

**Weekly Calendar Schedule**

**Sunday 12/20/20**

8:45a The Depot in Fellowship Hall  
9:30a Sunday School  
10:30a Traditional Worship  
6:00p Facebook Live Devo w/The Goods

**Stewardship**

Budget \$ 526,495.00  
YTD Received \$ 500,382.00  
Monthly Need \$ 43,874.00  
Monthly Received \$ 36,188.00

**Online Giving is available.**

Go to [www.waycrossfirst.com](http://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.



**With less than a month left in 2020, we invite you to take a look at what you intended to give to the work of Jesus through Waycross FUMC this year. (Since we don't make actual "pledges," only you and God know that actual amount.) Our ministry continues through the end of the year, and we would like to start our 2021 ministries in a strong position. Thank you for your financial faithfulness in 2020-- be sure you're "paid in full" with God for this year!**

**"Make all you can; Save all you can; Give all you can"**

**--John Wesley**

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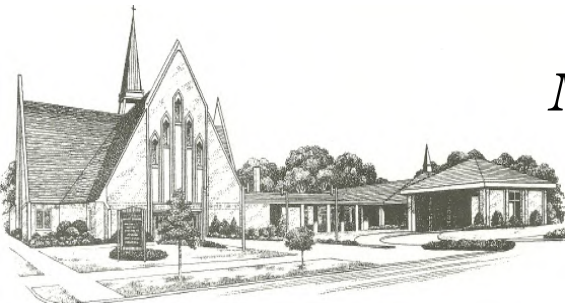
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***No need to miss a worship service! Here's how to stay connected:***

- 1.** On Vyve Cable TV: Channel 15
- 2.** Online: Go to [waycrossfirst.com](http://waycrossfirst.com). Choose "Sermons" then "Watch Live Sundays." You may watch live or recorded Sundays.



**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn #213** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **TRURO**

**\*Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16**

**Leader:** There is one God  
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all,  
to whom we testify.

**People:** This saying is sure  
and worthy of full acceptance:  
**That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
and was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.  
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri #71** **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**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Fourth Advent Candle** (see insert) **Bobby and Renee Kirby**

**SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**\*Hymn- #234** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **ADESTE FIDELES**  
Verses 1, 3, 6

**Bidding Prayer**

**Lords Prayer**

**First Lesson** **Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19** **Angie Coleman**  
God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall  
bruise the serpent's head

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**First United Methodist Church**

410 Williams St.  
Waycross, Georgia  
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December 20, 2020  
10:30 a.m.  
[www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com)

**Rev. Mike Brown**

December 20, 2020

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 into 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:

## **The Longest Night**

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<b>Hymn #184</b>	“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Verse 1	DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM
<b>Second Lesson</b>	Genesis 22: 15-18	Carolyn Akins
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
<b>Hymn #196</b>	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Verse 1	HYFRYDOL
<b>Third Lesson</b>	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Pat Reid
Isaiah foretells Christ’s birth and kingdom.		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
<b>Hymn #206</b>	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Verse 1	HOUSTON
<b>Fourth Lesson</b>	Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-9	Bess Davis
The peace that Christ will bring is foretold.		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
“Creation Will Be at Peace” George Fesperman, bass		Williams / Page
<b>Fifth Lesson</b>	Luke 1: 26-35, 38	Janie Wysong
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
“Ave Maria” Diana Strickland, soprano		Schubert
<b>Sixth Lesson</b>	Matthew 1: 18-23	Jim McGee
The angel of the Lord tells Joseph of his son to be		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
<b>Hymn #204</b>	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	McGEE
<b>Seventh Lesson</b>	Luke 2: 1, 3-7	Lisa Fesperman
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
<b>Hymn #230</b>	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Verses 1, 2	ST. LOUIS
<b>Eighth Lesson</b>	Luke 2: 8-16	Cathy McGee
The shepherds go to the manger		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
<b>Hymn #238</b>	“Angels, We Have Heard on High” Verses 1, 2, 3	GLORIA

<b>Ninth Lesson</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	Chandler McGee
Herod summons the Wise Men		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
	“We Would See Jesus” Choir	Park / Turner
<b>Tenth Lesson</b>	John 1: 1-14	Rev. Brown
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation		
<b>THANKS BE TO GOD</b>		
<b>*Hymn #240</b>	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Verses 1, 2, 3	MENDELSSOHN
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Brown
<b>*Hymn #246</b>	“Joy to the World” Verses 1, 2	ANTIOCH
<b>Postlude</b>	“Joy”	CAUDILL

## Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Our traditional Christmas Eve and Communion Candlelight Service will be held Thursday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We are hoping that we can accommodate everyone and still maintain social distancing by using the balcony and the overflow area, but we are also planning to use the Fellowship Hall as an extra overflow area, broadcasting the service there through Facebook Live. (Communion and Candlelighting will also be available in the Fellowship Hall.) This Christmas Eve service is a marvelous tradition, and we want to make this worship opportunity available



Amris Bedford, Grace Bell, Marsha Bishop, Wanda Boyd, Tammy Brown, Gerry Broyles, Becky Poland Campbell, Burton Carter, Kimberly Chapman, Layne Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Norman Cover, Seleta Culpepper, Savannah Deal, George Dulin, Jim Eaton, Rick Fey, Olive Griffin, Ruth Groover, Rhonda Hart, Tina Henderson, Tommy Herrin, Kathleen Jackson, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Jernigan Family, Leon Johns, Dori Jones, Cheryl Lott, Jeff and Lisa Martin, Mikell McKee, Lawrence and Lissette Melton, Jeffery Merck, Military Service Members, Wes Moye, Sarah Jolly Murray, Martha Paulk, Lucie Putala, Johnny Register, Rentz Family, David Grey Russell, Don Scott, Nita Skerratt, Jerry Sloan, Melissa Tyre Smith, Mimi Smith, Jim Sweat, Adam Swindell, Darlene Tanner, Dr. Dean Thornton, Brock Thrift, Leigh Van Osdol, Michael Van Osdol, Judy Vinson, Alvin Walker Jr, Sam Walker, John Wheeler, Terry Wilson, Lanie Alex Williamson, Randy Williamson,