

December 15, 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 info has changed:

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 15

- 8:00 am BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108)
- 9:00 am WORSHIP: LESSONS & CAROLS (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: LESSONS & CAROLS (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
- 2:00 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)
- 5:30 pm CHRISTMAS PRAISE & WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

CALENDAR INFO DUE

- 11:30 am STAFF MEETING (G3)
- 5:30 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 1534 (108, 110)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 10:00 am KELLER WILLIAMS (108)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 7:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 589 (108)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

PRESCHOOL LAST DAY

- 10:00 am ADVENT BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 10:30 am THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS (OFFSITE)
- 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 OPEN GYM (110)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 pm SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 pm S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23, 108, 202)
- 7:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

NO CC HOME SCHOOL

- 5:00 pm AYUK-EZERIOHA WEDDING REHEARSAL (SANCTUARY)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 8:00 am CHRISTMAS MEAL PREP & DELIVERY (107, 108)
- 8:30 am STREETS CLOSED - REINDEER RUN 5K/10K
- 10:00 am SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
- 5:00 pm AYUK-EZERIOHA WEDDING (SANCTUARY)

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
- 8:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



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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.

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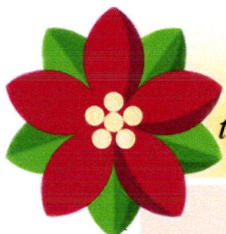
Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons & Carols: **“A Thrill of Hope”**

Worship Preview

Dec. 22 Almost Christmas: “**Almost Love**” Luke 1:34-38
Dec. 24 *Christmas Eve (5 & 8pm)* Almost Christmas: “**Almost Has Come**” Luke 2:15-20
Dec. 29 (10am only) Almost Christmas: “**Experience Christmas**” John 1:1-14

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 Chuck & Lenna Applebee to the Glory of God, and in honor of their 28th 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: Caroline Fonville (*crucifer*), Rose Richardson (*light*)
Ushers: Celina Countess, Herman Runyan, Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg
Greeters: Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
Liturgist: Bill Ogles
Sound: Brendan Rossell Smith
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Maggie Rogers (*crucifer*), Noah Rogers (*light*)
Ushers: Ken Stewart, Mark Redstrom, Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Marsha Huckaby
Liturgist: Linda McQuaig
Sound: Brendan Rossell Smith
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
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

Adult Ministry

Christmas Services Spotlight

Read below for details on our services for the rest of December!

Sunday, December 22 – 9:00am & 11:00am: For the fourth Sunday in Advent, we will have worship services at our regular times.

Tuesday, December 24 – 5:00pm & 8:00pm: We will have TWO Christmas Eve worship services at 5:00pm and 8:00pm. There will be nursery available for ages 4 years old and younger at the 5:00pm service. This service will include candle lighting and communion.

Sunday, December 29 – 10:00am: We will only have ONE worship service the Sunday after Christmas Day. Join us at 10:00am as we all worship together!

Please join us for worship and invite friends and family!

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, 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 12/15, 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

The Worship of God

December 15, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Third 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

“Good King Wenceslas” (arr. M. Ryan Taylor)

brass ensemble

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 757)

Psalm 25:1-5

(9:00am) Bill Ogles
(11:00am) Linda McQuaig

†Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (see insert)

arr. D. Forrest

†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. Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

(9:00) the Burger family
(11:00) the Lindner family

Leader: ... Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we are filled with joy because we have hope and peace that you have sent your son for all that believe. Help us to be the voices that proclaim grace and truth. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.”

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AWAY IN A MANGER (Murray)

**A candle is burning, a candle of Joy;
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

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

brass ensemble

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” (arr. Judith Katz)

†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

Message in Song

A Thrill of Hope

by Joel Raney

(see insert)

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship
UMH No. 240

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” (all) MENDELSSOHN / Nelhybel

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” (by Anna Laura Page)

Organist