

**December 4, 2022**

**GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

I attended the 9:00am service \_\_\_\_\_

I attended the 11:00am 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a 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**.

**Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
The Church Office is Closed on Friday

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**Events of the Week**

**Sunday, December 4**

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary  
10:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Small Group for Young Parents-Rm. 311  
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online  
3:00-6:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110  
4:00p Student Praise Band Practice-Rm. 109  
5:00p Student Worship-Rm. 108 & 109  
5:30p ESOL-Rm. 303, 304  
5:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110

**Monday, December 5**

11:30a Staff Luncheon Mtg.-Offsite  
4:00-7:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
7:00p Disciple I-Rm. 312  
7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1  
7:00-8:30p Troop 542-Rm. 305, 306, 308

**Tuesday, December 6**

11:00a Disciple 1-Rm. 312  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
7:00p Pack 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308  
7:00p Young Adult Book Club-Offsite

**Wednesday, December 7**

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202  
10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 108  
1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110  
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 305  
5:00-8:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110  
6:30p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary  
7:00p SBS-Rm. 109  
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

**Thursday, December 8**

1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
6:00-7:30p Pack 1534-Rm. 108, 110

**Friday, November 9**

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 108, 110, 202-204, 302-306, 308-311, 313  
10:00a Carol Scott Circle Christmas Party at the home of Susan Lynskey  
6:30p Florence Garner Circle Christmas Party at the home of Barbara Money

**Saturday, December 10**

9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311  
10:00a-12:00p UMW Christmas Brunch-Rm. 108  
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC Parking Lot  
12:00-4:00p Rm. 108 Reserved  
4:30p YAH to Walk Through Bethlehem  
5:30p Student Progressive Dinner Starts in Rm. 109



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**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 4, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**The Wonder of Christmas: "Unexpected Love"**

## Missions

**The Alternative Christmas Market** Purchase a Christmas gift in the form of a contribution to a worthwhile ministry. When you purchase a gift, you receive a special card describing the gift you have given in someone's honor! Visit us in the CLC Lobby today or next Sunday. Or order online at [www.bufordfirstumc.org](http://www.bufordfirstumc.org). On the home page you will see an Alternative Christmas link. Fill this out and make your payment via the website. The card will be emailed to you to print at home, or you can pick it up at church.

**Blood Drive Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>!** The LifeSouth bus will be here from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on this date. Please give!

**Angel Tree** Please help someone have a brighter Christmas by taking an angel from the Angel Tree today! The tree is in the CLC Lobby. All gifts need to be wrapped and labeled and returned by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Annual Christmas Meal** will be Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Help by donating food or delivering plates. Monetary donations are needed. Be sure to mark your gift Christmas Meal. Last year we fed over 700 people a delicious turkey meal! Use the insert in today's bulletin to order a meal for someone! Plan to sign up to help. Check for the sign-up link on the church website today!

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:

We continue to talk all about Christmas. We will work on Christmas crafts and gifts for our parents. We will work on Letter L this week. This week we will be wearing Christmas colors, ugly Christmas sweaters, and Christmas pajamas to school!

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

## Attendance and Giving November 27, 2022

Total in Worship Services	232
Average Worship Attendance	268

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!*

*All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

Psalm 36:7

### Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2022)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$806,518.00
Year to Date Received for 2022 Budget	\$646,964.33
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$31,910.73
Amount given on 11-27-2022	\$9,249.10

### Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,574,370.39
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$289,996.66
Amount given on 11-27-2022	\$1,405.56

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2022 should be an aggregate total of our financial needs including Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
2. The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. The Consistent Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal will change each week depending upon the number of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

### Contribution Options

1. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to our Post Office Box 329, Buford, GA 30515.
2. You may set up online bill pay through your bank.
3. Give through our online giving on our website. We accept Electronic Fund Transfers from checking accounts, as well as debit and credit cards. (Please note that you will get full credit, but the church will not receive your full donation as the church is charged a fee for this transaction.)
4. Give By Text. You simply text the amount you wish to give to 770-628-0752. (Please note that you will get full credit, but the church will not receive your full donation as the church is charged a fee for this transaction.)
5. BFUMC Charitable Fund. It allows you to increase your giving and tax deduction by donating stocks, bonds, and mutual funds directly to the church. Another opportunity to give and reduce taxable income is for anyone over the age of 72, who is required to take annual minimum distributions out of their IRA, may designate all or part of that amount to our church.

