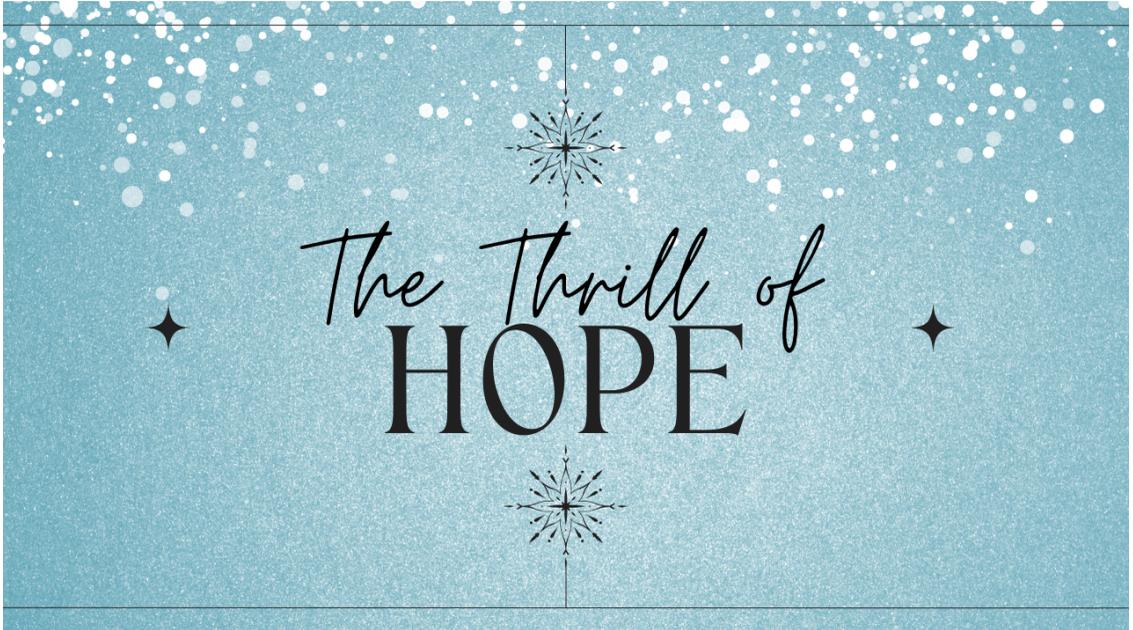




BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

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.

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Thrill of Hope: *“The Promise of Hope”*



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 so that they can receive Communion and then remain for the rest of the worship service.

Nursery: A nursery is provided for children age 3 and under in room 202 of the Christian Life Center.

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



ABC Preschool News:



How is it December? This week we will begin talking about the true meaning of Christmas! We will work on the Letter L, and our color of the month is yellow. We have begun practicing for our Christmas program too.

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

Student Ministry

Students

- **Youth:** There will be no Youth Sunday Night Fellowship tonight.
Hoping you had a Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Confirmation Schedule:** Just as a reminder, we will take a break today and will meet back on December 7.
- **Family Christmas Service:** This year, our family Christmas service will be on December 14. Join us for some fellowship, good food, and music as we continue to prepare during the time of Advent for the coming of our Lord. Join us from 5:30-7:30pm. **This will be our last 2025 Sunday meeting.**

For more information, contact Brendan Rossell Smith, studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org

Missions

Christmas Missions Projects

Angel Tree: Every Christmas Season, the Florence Garner Circle sponsors the Angel Tree Project. This is a mission opportunity to support families in the community who need help providing Christmas gifts for their children. There are two Angel Trees again this year - a small one in the Narthex, and the main tree in the CLC Lobby. To participate in this project, you can take one of the paper angels from the tree, purchase the gifts listed on the angel, and then return the gifts to the church under the tree wrapped with the angel attached. Gifts are due back to the church by **12/18**.

Alternative Christmas: 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 **11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21** (after each service).

Annual Community Christmas Meal: Saturday, **December 20**. We need volunteers to help as we feed members of our community! We need folks to help cook, assemble meals, and deliver them. The Sign-up Genius (sign-up) list to serve on this project will be available soon!

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, mission@bufordfirstumc.org

Adult Ministry

THIS WEDNESDAY - Advent Bible Study: Pastor Jim will be leading an Advent Bible Study with the theme of Hope Wednesdays in December (**12/3, 12/10, 12/17**) at 10:00am in room 312 of the CLC. There is no cost and no book required to participate in this study. Reach out to Sydney if you would like to attend the study or have any questions.

RSVP BY MONDAY 12/1 (TOMORROW) - Young at Heart: Northwinds Symphonic Band Holiday Concert - Friday, **December 5**. This is a favorite Young at Heart outing, and the players appreciate our attendance. Come and enjoy an evening of holiday music that will surely get you in the mood for Christmas. The concert is held at Gainesville First Baptist Church Banquet Hall. Cost: \$2 for gas. There will be a love offering for the band. We will be leaving the church at 5:00pm. and returning around 10:00pm. Dinner (prior to the concert) will be at your own cost at Longstreet Cafeteria in Gainesville, Ga. RSVP to Debbie Atcheson by December 1: (djatcheson@gmail.com or 770-965-3729).

