live Sundays." You may watch live or recorded Sundays.

SPRC consultation with our District Superintendent on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Members for 2024

Chair-Michael Davis, Loni Hines, Craig Head, Steve Hudson, David Rafus, Dana Robbins, Martha Paulk, Hillary Bishop, Linda Titus, Jess Coleman, and Curtis Brantley

Food Pantry Donations Needed



Food on First is next Sunday, January 7th.

Single serve/Pop Top items are of the greatest need.

***Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

**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 of Christ**

Rev. Bandy

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Bandy

Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bandy

Children's Moment

Ivy Kratzer

***Hymn of Preparation**

p. 237 (UM Hymnal)

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

Laity Prayer

Phil Wysong

Special Music

Choplin

"Go Tell it Where I Send Thee"
Chancel Choir

Scripture

Rev. Bandy

2 Timothy 4: 7-8

Sermon

Rev. Bandy

"Finishing Well"

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn of Invitation

p. 229 (UM Hymnal)

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Benediction

Rev. Bandy

Benediction Response

p. 593 (UM Hymnal)

"Here I Am Lord"

Postlude

Mrs. Taylor

***Please stand as you are able.**

Christian Sympathy and Love are extended to Mrs. Frances Register and family in the death of her son, Mr. Johnny Register on December 22nd. A graveside service will be held at a later date. Please keep the family uplifted in prayer.

- THANK YOU -

I want to personally thank all of you who showered me with gifts, cards, phone messages, text messages, etc. at Christmas. My heart overflows with gratitude for each of you. I am so blessed to serve such a gracious and generous congregation. Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

~Pastor Christy~

Prayer REQUESTS

Betty Barber, Lea Barnard, Bryant Bishop, Patsy Blalock, Bowman Baby, Claire Boyle, Tammy Brown, Kimberly Chapman, Penn Clark, Barbara Coggin, Layne Coleman, Stephanie Coley Coleman, Cindy & Randy Conley, Norm Cover, James Crouch, Bess Davis, Savannah Deal, Wesley Edge, Jennifer Fesperman, Rick Fey, Faye Fletcher, Coralyn Gaston, Olive Griffin, Bill & Ruth Grimes, Rhonda Hart, Jim Hull, David Jackson, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Matthew Jernigan, Garrett Jolly, Kathy King, Betty Knowlton, Cheryl Lott, Rev. Sonny Mason, Larry Mathison Family, Jeffery Maxwell, Nancy McBride, Jennifer McGhin, Ann McIntosh, Mack McKown, Kathy Metzger, Military Service Members, Sarah Jolly Murray, Shirley Nettles, Chris Ober, Kensley O'Berry, E. B. Price, Tyreq Purcell, Lucie Putala, John Rentz, Tyler Ronan, David Grey Russell, Andee Jolley Schroeder, Don Scott, Trent Scott, Saralyn Singletary, Nita Skerratt, Desiree Slaughter, Mimi Smith, Jim "Papa" Stewart, Jim Sweat, Joe Sweat, Adam Swindell, Jamar Taylor Family, Brock Thrift, Tyrone Williams, Henry Williamson, Mary Woodruff, Sharon Worton and Barbara Young



Cottonball Poole at Day Camp.



We love when our friend Michael visits!



Sweet friends sharing the Christmas Spirit.

