



# BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

## Ashes to Alleluias



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.*

**February 22, 2026**

First Sunday in Lent

Ashes to Alleluias: ***“Alone But Not Afraid”***



## 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)



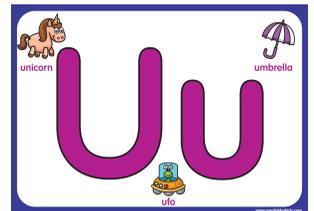
## ABC Preschool News:

*We are continuing talking about our favorite children's authors.*

*We will work on the Letter U this week.*

*Our parents will join us for Pastries with Parents!*

*The children love when their parents come!*



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

## Student Ministry



*Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Today!*

*All youth are welcome*

*Join us at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall*

### Looking Ahead

March 13-15: Youth Spring Retreat! (Contact Brendan for more information)

March 15: No Youth Programming (coming back from retreat)

April 5: No Youth Programming.

For more information, contact Brendan Rossell Smith, [studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org)

## Missions

**Hands on Missions Opportunity - Painting at Gateway Shelter:** One of BFUMC's longtime **Missions** partners, *Gateway Domestic Violence Center*, provides housing and support resources for women experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence. We will be sending a team from BFUMC to Gateway to help paint the living room in their transitional housing space on **February 28**.

**ESOL:** Our church offers a free English class to the community on Sunday nights at 5:30pm in the CLC. Please pray for this ministry and share this information with anyone you may know who would benefit from this ministry! If you would like to learn more about how you can help with this ministry, contact Sydney.

**Special Needs Ministry: Parents Night Out** - This event will be on **Saturday, March 7** from 6pm to 8pm in the CLC. We will provide respite care for families impacted by disability so that parents/caregivers can have a break! There will be a volunteer training before this event, so if you've never served with individuals with disabilities before, we will provide you the tools to serve well! Please keep this event in your prayers and invite families you may know who would benefit from participating.

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

## Adult Ministry

### Lent Programs & Opportunities

**Lenten Bible Studies:** Pastor Jim will be leading a Bible Study on Wednesdays during Lent. The study will be offered at 10am and 7pm. It is the same lesson offered at each time so you can choose the time that works best for your schedule. Please reach out to Sydney to sign up!

**Lenten Prayer Partners:** Would you like a source of support and accountability during the Lenten season? Consider signing up for a Lenten Prayer Partner!

- When you sign up, you will receive your assigned prayer partner's contact information and a **prayer guide**.
- The **time commitment for participation is just 20 minutes a week** where you either call or meet with your prayer partner, discuss your Lenten reflections, and pray with each other.
- The **prayer guide** will include prayer and discussion prompts for you and your partner as well as prayer prompts for your individual prayer time each day during Lent.
- **Don't want to be assigned a partner?** Do you already have someone in mind to go alongside on this Lenten journey? Great! *Contact Sydney for the prayer guide.*
  - *If you have any questions or would like to sign up, email Sydney!*

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

# The Worship of God

February 22, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

First Sunday in Lent | Liturgical Color: Purple

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

**“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”** *arr. Robert Lind*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (p. 854)

**Psalm 139:1-6**

(9:00) Joan Burger  
(11:00) Michael Thomas

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 173

**“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”** *all*

RATISBON

†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

**"Alleluia"** by Jacques Berthier, arr. Anne Krentz Organ

†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

Matthew 4:1-11

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

**"Psalm 139"** by Allen Pote

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

Sermon

Ashes to Alleluias: **"Alone But Not Afraid"**

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 396 **"O Jesus, I Have Promised"** vs 1, 2 and 4

ANGEL'S STORY

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

**Solemn March from "Joshua"** by G.F. Handel

Organist

# Worship Preview

March 1

Ashes to Alleluias: **“In The Dead of Night”**

John 3:1-17

March 8

Ashes to Alleluias: **“Water Cooler Talk”**

John 4:1-26

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).



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to the Glory of God, and in memory of  
Suzanne’s mother, Mary Ann Scoggin.*

<https://rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers>, or scan the QR code,  
or call the church office at 770-945-7438.



