

**December 8, 2024**

**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 are new or your contact information has changed, please let us know:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

If you would like to join BFUMC, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew, or call or email the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE

770-945-7438 ~ office@bufordfirstumc.org

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

(Closed on Friday)

PRESCHOOL OFFICE

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FACILITY CONCERNS

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**Events of the Week**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- 9:00 am BLOOD DRIVE (UNTIL 2:00 pm)
- 9:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 am ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS (CLC LOBBY)
- 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)
- 11:00 am ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS (CLC LOBBY)
- 11:00 am KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 11:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
- 12:15 pm RENEW MISSION TRIP PASSPORTS (108)
- 2:00 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)
- 2:00 pm GIRL SCOUT TROOP 17629 (G3)
- 5:30 pm G.L.O.W. (110, 201, 307)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108, 109)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
- 5:30 pm WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

- 11:30 am STAFF MEETING (G3)
- 1:00 pm STAFF+PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH (107, 108)
- 5:30 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 pm CHANCEL CHOIR & RINGERS (SANCTUARY)
- 6:30 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 1534 (108, 110)
- 7:00 pm SCOUTING TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- 10:00 am BUFORD UM MEN RETIRED (G3)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 7:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 542 (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

- NO OPEN GYM
- 10:00 am ADVENT BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
- 1:30 pm PACK SKH MEALS (107)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 pm CHANCEL CHOIR & RINGERS (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 pm SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 pm S-ANON (309)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

- 12:00 pm PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (110)
- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm CHURCH BOARD (312)
- 6:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23)
- 7:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

- 8:00 am CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 pm)
- 10:00 am CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE POTLUCK (OFFSITE)
- 4:00 pm UMW SETUP FOR CHRISTMAS BRUNCH (107, 108)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

- 10:00 am UMW LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH (107, 108)
- 10:00 am SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
- 12:00 pm PRIVATE EVENT (107, 108, 110)
- 5:00 pm SPANISH MINISTRY EVENT (107, 108)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

- 8:00 am BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108)
- 2:00 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)



**BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



HOPE



PEACE



JOY



LOVE

**ALMOST CHRISTMAS**

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 8, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Almost Christmas: "Almost Peace"**







## Worship Preview

Dec. 15 *Lessons & Carols*

**“A Thrill of Hope”**

Dec. 22

Almost Christmas: **“Almost Love”**

Luke 1:34-38

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 Tommy Swinford to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Kathy & Tommy's 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

*2025 Flower Sign-ups Now Open!*

*<https://bit.ly/bfumc2025flowers>, or scan the QR code, or call the church office at 770-945-7438.*



### 9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan  
Ushers: Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki  
Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed  
Liturgist: Darla Hiltgen  
Sound: Nora Lirette

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish  
Ushers: Sherry W. Hall, David Lowry  
Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig  
Liturgist: Karen Rears  
Sound: John Alford

Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt

Camera: Kevin Walch

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor	Rev. Jim Buckman	Director of Student & Outreach Ministries	Brendan Rossell Smith
Director of Adult Ministry	Sydney Yancey	Facility Manager	Will Rogers
Director of Children & Family Ministry	Susan Rosenthal	Office Manager	Roy Foster
Director of Music & the Arts	Gary Lenz	Financial Secretary	DeeAnna Page
Director of Preschool	Leandre Majerus	Organist	Hank Morgan

Contact the church office to report a bulletin error or omission at: 770-945-7438 or [office@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:office@bufordfirstumc.org).

## Adult Ministry

**Ladies Christmas Brunch:** Saturday, December 14, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall (108). Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Bring a dish to share and your favorite Christmas mug. Invite your daughters, moms, neighbors, and friends. You might even win a prize!

**BUMMRs (Buford United Methodist Men Retired) THIS TUESDAY, December 10:** This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00am in room G3 of the main church building for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and a chat with Pastor Jim.

**Volunteers Needed!** CLC Front Desk volunteers and Church Office Reception volunteers are needed on Wednesdays. We need someone to greet people in the CLC and open the front door for folks. We also need someone to help in the church office with basic administrative tasks. If you have any availability on Wednesday mornings or afternoons to help with either of these volunteer positions, please reach out to Sydney.

**Have you been getting church emails including our weekly Adult Ministry & Mission Update Email Newsletter?** If not, list your email address on the tear off portion of your bulletin that you also use to note your attendance in worship, and place it in the offering plate. If you have questions about church emails, please contact Sydney.

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

## Missions

**Knitting For Others:** This group knits and crochets items for Sack Kids Hunger and various other non-profits in the area. **They are running low on yarn** so if you would like to donate some, there is a donation basket for this in the lobby of the CLC!

**Annual Christmas Meal:** Saturday, December 21. We need volunteers to help as 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.

**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! You can make your gift purchase in the CLC lobby on 12/8, 12/15, or 12/22 (after each service).

**Angel Tree:** There are two Angel Trees this year - a small one in the Narthex, and the main tree in the CLC Lobby. Both trees will have angels. Stop by and grab a paper angel off the tree which will include information about Christmas presents you can get for a family in need. Once you purchase the listed gift, wrap it, attach the angel to the package and place it under the tree you got the angel from. *Please bring Angel Tree gifts to the church by the morning of December 22 (unless the back of the angel lists a different date).*

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



# The Worship of God

December 8, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Second 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

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

“Introit: Gaudete/Rejoice” (by Lynn Trapp)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

## PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 208)

“Canticle of Zechariah” pt. 2

(9:00am) Darla Hiltgen  
(11:00am) Karen Rears

†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 209

“Blessed Be the God of Israel” (all)

MERLE’S TUNE

†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 Peace

(9:00) the Knowles family  
(11:00) the Swinford 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 (Murray)

**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.**

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

“Creator of the Stars of Night” (arr. David Lasky)

†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

“Lullaby” (by John Ness Beck)

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

Sermon

Almost Christmas: “Almost Peace”

Scripture – Luke 1:5-13

Rev. Buckman

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” (1x)

WORLD PEACE

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (arr. Dennis Zimmer)

Organist