

December 18, 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 Buford First UMC

****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 18

- 9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 10:00a Small Group for Young Parents-Rm. 311
- 11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online

No Pickleball Today

7:00p Travelers Christmas Service-Rm. 110

Monday, December 19 Preschool Closed for Christmas

- 11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. G3
- 4:00-7:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 7:00p Disciple I-Rm. 312

Tuesday, December 20

- 11:00a Disciple 1-Rm. 312
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 7:00p Young Adult Book Club-Offsite

Wednesday, December 21

- 10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202
- 10:30a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers
- 12:00p **Church Office Closed for Christmas. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd.**
- 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 305
- 5:00-8:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110
- 7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, December 22

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

- 9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
- 10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC Parking Lot



Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight and Holy Communion

5:00pm, 8:00pm, and 11:00pm

We will offer a nursery during the 5:00pm service for children ages 4 years old and younger.
Join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, December 25th we will only have one worship service at 10:00AM and no Sunday School.

What a blessing it is to have Sunday morning worship on Christmas Day.



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 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Lessons & Carols

“God So Loved the World”

Worship Preview

December 24th Christmas Eve *“The Wonder of His Birth”* Luke 2:1-20
*services at 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm & 11:00 pm

December 25th Christmas Day *“The Wonder of God’s Love”* John 1:1-14
*one service only at 10:00 am

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).



*The Sanctuary flowers are given by
Dianne and Steve Kennedy to the Glory of
God and in celebration of their
55th Wedding Anniversary, December 22nd.*

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgists: Linda McQuaig, Bill Ogles
Ushers: Joshua Page, Celina Countess, Pat Taylor, Ed Krauth
Greeters: Donna Agee, Pat Stanley
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgists: Linda McQuaig, Bill Ogles
Ushers: Mark Redstrom, Eric Lynskey, Ken Stewart, Brad Thomas
Greeters: Butch Ballin, Tracey Yancey
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
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

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 Yancey.

Homebound Ministry: Our Homebound ministry serves the elder members of our church family that are not often able to attend worship due to various functional limitations or mobility problems. Through this ministry we send them cards and letters, call them, and visit them from time to time. The goal of this service is to make sure that our homebound members know that we are thinking of them and that they are still valuable members of the BFUMC church & community. If you would like to help with this ministry in any way, contact Sydney.

Pickleball: No Pickleball today. We will have Pickleball on 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

Youth Ministry

2023 Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes for students in 6th grade and older will begin on February 5th.
Confirmation meets for 16 weeks on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, and is taught by Suzanne Clegg, Pastor Jim, Joshua Page, and a few volunteers.

This is a great experience for young people and helps them to understand the Christian Faith and make it their own. The class will have the opportunity to join the church in May.

Please sign up by January 15th, by emailing Suzanne Clegg at mission@bufordfirstumc.org

For more information, contact Joshua Page, Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org



We will have our first annual UPWARD Volleyball League starting in January!

This is open to all 6th to 12th graders and to both Boys and Girls!

Practice & Games will be on Friday evenings and will last about 9 weeks!
Great way to learn about teamwork and have a great time!

Please email Joshua Page for more details and info on how to sign up!

The Worship of God

December 18, 2022

9:00 & 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Lessons & Carols | Liturgical Color: Blue

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

The children are invited to go to Children's Church at this time.

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

“Christmas Bell Tidings” (arr. Michael Ryan)

Chancel Ringers

*This piece includes the well-known melody “Carol of the Bells”, which originated from Ukraine.
Today, we play this music with thoughts and prayers for the people of Ukraine.*

†Call to Worship (p. 806)

Psalm 85:8-13

(9:00) Bill Ogles

(11:00) Linda McQuaig

†Hymn of Preparation No. 196 **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** (all) HYFRYDOL/Nelhybel

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Rev. Buckman

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.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

(9:00) The Knowles Family
(11:00) The Moreland Family

Leader: ... *Let us pray.*

All: Loving God, we thank you for revealing yourself through Jesus, and we praise you for the greatness of your love. Help us to share your peace with others and live our lives more like Christ every day. In His name we pray. Amen.

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AWAY IN A MANGER

**A candle is burning, a candle of Peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.**

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

Chancel Ringers

“ ‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” (arr. C. Moklebust)

†Doxology No. 95

OLD 100th

**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

The story of Christmas as told through scripture and song...

“God So Loved the World...”

(see insert)

SERVING

†Carol No. 240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!” (all)

MENDELSSOHN/Nelhybel

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

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Let All Together Praise Our God” (arr. John Eggert)

Organist