



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.

January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

Testify: ***“Making It The Greatest”***



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:

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas!

We resume school on January 5, 2026.



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

Student Ministry



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



12:15 Today in the Sanctuary
Taking down the Chrismon Tree
and removal of the greens.



Missions

Thank you to everyone who served in a Christmas Missions Project this year! As a church body, we were able to provide Christmas gift support to over 20 families with over 300 angels from the Angel Tree, over 900 meals to our non-profit community partners (ex: women's and children's shelters) and individuals in need in the community, and funding for 5 other missions organizations through the Alternative Christmas project.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these projects!

The Carol Scott Circle is sponsoring our annual *Diaper Drive*. We are collecting all size diapers, pull-ups, and wipes during the month of January. These will be distributed to both the North Gwinnett Co-Op and Wellroot Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home). There is a donation box in the CLC lobby. *Please help if you can!*

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

Adult Ministry

Daniel & Revelation Bible Studies: There are two Bible study options to choose from that started back in the Fall. For each Bible study, we will be going through the second half of the book starting in January. Revelation (Part 2) - Facilitator: Brendan. Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the CLC Media Room (312). Daniel (Part 2) - Facilitator: Pastor Jim. Wednesdays at 10:00am in the CLC Media Room (312). Part 2 of the Revelation and Daniel Bible studies will start **1/6** and **1/7**, respectively. You can join in the Bible studies even if you did not do Part 1 in the Fall. The facilitators just ask that you let us know so that we can provide you with materials from Part 1 so you can get caught up with the rest of the group!

The Florence Garner Circle will be hosting Ladies Game Night **1/9** at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share, a favorite board game, and consider inviting a friend. All ladies are invited!

Young at Heart: Bunco and Lunch - Tuesday, **January 20**. RSVP with your sandwich choice. Cost: \$15.00 for a box lunch from *Main Street Deli*, drink, and prizes. Box lunch includes sandwich (ham/provolone or turkey/swiss on wheat bread), potato chips, chocolate chip cookie, and a pickle. Time: 11:00am - 2:30pm. Please RSVP with your choice of sandwich to Debbie Atcheson by January 13 at: djatcheson@gmail.com or 770-965-3729.

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

The Worship of God

January 4, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Epiphany Sunday | Liturgical Color: White

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

Organist

“The Holly and the Ivy” *arr. James Biery*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

† Call to Worship (p. 859)

Psalm 147:1-6

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

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 254

“We Three Kings” vs 1 & 5

KINGS OF ORIENT

† 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.***

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

Organist

A Lovely Rose Is Blooming *by J. Brahms*

†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

†Scripture Reading

John 1:15-18

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

"One King" *arr. Barrett & Angerman*

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

Sermon

Testify: **"Making It The Greatest"**

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 251

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain" *all*

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

Postlude on "Unto Us Is Born a Son" *by John S. Dixon*

Organist

Worship Preview

January 11
January 18

Testify: **“You Bring Me Great Pleasure”**
Testify: **“Look Who Is Coming”**

Matthew 3:13-17
John 1:29-34

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
to the
Glory
of God*



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

3 WAYS TO SIGN UP

- 1 VISIT <https://rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers>
- 2 SCAN the QR code → → → →
- 3 CALL the church office at 770-945-7438



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

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – (<i>crucifer</i>), (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Reed, David Reed
<u>Ushers</u> – Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
Suzanne Clegg, Randy Clegg	<u>Liturgist</u> – Karl Siegele
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Hans Failmezger (<i>crucifer</i>), Lilly Clair Scott (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Marsha Huckaby, Linda Chambers
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Kevin Gohman	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
Dick Atcheson, Terry Ellis	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams	<u>Liturgist</u> – Brayden Ouimet
<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
Director of Worship Ministries | Jan Estrada

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.

January 4, 2026

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
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ONLINE

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Events of the Week

Sunday, January 4, 2026

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Reception: Dir. Worship Ministries	10:00 AM	107, 108 FH
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM	108 FH, 110 Gym, 23
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary, Online
Removal of the Greens	12:15 PM	Sanctuary
Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00 PM	305
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203, 23

Monday, January 5, 2026

Staff Meeting	11:30 AM	TBD
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
AA 5:30@Main St	5:30 PM	304
Scouting Troop 542	7:00 PM	305, 306, 308

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Prayer Meeting	10:00 AM	Adams
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
Bible Study: Revelation	6:00 PM	312
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM	304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00 PM	108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309
Pickleball Open Gym		(groupme)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Bible Study: Daniel	10:00 AM	312
AA 5:30@Main St	5:30 PM	304
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Spanish Bible Study	7:00 PM	303
S-Anon	7:30 PM	309

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Preschool Playball	1:00 PM	110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203, 23
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203
Pickleball Open Gym		(groupme)

Friday, January 9, 2026

Ladies Game Night	6:00 PM	107, 108 FH
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Saturday, January 10, 2026

Girl Scouts Lanier SU	8:00 AM	108 FH
Sack Kids Hunger	10:00 AM	107, Parking Lot
AI-Anon The Flip Side AFG	10:30 AM	304

Sunday, January 11, 2026

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Confirmation Class	10:00 AM	304
Sunday School	10:00 AM	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM	108 FH, 110 Gym, 23
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary, Online
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203, 23
ESOL	5:30 PM	303, 304
G.L.O.W.	5:30 PM	110 Gym, 201, 307
Sunday Night Youth	5:30 PM	107, 108 FH, 109