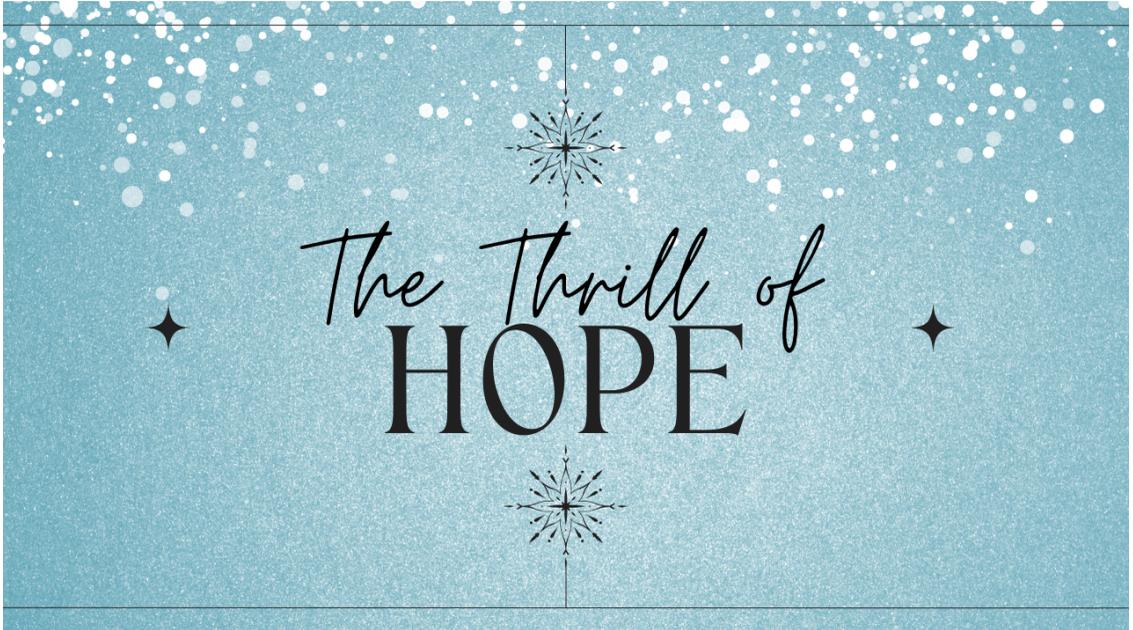




BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Thrill of Hope: ***Christmas Cantata***



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:



This is our last week of school before Christmas vacation! We are almost done with half of the school year. This week we will host our annual Christmas program for our 3- and 4-year-old classes. We will also be having a fun filled last day of school wearing our Christmas pajamas and we are so excited for our special guest coming in from the North Pole! We will still have our book fair if you'd like to drop by!

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

Student Ministry



Family Christmas Service:

Join us today for fellowship, good food, and music as we continue to prepare for the coming of our Lord during Advent.

- Join us from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

(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 **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

Adult Ministry

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.

December Worship Services

- 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.

Looking Ahead to January

- 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

The Worship of God

December 14, 2025

9:00am & 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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

Fanfare on "The Boar's Head Carol" *by John S. Dixon*

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

(9:00am) The Womack family
(11:00am) The Scott family

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

**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.

Words: Sandra Dean, 1986

To the tune of "Away in a Manger".

