

**December 24, 2021**

**GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

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

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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
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

If you would like to join BFUMC, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew or you may call the church office **770-945-7438**.

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Church Office is Closed on Friday

P.O. Box 329 | 285 East Main St.

Buford, Georgia 30515

770-945-7438 (Church Office)

770-945-4161 (Preschool Office)

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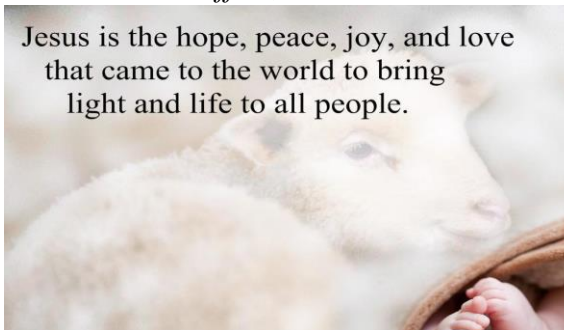
**Welcome to Buford First  
United Methodist Church**

*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.*

*Especially during this difficult time with having to deal with COVID, we would count it a blessing for you to come back and join us each week for worship. We provide traditional worship each Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and our livestream worship service can be viewed at 11:00 a.m. by going to our church website ([www.bufordfirstumc.org](http://www.bufordfirstumc.org)). We offer Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m. and would love for you to join us as we study God's word and fellowship together.*

*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, Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Missions.*

*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**

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



**S.H.I.N.E.**

SERVE – HOST – INSPIRE – NURTURE – EDUCATE

Shine the light of Jesus so that children, youth and adults grow in the knowledge and love of God through missions, evangelism, worship, nurture and Christian education.

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

**December 24, 2021**

**Christmas Eve ~ Holy Communion**

**Hometown Christmas: "In Our Town Too"**

## Missions

**Looking Ahead** The Carol Scott Circle will be collecting diapers in January for the North Gwinnett Co-Op and the United Methodist Children's Home Ministry (Wellroot) in Gainesville. Plan to bring in some diapers or wipes in January!

**Sack Kids Hunger** Our families continue to pick up sack lunches every Saturday between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. A BIG thank you to those who continue to serve to make sure these families are helped: Jeff and Beckie Ramsey - Coordinate the Ministry

Our Saturday Captains are:

Jeff and Beckie Ramsey

Linda Chambers and Irene Valley

Janet Mattox and Lynne Farr

Clif, Tracey, Sydney and Grace Yancey, and Donnie McQuaig

Eric and Robin Fonville and family

We are excited to be able to give pantry supplies in addition to the sack lunch every month because of the generous grant received from Jackson EMC plus your faithful donations. Thank you for helping!

For more information, contact **Suzanne Clegg**, [mission@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)

## BFUMC Kids



**9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Children's Moment**

**Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade** are invited to join Ms. Susan for the Children's Moment and then depart to room 201 for Children's Church. We will do a Bible story, craft, and games. Parents may pick up their children in room 201 in the Christian Life Center at the end of each worship service.

**On Communion Sunday:** Children will return to the Sanctuary and be seated with their parents where they will receive Communion and remain for the rest of the worship service.

For more information, contact **Susan Rosenthal**, [children.director@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)



**Preschool News:**

**Merry Christmas!**

For more information, contact **Leandre Majerus**, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@bufordfirstumc.org)

## 2022-2023 Preschool Registration Information

Winter is in the air and it's time to think about preschool for the fall!

**Buford First UMC Preschool offers a variety of experiences for your child to grow physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.**

### Available Class Options:

Twos: Monday and Wednesday

Twos: Tuesday and Thursday

Threes: Monday-Thursday

Threes: Tuesday-Thursday

Pre-K: Monday-Thursday

### Registration Dates:

**January 19<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>:** BFUMC members, currently enrolled students and their siblings

**January 26<sup>th</sup>:** Open to the public

\*BFUMC members receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition

\*Siblings receive a 10% discount on monthly tuition

Drop by the Preschool office Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm, for a registration packet or call Leandre Majerus at 770-945-4161 with any questions.



**Buford First UMC Preschool**

**Where little hands come to Play, Pray, and Learn**

Please contact **Leandre Majerus**, Director of Preschool for more information - 770-945-4161 / [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@bufordfirstumc.org).

## Prayer Requests

*"...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God."*

Philippians 4:6

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like us to send a note of encouragement, please provide the name and address of the person in need.

**Yes, please send a note to**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Our prayer volunteers and staff will be praying for your request. Confidential prayer requests will be given to the pastor only.

