

December 24, 2016

**GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

I attended the 5:00 service \_\_\_\_\_  
I attended the 8:00 service \_\_\_\_\_  
I attended the 11:00 service \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Guest of \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Visitor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend, but Not a Member
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Resident in Community
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wish to Know More About the Church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Desire a Call
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Wish to Join the Church on Sunday,** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Member of this Church

**\*\*If you have any changes, please provide us with your current address, phone, and email addresses for your family.**

**For Guest Information or Changes**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*All are Welcome Here!*

If you would like to join BFUMC today, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew or you may call the church office 770-945-7438.  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

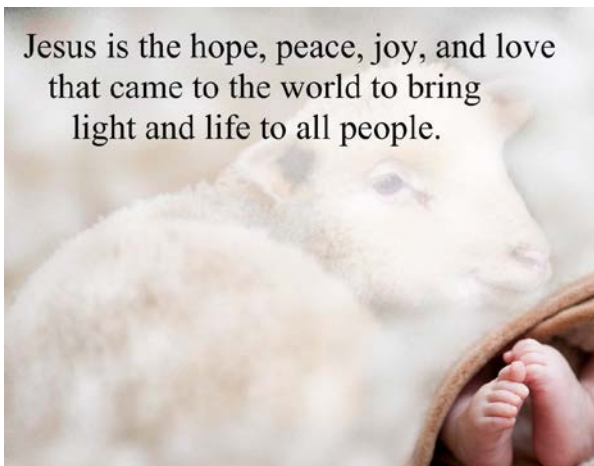
WELCOME TO  
BUFORD FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

*We are honored that you have chosen to join us for worship on this joyous Christmas Eve. Our hope for you is that this worship service brings hope and peace to you and your loved ones.*

*We would count it a blessing for you to come back and join us each week for worship. We provide worship each Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m.*

*We welcome everyone to join us as we serve God through worship, fellowship, and service. We offer opportunity for spiritual growth through our Children's Ministry (including our 4-day a week Preschool), Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, Music Ministry, Missions, and many more.*

*For more information you can visit our website, [www.bufordfirstumc.org](http://www.bufordfirstumc.org) or call our church office, 770-945-7438.*



Jesus is the hope, peace, joy, and love that came to the world to bring light and life to all people.



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Mission of the United Methodist Church

*To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

Buford First United  
Methodist Church

Our hearts are filled with joy that you have joined us for our Christmas Eve  
Candlelight & Communion Service  
5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 24, 2016

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ HOLY COMMUNION



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The Great Thanksgiving for Christmas Eve

*After receiving the bread and cup, please dispose of the empty cup in the waste bins and pick up a candle to be lit during the singing of "Silent Night."*

Hymns During Communion

- No. 219 "What Child Is This"
- No. 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
- No. 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

## SERVING

†Candlelight Hymn No. 239 "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT

*To pass the light of Christ, please tilt your unlighted candle over the lighted candle.*

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Dearest Jesus, We Await Thee" (J.S. Bach) Organist



James Adair	Custodian	Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool
Sylvia Beard	Pianist	Hank Morgan	Organist
Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor	Mark Ridings	Director of Music and the Arts
Sandra Casper	Financial Secretary	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family
Suzanne Clegg	Director of Adult Ministry	Bradley Trammell	Accompanist for Children and Youth
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager	Micah Wright	Director of Youth Ministry

## TONIGHT IN WORSHIP

**Stephen Ministry:** If you would like someone to pray with you over the phone, discuss concerns in your life, or just learn more about the Stephen Ministry please contact Stephen Minister, Mike Casper (770) 402-2425. Mike will be on call December 25<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>.



### 5:00 p.m. Worship

Ushers: David Crossett, Eric Lynskey, Patrick Ravita, and Chris Walton  
Acolytes: Rebecca Stewart, light; Elizabeth Stewart, crucifer  
Nursery: Belinda Allen and Debbie Griffin  
Sound: Greg Jones



### 8:00 p.m. Worship

Ushers: Mike Casper, Mike and Celina Countess, and Randy Moody  
Sound: John Marbury



### 11:00 p.m. Worship

Ushers: Donnie and Linda McQuaig  
Sound: John Alford

### Information about our Nursery

*A nursery is provided for children 2 and under at the 5:00 p.m. service. You can find our nursery by going through the door behind the organ and down one flight of stairs.*

### Information about Sunday Morning Children's Worship

#### 8:45 a.m. Children's Moment

*Children are welcome to come to the altar for the Children's Moment. Following the Children's Sermon, children should return to sit with their family for the remainder of the worship service.*

#### 11:00 a.m. Sunshine Church & Children's Worship

*Preschoolers (3 years through Pre-K) meet in Rm. 105 during the service.  
Children in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade go to Rm. 203 after the Children's Sermon,  
and may be picked up there following the service.*

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 24, 2016      Christmas Eve | Liturgical Color: White      5:00-8:00-11:00 p.m.

*Hearing devices, large print hymnals and bulletins are available in the narthex.*

*Please place your electronic devices on silent mode and refrain from flash photography during worship.*

*†Stand as you are able.*

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Greeting of Your Neighbor

## PRAISING

Chiming of the Hour

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.      **All: And also with you.**

Prelude    Toccata & Chorale on “From Heaven Above” (*G. Macchia*)    Hank Morgan, Organist

†Call to Worship      *(5:00)* Sydney Yancey *(8:00)* Mike Rosenthal *(11:00)* Joshua Page

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**All: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory.**

†Hymn of Praise No. 234 (*Verses 1-3, & 6*)    “O Come, All Ye Faithful”      ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Christ Candle      *(5:00)* Audree Rosenthal, Sarah Turpin and Sarah Redstrom  
*(8:00)* White Family *(11:00)* Mark Ridings

Leader: Jesus our Messiah, we celebrate your arrival with gratitude. Our lives are marked by your glorious light. May we hold this light in our hearts and reflect it to a darkened world in the year to come.

*A moment of silence as the candle is lighted.*

Leader: Lord of all,

**All: May we carry the light of our redemption into the world. Amen**

*(5:00) All children are invited forward for the children’s moment as we sing.*

*(5:00, 8:00 & 11:00) Choir members are invited forward as we sing.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;*

*cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.*

*We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;*

*O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Children’s Moment *(5:00)*

Susan Rosenthal

Anthem      “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” (*Old English Carol*)      Christmas Eve Choir  
*After the anthem, the choir will return to sit with their families.*

## PRAYING

Congregational Prayer

**O heavenly Father, we prepare ourselves for the coming of your Son, fill our hearts and lives with praise. Grant that we may be just and merciful, ready to help in the needs of our neighbor and conscious of your great love for all the world. Fill the Christian family with your spiritual gifts of forgiveness, patience, mutual love, and unending joy. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## GIVING

Offertory      Festal Prelude on “The First Noel” (*Grimaldo Macchia*)      Organist

†Doxology No. 238      ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

†Prayer of Consecration

## LEARNING

†Reading of the Holy Scripture      Luke 2:1-20

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.      **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem      “I Wonder as I Wander” (*arr. John Jacob Niles*)      *(5:00 & 8:00)* Mike Rosenthal  
*(11:00)* Mark Ridings

Sermon      “Anticipate: A not So Silent Night”      Rev. Buckman

## COMMUNION

*The Communion Table of the United Methodist Church is open to all persons.*

*To be inclusive, we serve unfermented grape juice and if requested  
your server will provide gluten free crackers.*