Music: James R. Murray, 1887

***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.***

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Organist

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" *arr. Lyndell Leatherman*

†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

THE THRILL OF HOPE

A New Service of Lessons and Carols

By Joseph M. Martin and Heather Sorenson

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” with “Emmanuel”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

(Congregation please stand and join in singing as directed)

“All Is Well”

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

“What A Beautiful Name”

Descant – Debbie Tribble

“Noel”

Soloist – Sarah Van Pelt

“Let The World Sing Gloria”

“One King”

“The Thrill of Hope”

Soloists – Lenna Applebee, Chuck Applebee

“O Holy Night”

(Congregation please stand and join in singing as directed)

Musicians: Hank Morgan – Piano / Christopher Bowers – percussion / Briana Duensing – Clarinet

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sopranos: Lenna Applebee / Linda Chambers / Briana Duensing / Sue Grable / Susan Lynskey / Michelle Oliver / Debbie Tribble

Altos: Karen Rears / Mary Susan Robertson / Beryl Stump / Sarah Van Pelt / Amanda Warren / Betsy Whitehill / Sydney Yancey

Tenors: Rick Huckaby / Ned Karn / Mike Rosenthal / Wesley Welch

Basses: Chuck Applebee / Jonathan Applebee / Billy Cochran / Ian Simonson

Production (sound and visuals): Brendan Rossell Smith

Worship Preview

December 21

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

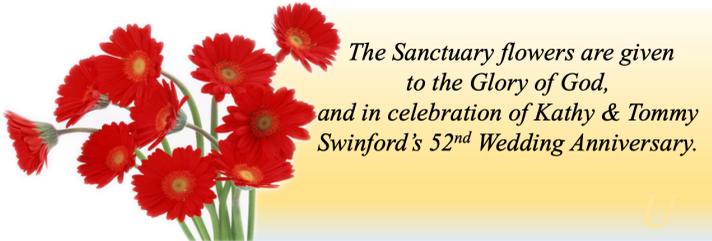
Luke 1:26-38

December 28

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

Luke 2:8-16

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).





Give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special, or in celebration of a significant event.

You can sign up online or call the church office.

FLOWER SIGNUP



rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers

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> – Sandra Casper, DeeAnna Page
<u>Ushers</u> – Ken Stewart, Herman Runyan Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Jacob Van Pelt (<i>crucifer</i>), Michael Thomas (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Simonson, Marsh Huckaby
<u>Ushers</u> – Mark Redstrom, Eric Lynskey Chris Simonson, John Hladish	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	

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 14, 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.

CHURCH OFFICE

770-945-7438 ~ office@bufordfirstumc.org

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

(Closed on Friday)

PRESCHOOL OFFICE

770-945-4161 ~ preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

FACILITY CONCERNS

facility@bufordfirstumc.org

MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329

(MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS)

ONLINE

bufordfirstumc.org

facebook.com/bufordfirstumc

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youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week

SUNDAY 12/14

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)

12:15pm Church Board (312)

1:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 23198 (305)

2:00pm FPC Pentecostal Worship (108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203, 23)

5:30pm Family Christmas Service (Sanctuary, 108 FH, 109)

MONDAY 12/15

CALENDAR INFO DUE

Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair

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)

7:00pm Chancel Ringers (G1)

TUESDAY 12/16

Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair

Pickleball Open Gym (groupme)

10:00am YAH: Tate House (Offsite)

12:00pm Preschool Christmas Program (110 Gym)

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 589 (108 FH)

7:00pm AA Sober Dads (304)

WEDNESDAY 12/17

Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair

10:00am Advent Bible Study (312)

10:30am Thrift Shop Volunteers (Offsite)

5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)

7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

7:00pm Spanish Bible Study (303)

7:30pm S-Anon (309)

THURSDAY 12/18

Preschool: Scholastic Book Fair

Pickleball Open Gym (groupme)

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

5:00pm Young Adult Group Outing (Offsite)

6:30pm FPC Pentecostal Preparation (Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203, 23)

7:30pm FPC Pentecostal Worship (Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203)

FRIDAY 12/19

Preschool: Holiday Break

SATURDAY 12/20

8:00am Christmas Meal Prep & Delivery (107, 108 FH)

10:00am Sack Kids Hunger (107, Parking Lot)

10:30am Al-Anon The Flip Side AFG (304)

4:00pm Private Event (107, 108 FH)

SUNDAY 12/21

8:00am BUMM Fellowship Breakfast (107, 108 FH)

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)

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