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

## 9:00am Worship

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <u>Ushers</u> – Ed Krauth, Celina Countess<br>Suzanne Clegg, Randy Clegg | <u>Greeters</u> – Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz<br><u>Sound</u> – Nora Lirette |
| <u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal                | <u>Liturgist</u> – Joan Burger   |

## 11:00am Worship

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <u>Ushers</u> – Mark Redstrom, Charlie Redstrom<br>Chris Simonson, Rowan Simonson | <u>Greeters</u> – Amy Simonson, Linda Chambers<br><u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds |
| <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> – Michael Thomas  |

## 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 | Brad Thomas  
Financial Administrator | 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.



# February 22, 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

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### ONLINE

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## Events of the Week

### Sunday, Feb 22

|                                 |          |                                   |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 | Fellowship Hall (108), Gym (110)  |
| Korean United Methodist Worship | 11:00 AM | 306                               |
| United Methodist Worship        | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary, Online                 |
| Girl Scouts Troop 23198         | 1:00 PM  | 305                               |
| FPC Pentecostal Worship         | 2:00 PM  | FH(108), 109, Gym (110), 202, 203 |
| ESOL [Learn English]            | 5:30 PM  | 303, 304                          |
| G.L.O.W.                        | 5:30 PM  | Gym (110), 201, 307               |
| Women's Small Group             | 5:30 PM  | 311                               |
| SA Freedom Fellowship           | 7:30 PM  | 305                               |

### Monday, Feb 23

|                          |          |                                     |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Staff Meeting            | 11:30 AM | Break Room (G3)                     |
| Ladies Strength Training | 5:00 PM  | Old Fellowship Hall (G1)            |
| AA 5:30@Main St.         | 5:30 PM  | 304                                 |
| Cub Scouts Pack 1534     | 6:30 PM  | FH(108), Gym (110), 303, 309        |
| Chancel Ringers          | 7:00 PM  | Old Fellowship Hall (G1), Sanctuary |
| Scouting Troop 542       | 7:00 PM  | 305, 306, 308                       |

### Tuesday, Feb 24

|                          |           |                          |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Pickleball Open Gym      | {groupme} | Gym (110)                |
| Ladies Strength Training | 5:00 PM   | Old Fellowship Hall (G1) |
| AA Sober Dads            | 7:00 PM   | 304                      |
| Cub Scouts Pack 542      | 7:00 PM   | Fellowship Hall (108)    |

### Wednesday, Feb 25

|                                |          |                  |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Preschool: Pastries w/Parents  | 9:00 AM  | CLC Building     |
| Lenten Bible Study: Final Days | 10:00 AM | Media Room (312) |
| AA 5:30@Main St.               | 5:30 PM  | 304              |
| Chancel Choir                  | 7:00 PM  | Sanctuary        |
| Lenten Bible Study: Final Days | 7:00 PM  | Media Room (312) |
| SA Freedom Fellowship          | 7:30 PM  | 305              |
| S-Anon                         | 7:30 PM  | 309              |

### Thursday, Feb 26

|                               |           |                               |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Pickleball Open Gym           | {groupme} | Gym (110)                     |
| Preschool: Pastries w/Parents | 9:00 AM   | CLC Building                  |
| Knitting for Others           | 10:00 AM  | Nursery (202)                 |
| Preschool Playball            | 1:00 PM   | Gym (110)                     |
| Ladies Strength Training      | 5:00 PM   | Old Fellowship Hall (G1)      |
| FPC Pentecostal Preparation   | 6:30 PM   | Sanctuary, FH (108), 202, 203 |
| FPC Pentecostal Worship       | 7:30 PM   | Sanctuary, FH (108), 202, 203 |

### **(Friday, Feb 27 - No activities)**

### Saturday, Feb 28

|                           |          |                                   |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Piano Festival            | 8:00 AM  | G1, Sanctuary, 23, 22, 26, 13, 14 |
| Sack Kids Hunger          | 10:00 AM | 107, Parking Lot                  |
| Al-Anon The Flip Side AFG | 10:30 AM | 304                               |

### Sunday, March 1

|                                 |          |                                   |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>-VBS Registration Opens-</i> |          |                                   |
| United Methodist Worship        | 9:00 AM  | Sanctuary                         |
| Confirmation Class              | 10:00 AM | 304                               |
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| G.L.O.W.                        | 5:30 PM  | 110 Gym, 201, 307                 |
| Sunday Night Youth              | 5:30 PM  | 107, Fellowship Hall (108), 109   |
| Women's Small Group             | 5:30 PM  | 311                               |
| SA Freedom Fellowship           | 7:30 PM  | 305                               |