

**Weekly Calendar
Schedule**

Sunday 12/10/23

8:45am The Depot Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship
4:00pm Christmas Presence
5:00pm Youth Progressive
Dinner

Monday 12/11/23

4:30pm Handbells

Tuesday 12/12/23

10:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday 12/13/23

2:00pm Prayer Shawl Group
5:45pm Supper Line Opens
6:15pm Children Meet in
Choir room.
6:30pm Children's Nativity
Program

Thursday 12/14/23

12:00pm Finance Meeting

Friday 12/15/23

6:00pm PNO

Worship Attendance

12/03/23

The Depot — 32

Traditional Worship — 87

Stewardship

Budget \$ 530,743.00
YTD Received \$ 451,747.00
Monthly Need \$ 44,229.00
Monthly Received \$ 10,080.00

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
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Looking Ahead...

- Youth Progressive Dinner is this evening. Board the van at 5pm.
- 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!
- JAM 345 at Okfenokee Swamp Park, Sunday, December 17th. Meet at church 5pm.
- Christmas Day Camp is Thursday, December 21st, 10am -2pm. Guaranteed to be a festive fun day for all to enjoy. Cost is \$20/kiddo.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm.
- Sunday, December 31st is Fifth Sunday Breakfast.
- Weekly Church Night Suppers return on January 10th.



Prelude

Mrs. Cindy Taylor

Opening Prayer (Year of Prayer – Breath Prayer)
Read: Mark 1:1-8 (Holy Spirit, walk beside me)

Rev. Christy Bandy

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray anew for a voice crying in the wilderness with the good news of Jesus Christ. We pray for nations at war, people in oppression, and a world in turmoil. We pray that the Holy Spirit will encompass us with love for one another and compassion for all. We pray again for the advent of Jesus Christ!

**Hear our prayer, in the name of the Babe of Bethlehem, Jesus!
AMEN!**

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bandy

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Jason Thomas family

Isaiah 40:3-5:

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Opening Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

p. 238 (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;
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.**

*Please stand as you are able.

**First United
Methodist Church**

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

December 10, 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.

Church Night Supper

\$5/plate OR \$20/family

**Wednesday, December 13,
2023**

Line opens at 5:45 p.m.

MENU

**Fried Chicken, Macaroni &
Cheese, Green Beans,
Rolls, Dessert,
& Sweet Tea**

**Reservations due by Noon
on Monday, Dec. 11th.**

**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**

**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.**

GREATOREX

***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**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

p. 230 (UM Hymnal)

Laity Prayer

Mr. Jim McGee

Special Music

Choplin

"The World Awaits Your Coming"

Scripture

Psalm 46:10-11

Rev. Bandy

Sermon

"Faithful Waiting"

Rev. Bandy

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn of Invitation

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

p. 216 (UM Hymnal)

Benediction

Rev. Bandy

Benediction Response

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

p. 204 (UM Hymnal)

Postlude

Mrs. Taylor

*Please stand as you are able.



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

Today is the Day!

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.**



Advent Daily Readings!

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

Monday, December 11th—Luke Chapter 11

Tuesday, December 12th—Luke Chapter 12

Wednesday, December 13th— Luke Chapter 13

Thursday, December 14th—Luke Chapter 14

Friday, December 15th— Luke Chapter 15

Saturday, December 16th— Luke Chapter 16

Sunday, December 17th— Luke Chapter 17