

Weekly Calendar Schedule

Sunday 12/13/20

8:45a The Depot in Fellowship Hall
9:30a Sunday School
10:30a Traditional Worship
5:00p Youth Main Event
6:00p Facebook Live Devo w/The

Stewardship

Budget \$ 526,495.00
YTD Received \$ 488,772.00
Monthly Need \$ 43,874.00
Monthly Received \$ 24,578.00

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.



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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***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.



*First United
Methodist Church*

410 Williams St.
Waycross, Georgia
(912)283-2077
December 13, 2020
10:30 a.m.
www.waycrossfirst.com

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mike Brown

***Hymn #211** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

***Psalm 126**

Choral Response: **We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves!**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among the nations,
"the Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

Choral Response: **We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves!**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb!

**May those who sow in tears
Reap with shouts of joy!**

Those who go forth weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
**shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

Choral Response: **We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the sheaves!**

***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.

December 13, 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 of-
fice 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

This year’s “The Longest Night” service will be Monday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Sometimes known as “Blue Christmas,” this service seeks to offer hope in the name of Jesus and with the power of God’s love to *anyone* who has struggled with *anything* during this year. Those struggles can include (but are not limited to) grief over the loss of loved ones (whether that grief is fresh and new or old and lingering), concern over family and friends, dramatic life changes, and other cares and concerns. Studies definitively show that these feelings are amplified during the holiday season. “The Longest Night” service uses Scripture, readings, music, and preaching to speak to both the reality of our struggles and also the redeeming and reassuring love of God for us. We will need several readers for this service—if you would like to help, please



Christian Sympathy and Love are extended to Cherry and Larry Pittman and family in the death of Cherry’s Aunt, Joyce Griffin Thomas. Please keep their family uplifted in prayer.

*Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.		
Third Advent Candle	(see insert)	The Mark Hatfield Family
Sharing of our Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Brown
The Lord’s Prayer		
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		
Children’s Moment		Ivy Kratzer
“Jesus Loves Me”		
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so. (Children may leave for Children's Church.)		
Hymn #367	“He Touched Me”	HE TOUCHED ME
Special Music	“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”	Smith/ Hustad
Laity Prayer		Loni Hines
Scripture	Isaiah 61: 1-4	
Sermon	“From Hurt to Healing”	Rev. Brown
*Hymn #218	“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	CAROL
*Benediction		Rev. Mike Brown
*Response	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	VENI EMMANUEL
“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel”		
*Postlude	“Joyous Acclamation”	Routledge

The rosebud on the altar is given to the glory of God and in honor of James Ernest Stewart V, born on Monday, December 7th, to parents Jake and Katie Stewart. Mom and baby are doing great! Big sister Mary Mac (2) is very excited to welcome her baby brother home.



Amris Bedford, Grace Bell, Marsha Bishop, Wanda Boyd, Tammy Brown, Gerry Broyles, Becky Poland Campbell, Burton Carter, Kimberly Chapman, 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, 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, and Sharon Worton

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Our traditional Christmas Eve and 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 while still doing everything we can to safeguard

Calling all Kiddos & Parents!
Save these dates!

- **12/13 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal @ 9:30a in FH**
 - **12/16 Pizza & Caroling @ 5:30p in FH**
 - **12/18 PNO @6-9, \$10/child**
- **12/20 Christmas Pageant @ 8:45a in FH**
- **12/21 Christmas Day Camp, 10-2p, \$20/child**