

Weekly Calendar Schedule
Sunday 12/03/23
FOOD ON FIRST!
 8:45am The Depot Service
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Traditional Worship
 2:00pm Kids meet at Coppage Christmas Tree Farm

Monday 12/04/23
 4:30pm Handbells
Wednesday 12/06/23
 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Group
 5:45pm Supper Line Opens
 6:15pm Children's Activities
 6:30pm Chancel Choir

TODAY is Food on First!
 Please donate non-perishable food items to our church food pantry!
 Thank You!

Worship Attendance
11/26/23
The Depot — 31
Traditional Worship — 92

Stewardship

Budget	\$	530,743.00
YTD Received	\$	437,794.00
Monthly Need	\$	44,229.00
Monthly Received	\$	36,325.00

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.

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Looking Ahead...

- **Hey Kids, meet us at the Coppage Christmas Tree Farm today at 2 for pics with Santa, devotional, craft & games!**
- **The Mature Methodists are getting excited for our FIELD TRIP! Christmas Symphony Matinee on Friday, December 8th. Leave FUMC at 8:30am. Cost is \$47 per person. If you haven't paid yet, you can drop it by the church office!**
- **Youth Progressive Dinner is Sunday, December 10th.**
- **Children's Nativity Service is Wednesday, December 13th following Church Night Supper.**
- **PNO is Friday, December 15th, 6-9pm. We're going caroling! Parent Volunteers needed!**
- **UPDATE! Christmas Day Camp will be held on Thursday, December 21st, 10am-2pm. Guaranteed to be a festive fun day for all to enjoy. Cost is \$20/kiddo.**



First United Methodist Church
 410 Williams St.
 Waycross, Georgia
 (912)283-2077
 December 3, 2023
 10:30 a.m.
www.waycrossfirst.com

Prelude Mrs. Cindy Taylor

Opening Prayer (Year of Prayer – Breath Prayer) Rev. Christy Bandy
 Read: Mark 13:24-27 (Inhale – “Keep Watch” / Exhale - Wait Faithfully)
 {Let us remember that Advent holds both the birth of a baby and the promise of the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory.}
Dear Heavenly Father,
Open our eyes to all the ways that Christ is being born around us.
Help us to sense the urgency of this season as we remember and wait.
May Your Holy Spirit so burn within us to offer the light and love of the Gospel with passion and purpose in this season of Advent.
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!
Hear our prayer, in the name of the Babe of Bethlehem, Jesus!
AMEN!

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Bandy

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rollins

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7:
 “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. [...] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”

Opening Hymn p. 211 (UM Hymnal)
 “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”

***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; 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.

December 3, 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:

*Please stand as you are able.

**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.

Church Night Supper

\$5/plate OR \$20/family

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Line opens at 5:45 p.m.

MENU

**Nacho Bar, Beans,
Rice, Queso, Dessert,
& Sweet Tea**

**Reservations due by Noon
on Monday, Dec. 4th.**

**Please drop this in the offering
plate, call (912)283-2077,
or email
activities@waycrossfirst.com
to add your name to the list.**

Name _____

Adults _____ Children _____

***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

Rev. Bandy

Children's Moment

Ivy Kratzer

***Hymn of Preparation**

p. 204 (UM Hymnal)

"Emanuel, Emanuel" (2X)

Laity Prayer

Mrs. Angie Coleman

Scripture

Romans 15:12-13

Rev. Bandy

Communion Meditation

"Hope in Waiting"

Rev. Bandy

Special Music

"Waiting"

Choplin

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

pp. 12-15

Benediction

Rev. Bandy

Benediction Response

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

p. 204 (UM Hymnal)

Postlude

Mrs. Taylor

*Please stand as you are able.

Advent Daily Readings!

In 2023, let's take a journey through the book of Luke!

Monday, December 4th—Luke Chapter 4

Tuesday, December 5th—Luke Chapter 5

Wednesday, December 6th— Luke Chapter 6

Thursday, December 7th—Luke Chapter 7

Friday, December 8th— Luke Chapter 8

Saturday, December 9th— Luke Chapter 9

Sunday, December 10th— Luke Chapter 10

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, Brittini Deal Family, Savannah Deal, Wesley Edge, Jennifer Fesperman, Rick Fey, Faye Fletcher, Coralyn Gaston, Olive Griffin, Bill & Ruth Grimes, Rhonda Hart, Bryant Hayman, 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, Lanier Melton, Kathy Metzger, Military Service Members, Sarah Jolly Murray, Shirley Nettles, Chris Ober, Kensley O'berry, E. B. Price, Tyreq Purcell, Lucie Putala, John Rentz, Johnny Register, 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

Sunday, December 10th

4:00pm

Sanctuary of FUMC

**Join us for a Christmas experience by the adult choirs and
instrument ensemble of First Baptist Church and First
United Methodist Church.**



Christmas Poinsettia Time!

Order in Honor/Memory of friends & loved ones.

\$15.00 each. Only 14 left to purchase.

(Tear out and drop in offering plate.)

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____