

**December 3, 2023**

**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 3**

- 9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
- 2:00-4:00p Page Baby Shower-Rm. 108
- 5:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110
- 5:30p Women's Small Group-Rm. 311
- 5:30p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109
- 5:30p Sunday Walking Group

**Monday, December 4**

- 11:30a Staff Luncheon Mtg. Offsite
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
- 5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 7:00-8:30p Troop 542-Rm. 305, 306, 308
- 7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

**Tuesday, December 5**

- 9:00a-12:00p CLC Kitchen Cleaning Day
- 10:30a-1:30p Stonehedge Garden Club Christmas-Rm. 108
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 6:00p Youth Bible Study-Rm. 109
- 7:00-8:30p Pack 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308, 309
- 7:30p Young Adult Bible Study Offsite

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 10:00a Knitting For Others-Rm. 202
- 11:00a Advent Bible Study-Rm. 301
- 1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110
- 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
- 5:00-8:00p Open Gym-Rm. 110
- 6:30-8:30p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
- 7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

**Thursday, December 7**

- 1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110
- 5:00p YAH to Living Christmas Tree
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 5:30-8:00p Pack 1534 Rm. 108, 110, 305, 306

**Friday, December 8**

- 8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313
- 10:00a Carol Scott Circle Christmas Party at the home of Susan Lynskey
- 4:00p UMW Set up for Christmas Brunch-Rm. 108

**Saturday, December 9**

- 8:00a-12:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
- 10:00a UMW Christmas Brunch-Rm. 108
- 10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot
- 12:00-4:00p Rm. 108 & 110 Reserved
- 5:00p Youth Progressive Dinner



**BUFORD FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY - SERVE AUTHENTICALLY - DEMONSTRATE UNWAVERING HOSPITALITY

*Our mission is to empower all people to experience the transformative love of Jesus Christ through service, tradition, and education.*

*Our vision is to serve as a diverse community of faithful people who worship passionately, serve authentically, and demonstrate unwavering hospitality.*

**December 3, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Songs of the Savior: "Life Disrupted"**



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

Children Pre-K to 5th 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.

G.L.O.W. God Lights Our World - G.L.O.W. Schedule for December & January

December 3rd - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

December 10th - G.L.O.W. Christmas Play 5:30-7:00p in the Sanctuary

January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, children.director@bufordfirstumc.org



Preschool News:

These next few weeks we will be talking all about Christmas and the true meaning of this special holiday celebration. We are learning about letter L.

We also get to wear all things Christmas to school.

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

Student Ministry



BUFORD IS OFF TO ORLANDO! We will leave on 2/16 and come back on 2/19! This trip is open to all students! As of right now the total cost of the trip will be around \$400 (3 nights in a hotel, 2 days in the park, transportation, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners). Lunch will be on your own coming back! We will have lessons after the park each day with some down time to enjoy the pool on site!

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

Attendance and Giving November 26, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Total in Worship Services (219), Average Worship Attendance (292)

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 2023)

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration (\$814,886.00), Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget (\$601,725.41), Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal (\$42,632.12), Amount given on 11-26-2023 (\$7,889.31)

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Building Debt (\$1,511,812.42), Available Funds for Building Debt (\$320,121.63), Amount given on 11-26-2023 (\$1,707.50)

- 1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2023 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

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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

Blank lines for name and address

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

Confidential:

Yes No

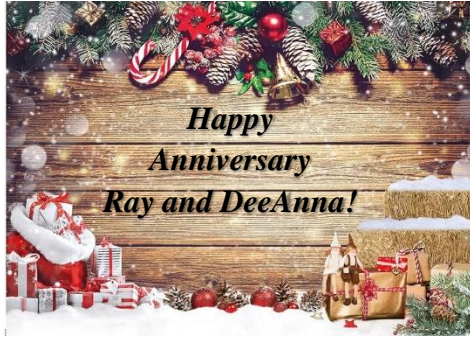
Request

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## Worship Preview

December 10<sup>th</sup> Songs of the Savior: “**The Gift of Obedience**” Matthew 1:18-25  
December 17<sup>th</sup> Lessons and Carols

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 Rindfusz (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



*The Sanctuary flowers are given by  
Ray and DeeAnna Page  
to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, December 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Caraline Fonville (*crucifer*), TBD (*light*)  
Ushers: Darla & Ken Hiltgen, Scott Leazer, Ed Krauth  
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Donna Agee  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Noah Rogers (*crucifer*), Jacob Van Pelt (*light*)  
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman  
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord  
Sound: John Alford  
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams  
Camera: Brendan Rossell Smith  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## Ministry Staff

Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor	DeeAnna Page	Financial Secretary
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager	Joshua Page	Director of Student Ministry
Gary Lenz	Director of Music and the Arts	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool	Brendan Rossell Smith	Director of Outreach
Hank Morgan	Organist	Sydney Yancey	Director of Adult Ministry

## Adult Ministry



**Church Family Baby Shower-TODAY:** This is a churchwide invitation for a baby shower for Julie and Josh Page from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the CLC. This shower is open to our church family. Guests can arrive anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 pm, fellowship and celebrate, and leave as they wish. We will have light refreshments and there will be a gift table. We are not doing an RSVP for this shower! Come on down!



**Ladies Christmas Brunch:** This event will be on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share and sport your favorite Christmas wear! All ladies and girls are welcome. Invite your friends, neighbors, daughters, and granddaughters for lots of fun & fellowship. Bring your favorites Christmas mug too!

**Sign up to get your family's picture taken for the new Church Directory today!** The photography days are December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> and time slots are from 2:00-8:00PM. Visit the link to sign up on the church website, sign up in person with Sydney Yancey in the CLC lobby before or after worship, or call the church office. Our new directories will be ready around the end of January!



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

## Missions

**Support Missions by purchasing a Carol Scott Circle Christmas Ornament:** On the front of the ornament is the Buford First UMC exterior and on the back is printed the name of our church, the city, and the date our church was established. The cost is \$15. These can be displayed not just at Christmas but all year round on an ornament stand. These will be available for purchase in the CLC Lobby Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> (TODAY) and 10<sup>th</sup>, before and after each service.



**Annual Christmas Meal:** We need volunteers to help with the Annual Christmas Meal in which we feed members of our community! We need folks to help cook, assemble meals, and deliver them. If you would like to help, email Sydney Yancey!

**Alternative Christmas Market:** Purchase a Christmas gift in the form of a contribution to a mission's ministry. When you purchase a gift, you receive a card describing the gift you have given in someone's honor! Visit us in the CLC today, or December 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

# The Worship of God

December 3, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent | 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

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 "The Angel of Light, a Danish hymn" (arr. Christian Vestergaard) Organist

Lighting of the Advent Candle: **Hope** (Mary) Audrey Rosenthal  
(Elizabeth) Susan Rosenthal

†Hymn of Praise No. 246 **"Joy To the World"** (all) ANTIOCH

†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.***

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 Organist

"Magnificat" (anonymous, Montreal Organ Book, c. 17<sup>th</sup> century)

†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 "Lift Up Your Eyes" (by Joel Raney) (9:00) ensemble  
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon Songs of the Savior: **"Life Disrupted"** Rev. Buckman  
*Scripture – Luke 1:26-38*

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 203 **"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"** (v. 1, 4) ELLACOMBE

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude Organist

***"Wake, Awake, for the Night Is Flying (Wachet auf)" arr. Jacques Berthier***