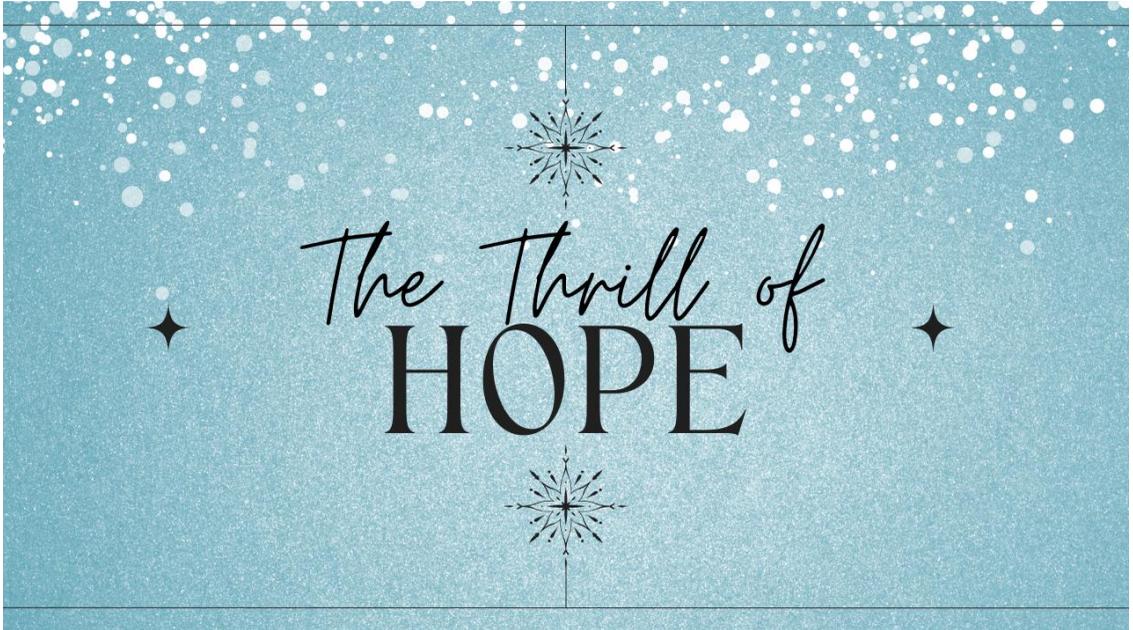




# BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.*

**December 7, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

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



## Children's Moment

**Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)**



**ABC**  
Preschool News:



We can't believe the Christmas season is here. We are talking to the children about the true meaning of Christmas and making all the fun Christmas crafts. We are also working on the Letters **L** and **M**. This week we are hosting our Scholastic Book Fair so stop by during preschool hours if you would like to purchase some books!

**For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@bufordfirstumc.org)**

## Student Ministry



- **Youth Schedule:**
  - **December 7:** Sunday Night Youth Fellowship meets at 5:30pm.
  - **December 13:** Youth Progressive Dinner! Meet at the church at 4:30pm.
  - **December 14:** Family Christmas Service!  
*This will be our last Youth meeting of the year.*
- **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](mailto: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 **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. Reach out to Sydney if you would like to sign up to serve on this project OR visit this link: <https://bit.ly/ChristmasMeal2025>



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

## Adult Ministry

**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, friends and neighbors to share in food, fellowship, and fun. You might even win a prize!

**Young Adult Christmas Outing - Lanier Lights:** on **December 18** the Young Adult Group (college-aged through young professionals) will go together to the *Magical Nights of Lights* display at Lake Lanier Islands. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm to hop on the church van, grab dinner together, and then go to see the lights. If you'd like to join us, reach out to Sydney by 12/17.

### Looking ahead - Mark your calendars!

- We will have TWO Christmas Eve services: 5:00pm and 8:00pm.
- We will only have ONE worship service the Sunday after Christmas (12/28) at 10:00am.
- Part 2 of the Revelation and Daniel Bible studies will start 1/6 and 1/7 respectively.
- Florence Garner circle will be hosting Ladies Game Night 1/9

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

# The Worship of God

December 7, 2025

9:00am & 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.

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

**“Silent Night”** arr. Joel Raney  
Laura Franklin & Jean Ann Crites

Piano Duet

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (p.756)

**Psalm 24:7-10**

(9:00) Karl Siegele  
(11:00) Brayden Ouimet

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 206

**“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** all verses

HOUSTON

†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

(9:00am) The Fonville family  
(11:00am) The Failmezger family

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

**Loving God, we thank you for revealing yourself though 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.**

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 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

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.**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** arr. John Carter Piano Duet  
Laura Franklin & Jean Ann Crites

†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

†Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-3a Rev. Buckman

Message In Song **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with Emmanuel"** (9:00) Ensemble  
arr. Joseph M. Martin (11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon Thrill of Hope: **"The Peace of Hope"** Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert) Organist  
**Partita on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by John Kriebel**

†Hymn of Discipleship  
UMH No. 431 **"Let There Be Peace on Earth"** WORLD PEACE

Benediction Rev. Buckman

Postlude **Chorale Jubilante on "Wachet auf" (Sleepers, Awake!)** by Grimoaldo Macchia Organist

# Worship Preview

December 14  
December 21

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

Luke 1:26-38

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



*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and in celebration of Chuck and Lenna Applebee's  
29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (12/14).*

*The rose on the altar is given to the Glory of God, and  
“Happy Anniversary to the best Gogi & Popper!  
Love, Ruby”*



**FLOWER SIGNUPS** THROUGH DECEMBER 2026: [rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers](https://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> – William Womack ( <i>crucifer</i> ), Ava Ross Womack ( <i>light</i> )	<u>Greeters</u> – Jack Griffis, Julia Griffis
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr	<u>Sound</u> – Nora Lirette
<u>Children's Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Karl Siegele
	<u>Communion Servers</u> – Mike Casper, Deena Rindfus, Celina Countess

## 11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Hans Failmezger ( <i>crucifer</i> ), Jacob Van Pelt ( <i>light</i> )	<u>Greeters</u> – Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Dave Webster Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children's Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Brayden Ouimet
	<u>Communion Servers</u> – Mark Redstrom, Ken Stewart, Josh Page

## 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.**



**December 7, 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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Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

(Closed on Friday)

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**Events of the Week**

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)

MONDAY 12/8

- Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair
- 1:00pm Staff Christmas Luncheon (107, 108 FH)
- 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 12/9

- Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair
- Pickleball Open Gym (groupme)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 7:00pm AA Sober Dads (304)
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 542 (108 FH)

WEDNESDAY 12/10

- Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair
- 10:00am Advent Bible Study (312)
- 11:30am Lunch Bunch (Offsite)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 6:00pm Summerlyn HOA Meeting (301)
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Study (303)
- 7:30pm S-Anon (309)

THURSDAY 12/11

- Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair
- Pickleball Open Gym (groupme)
- 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 12/12

- Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair
- 10:00am Carol Scott Circle (108 FH)

SATURDAY 12/13

- 10:00am Ladies Christmas Brunch (107, 108 FH)
- 10:00am Sack Kids Hunger (107, Parking Lot)

SUNDAY 12/14

- 12:15pm Church Board (312)
- 1:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 23198 (305)
- 6:30pm Family Christmas Service (Sanctuary)