Christmas Brunch: Ladies of all ages are invited to our annual Ladies Christmas Brunch on Saturday, **December 13**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and your favorite Christmas coffee mug. Invite your mom, daughter, friend and neighbors to share in food, fellowship, and fun. You might even win a prize!

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org

The Worship of God

November 30, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude **“All Praise to Thee, O Jesus Christ”** arr. Lothar Graap

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

(9:00) DeeAnna Page
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal

†Call to Worship (p. 785)

“A Prayer for Advent”

(9:00) Joyce Siegele
(11:00) Niki Redstrom

Leader: Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son.

All: Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth.

Leader: Direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled.

All: In the name of him who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 211

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

†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 Hope

(9:00am) The Knowles family
(11:00am) The Van Pelt family

Leader: *Today, we light the candle of Hope... ... Let us pray.*

Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of your promises to us and your fulfillment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

As we sing, the children are invited forward for the Children's Moment (to the tune of "Away in a Manger").
Words: Sandra Dean, 1986 *Music: James R. Murray, 1887*

***A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of Hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.***

Children's Moment

Susan Rosenthal

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer

Sydney Yancey

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.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Organist

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" arr. Robert Lau

†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

Joshua Page

†Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:15-18

Joshua Page

Message In Song **"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"** arr. Heather Sorenson

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

Sermon

Thrill of Hope: **"The Promise of Hope"**

Joshua Page

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 202

"People Look East" vs. 1 & 4

BESANCON

Benediction

Joshua Page

Postlude.

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

Organist

Worship Preview

December 7
October 12

Thrill of Hope: **“The Peace of Hope”**
Thrill of Hope: **Christmas Cantata**

Isaiah 11:1-3a

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 41st wedding anniversary.

The rose on the altar is given by Estelle Dobbs to the Glory of God, and in honor of Wilma Smith.



FLOWER SIGNUPS THROUGH DECEMBER 2026: rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers

or call the church office at 770-945-7438



Birthdays, Memorials and Honorariums: <https://bit.ly/bfumc-bmh>

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Darla Hiltgen (<i>crucifer</i>), Ken Hiltgen (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
<u>Ushers</u> – Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Joyce Siegele

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Dick Atcheson (<i>crucifer</i>), John Hladish (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Terry Ellis, Marsha Huckaby
<u>Ushers</u> – Dick Atcheson, John Hladish Sherry Hall, Ken Stewart	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams	<u>Camera</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Niki Redstrom

Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor | Rev. Jim Buckman
Director of Adult Ministry | Sydney Yancey
Director of Children & Family Ministry | Susan Rosenthal
Director of Student & Outreach Ministries | Brendan Rossell Smith
Interim Director of Music & the Arts | Jean Ann Crites

Director of Preschool | Leandre Majerus
Facility Manager | Will Rogers
Financial Secretary | DeeAnna Page
Office Manager | Roy Foster
Organist | Hank Morgan

 **Sunday Bulletin submission cutoff: Monday 12-noon.**
Please work with the appropriate ministry staff person for all submissions.

November 30, 2025

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.

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770-945-7438 ~ office@bufordfirstumc.org

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

(Closed on Friday)

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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 11/30

Blood Drive

- 9:00am United Methodist Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor)
- 11:00am FPC Pentecostal Preparation (108 FH, 110 Gym, 23)
- 11:00am Korean United Methodist Worship
- 11:00am United Methodist Worship (Sanctuary, Online)
- 2:00pm FPC Pentecostal Worship (108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203, 23)
- 5:30pm ESOL Celebration (G3)

MONDAY 12/1

- 11:30am Staff Meeting (G3)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 1534 (108 FH, 110 Gym, 303, 309)
- 7:00pm Chancel Ringers (G1)
- 7:00pm Scouting Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY 12/2

Pickleball Open Gym (groupme)

- 10:00am Prayer Meeting (Adams)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 7:00pm AA Sober Dads (304)
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY 12/3

- 10:00am Advent Bible Study (312)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Study (303)
- 7:30pm S-Anon (309)

THURSDAY 12/4

Pickleball Open Gym (groupme)

- 10:00am Knitting for Others (202)
- 1:00pm Preschool Playball (110 Gym)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 6:30pm FPC Pentecostal Preparation (Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203, 23)
- 7:30pm FPC Pentecostal Worship (Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203)

FRIDAY 12/5

- 5:00pm YAH: Northwinds Symphonic Band Holiday Concert (Offsite)

SATURDAY 12/6

- 8:30am There is Snowbody Better than Jesus Party (Parking Lot)
- 10:00am Sack Kids Hunger (107, Parking Lot)
- 10:30am At-Anon The Flip Side AFG (304)

SUNDAY 12/7

- 9:00am United Methodist Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am Confirmation Class (304)
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor)
- 11:00am FPC Pentecostal Preparation (108 FH, 110 Gym, 23)
- 11:00am Korean United Methodist Worship (306)
- 11:00am United Methodist Worship (Sanctuary, Online)
- 2:00pm FPC Pentecostal Worship (108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203, 23)
- 5:30pm G.L.O.W. (110 Gym, 201, 307)
- 5:30pm Sunday Night Youth (107, 108 FH, 109)
- 5:30pm Women's Small Group (311)