## Prayer Requests

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

Philippians 4:6

### December 4, 2022

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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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 11<sup>th</sup> The Wonder of Christmas: “**Finding Joy in Unseen Places**” Matthew 11:2-11

December 18<sup>th</sup> Lessons and Carols: “**God So Loved the World**”

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)

*Happy Anniversary!*



*The Sanctuary flowers are given by DeeAnna and Ray Page to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Joyce Siegele  
Acolytes: Caraline Fonville, *crucifier*, Ava Ross Womack, *light*  
Ushers: Ed Krauth, Scott Leazer, Darla & Ken Hiltgen  
Greeters: Donna Agee, Jean Hudson  
Sound: Dave Reynolds  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Rick Huckaby  
Acolytes: Charlie Redstrom, *crucifier*, Michael Thomas, *light*  
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, Kevin Gohman, Chris Simonson  
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Sherry Seabrooke  
Sound: Dave Reynolds  
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt  
Camera: Brendan Rossell Smith  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## 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
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Gary Lenz	Director of Music and the Arts	Brendan Rossell Smith	Director of Online Worship
		Sydney Yancey	Ministry Intern

## Adult Ministry



**UMW Christmas Brunch:** All ladies (age 10 and up) are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm for the UMW's annual Christmas Brunch. Bring your favorite Christmas mug, a pen or pencil, and a brunch dish to share for this time of fun and fellowship. There will also be a silent auction for a Christmas quilt. Proceeds will go to the Jambos Pajama Project. If you would like more information or would like to join us, reach out to Sydney Yancey.

**Young Adult Book Club:** Are you a college student, graduate student, or young professional looking to become more involved in tight knit Christian community? Then our young adult small group is the group for you. We do a variety of events throughout the year including book club and bible studies, dinners out, weekend trips, and more. Our most regular meeting is Bible study offsite each week. If you would like more information or would like to join the group at our next meeting, reach out to Sydney.

**Pickleball:** Pickleball is on Sunday 3:00-6:00pm, Monday 4:00-7:00pm, and Wednesday 5:00-8:00pm. You can also download the TeamReach app and search for BFUMC Pickleball-Group Code is BFUMCPB. There you can see times and dates for pickleball, connect with other players, and see who else will be there to coordinate a match! App is free to download!

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org)

## Youth Ministry

### 2023 Confirmation Class

Confirmation is for Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older! We are polling parents now to see if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class in 2023.

Please email Suzanne Clegg at [mission@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org) if your student is interested in the class. We hope to start in early 2023!



Registration is NOW OPEN for  
**SKI RETREAT 2022!**

All students, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to join us as we head back to the ski slopes! **We will leave on 12/27 and come back on 12/30. Sign up with the QR code above!**

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

# The Worship of God

December 4, 2022

9:00 & 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent | Communion | 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, Leader

Prelude

Prelude on a Luther Hymn (*by Gordon Young*)  
("Vom Himmel hoch" and quoting "Lo How a Rose")

Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 212)

**Psalms 24:1-10**

(9:00) Joyce Siegele  
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

†Hymn of Praise No. 213

**"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"** (*all*)

TRURO

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881

**"The Apostles' Creed"**

Leader

**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.**

†Gloria Patri No. 70

**"Glory Be to the Father"**

MEINEKE

**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.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

(9:00) The Fonville Family  
(11:00) The Ouimet Family

Leader: ...Let us pray

**All: Loving God, guide us in confession of our sins. We know that in the greatness of your love, you have promised to forgive us. Cleanse us as we prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus again. This we ask in His name. Amen.**

*As we sing, the children are invited forward for the Children's Moment.*

Words: Sandra Dean, 1986

AWAY IN A MANGER

**A candle is burning, a candle of Love;  
A candle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

Children's Moment

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 "A Lovely Rose Is Blooming (*by Johannes Brahms*) Organist

*If you would like to make a donation to our Good Samaritan Fund you may place your offering in the offering plate. Be sure to mark it for the Good Samaritan Fund.*

†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

## LEARNING

Message in Song "God So Loved The World" (*arr. Benjamin Harlan*)

(9:00) ensemble  
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Wonder of Christmas: **"Unexpected Love"**  
*Scripture – Isaiah 11: 1-10*

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*see insert*)

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 242 **"Love Came Down at Christmas"** (*all*)

GARTAN

*If you are joining the church today, please come forward during the final verse of the hymn.*

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Come, Thou Savior of Mankind"- Chorale & Fughetta (*by J. S. Bach*)

Organist