**Confidential:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**Request**

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## Worship Preview

December 26<sup>th</sup>  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hometown Christmas "It's Still Here"  
"I Had You Then and I Have You Now"

Luke 2:41-52  
Proverbs 3:5-6

Stephen Ministers for this week: 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 Deena Rindfus (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



*Mary Alice Beard and Cindy LaTouf give the Sanctuary flowers to the Glory of God.*

### 5:00 p.m. Worship on December 24, 2021

Acolytes: *crucifier* – Charlie Redstrom, *light* – Brayden Ouimet  
Ushers: Chris Ouimet, Bob & Cynthia Haugen  
Greeters: Leigh Ouimet, Tracey Yancey  
Sound: John Alford

### 8:00 p.m. Worship on December 24, 2021

Acolytes: *crucifier* – Susan Rosenthal, *light* – Michael Thomas  
Ushers/Acolytes: Dick Atcheson, Dave Crossett, David Lowry, Eric Lynskey  
Greeters: Evelyn Lowry, Susan Rosenthal  
Sound: John Marbury

### 11:00 p.m. Worship on December 24, 2021

Ushers/Acolytes: Linda & Donnie McQuaig  
Greeters: Darla & Ken Hiltgen, DeeAnna Page  
Sound: Dave Reynolds

## Ministry Staff

James Adair	Custodian	Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool
Sylvia Beard	Pianist	Hank Morgan	Organist
Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor	DeeAnna Page	Financial Secretary
Suzanne Clegg	Director of Missions	Joshua Page	Director of Student Ministry
Celina Countess	Director of Adult Ministry	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager	Brendan Rossell Smith	Director of Online Worship
Gary Lenz	Director of Music and the Arts		

## Adult Ministry



**It hurts to lose someone.**  
Find help at GriefShare.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We will meet January 11<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Please contact Jean Ann Crites at [cjcrites@bellsouth.net](mailto:cjcrites@bellsouth.net) for more information.



Our Buford United Methodist Men (BUMM) meet the third Sunday of each month for a Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome to join them at 8:00AM in room 108 (the Fellowship Hall).

Our United Methodist Women offer three Women's Circles and all women are welcome to visit each group to find the perfect fit for themselves. The Effie Wood Circle meets most second Tuesdays of the month at 10:30AM; The Florence Garner Circle typically meets the first Thursdays (in January they will meet on the third Thursday) of the month at 7:00PM; and The Carol Scott Circle meets the third Fridays at 10:00AM.

## Youth Ministry



Merry Christmas (Eve) from the Buford First UMC Youth Group!

Hope that everyone has a fantastic Christmas celebrating the birth of our Savior with your family and friends!  
Can't wait to see everyone back at our regular youth programming in January!

Reminder: We are less than two weeks out from our 2022 Ski Trip!

For more information, contact Joshua Page, [studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org)

# The Worship of God

December 24, 2021

5:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve | Liturgical Color: White

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.  
If you have trouble hearing the sound, please alert an usher for help.

**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

## PRAISING

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

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

Gary Lenz

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (arr. Nancy Raabe)

Organist

†Call to Worship

(5:00) Tracey Yancey (8:00) Rick Huckaby (11:00) Joshua Page

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**All: and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

**All: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

Leader: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,

**All: and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.**

†Hymn of Praise No. 238

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

Lighting the Advent Christ Candle

(5:00) the Redstrom family

(8:00) the Lynskey family

(11:00) the Rears family

Leader: ...Let us pray:

**All: Gracious and Mighty King, we celebrate your goodness to us as we join the triumph and joy of Christmas. As your love has been revealed in all of its fullness, we pray that love may abound in our hearts during this special day. Grant us the spirit of Christ that we may live in the fullness of his character every day. In His name we pray. Amen.**

**We honor Messiah with the Christ candle's flame;**

**Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.**

**O come, all ye faithful, rejoice on this night**

**As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**

(words - Sandra Dean; music - CRADLE HYMN by Wm. J. Kirkpatrick)

Children's Moment (5:00)

Susan Rosenthal

## PRAYING

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Buckman

**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

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

“How Far Is It to Bethlehem” (arr. David Blackwell)

Organist

†Doxology No. 95

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Buckman

## COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving for Christmas Eve (see insert)

## LEARNING

Message in Song

“Sing We All Noel” (by Ruth Elaine Schram) (5:00 & 8:00) Chancel Choir  
(11:00) Gary Lenz

Sermon

**Hometown Christmas: “In Our Town Too”**

Rev. Buckman

Scripture: Luke 2:1-21 (see insert)

## SERVING

†Candlelight Hymn (see insert)

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (arr. Otto Olsson)

Organist