

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC
April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

White

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Thine Is the Glory arr. Scott

THE OPENING SONG.....No. 176
Majesty, Worship His Majesty

THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 327
Crown Him with Many Crowns

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....The Apostles' Creed.....No. 881

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....No. 364
Because He Lives

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Dr. McPhail
I John 1: 1-2:2

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail

THE OFFERTORY.....Linda Downing/Cindy Lovan
All Hail the Power arr. Raney

*THE DOXOLOGY.....No. 95
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail
Fresh Start! Seeing the Light

THE ANTHEM.....Ensemble
Fanfare for Easter Day Parks

THE MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Rev. Diane Shedd

*THE HYMN of INVITATION.....No. 310
He Lives

*THE BENEDICTION and BLESSING.....Dr. McPhail

*THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Mighty Are Thy Works, O Lord Davidson

Hospitality: Billy & JoAnna Nijem | David & Teresa Bailey

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper and Bible Studies

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Chicken divan, Yellow rice, Vegetable blend, Grape salad and Cherry dump cake.
 (Dine-in or take out)

Adult, youth and children's studies to follow the meal and starts at 6:15 PM.

- Reservations and payment online!
- Quick curbside pick up Wednesday's 5:30-6:00 PM
- \$7 per meal for adults
- \$4 per meal 5th grade and below
- \$25 Family Max
- Online reservations due Tuesday's at 12 noon

WWW.VALDOSTAFIRSTUMC.ORG/CHURCH-NIGHT-SUPPER

An Account of Our Stewardship
4/4/2021

Total In Person Worship Attendance	358
Sunday School	97
Total Online Worship Attendance	246
YTD Income	\$210,169.65
YTD Expenses	\$249,981.06
2021 Budget	\$1,108,522.55

Follow us on social media @valdostafumc and use our hashtag #valdostafumc when sharing your FUMC moments! To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your FUMC photos to epreaves@valdostafirstumc.org. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!

Directory

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail.....Senior Pastor
 Rev. Diane Shedd.....Associate Pastor
 Emily Reaves.....Director of Youth Ministries
 Kenji Bolden.....Director of Music Ministries
 Brad Tarpley.....Director of Children's Ministries
 Mallory Thompson.....Preschool Director
 Cindy Lovan.....Organist/Children's Music Director
 Linda Downing.....Pianist
 Mary Clare Tarpley.....Interim Nursery/Childcare Director
 Laura Leonard.....Congregational Care/Visitation
 Lily Spittal.....Financial Administrator
 Cheri Fugate.....Administrative Assistant
 Matt Felts.....Director of Audio Visual Production
 Davis Nipper.....Visual Tech Specialist
 Wendy Hart.....Audio Tech Specialist
 James Siler.....Custodian/Church Host
 Carri Bedene.....Custodian
 Mary Ann Saliba.....Church Hostess
 Matt Mullis.....Clergy Intern
 Ross Tucker.....Youth Ministry Assistant
 Josh Holloway.....Maintenance

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THE BULLETIN

April 11, 2021

Celebrating Our 162nd Year

Alive Together in Christ. Loving, Growing, & Serving.

People Are Returning! How Can We Help?

Easter Sunday always generates a joyful response, but this year especially awakened our congregation in a special way. Starting in March our congregational participation steadily increased to reach Sunday morning highs on Palm Sunday (outdoor worship) and Easter Sunday. As participation increases, we move closer to being fully operational, which means programming needs rise as we seek to fulfill our mission to be "Alive Together in Christ" through our ministries, witness and outreach.

Recently, our Finance Committee discussed ways we all can support the work of the church during this unique time of relaunching, and highlighted our membership vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. The prayers of the congregation have been felt as our church leadership has navigated the past twelve months, and now we are beginning to see an increase in the in-person presence to go along with the faithfulness of participation online. As we reengage in ministry as a church, here are a few ways we can support the church through the other three areas of congregational faithfulness:

- Gifts – Our cash position as a church is presently stable due to the ongoing support of our congregation and the wise stewardship of our church leadership and staff during the pandemic, but as programming resumes so will our budgeted needs. We have a variety of ways to give:
 - ◊ Through the mail and online options by going to valdostafirstumc.org/give
 - ◊ Through the weekly offering drop-off baskets in The Loft and offering plates in the Sanctuary
 - ◊ Through stock transfers and charitable gifts from IRAs, such as designating a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA to the church in order to avoid tax liability on the RMD (talk to your IRA administrator to explore this option).
- Service – If you served our congregation pre-COVID please let your team leader know if/when you plan to return, and if you did not serve previously then now is a great time to start! We always have needs for ushers and greeters in our hospitality ministry, and there are other opportunities in every area of the church.
- Witness – We want to encourage you to prayerfully consider reaching out with an invitation to three groups of people: those from our church that you have not seen in a while, those displaced with no current church affiliation, and those with no faith and/or church connection at all.

We are excited about the next season of ministry for our church, and we look forward to working together to move our church forward into the future!

Anthony McPhail, Senior Pastor

John Williams, Finance Chairperson

MEMORIALS:

In memory of **Brinkley Leona Elizabeth Laws McNeal:** Monique Sineath
In memory of **Walter Paul McNeal:** Monique Sineath

HONORARIUMS:

In honor of **Allen & Sally Woods:** Dr. Bill & Jeannie Grow

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of our parents:

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Stanaland, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Jones Maddox.

By Ben and Jane Stanaland

TEXT SIGN-IN: Text (229) 459-4646 with one of these keywords to let us know you are a part of worship today:

- *Joining worship online today? Text **ONLINE** to (229) 459-4646 so we know who is worshipping online!*
- *Attending worship here for the first or second time today? Text **NEW** to (229) 459-4646 so we can connect with you better!*
- *Are you a member and/or regular attendee of Valdosta FUMC? Text **HERE** to (229) 459-4646 so we know you are present!*

You may be prompted to fill out a brief "digital connection card" with basic contact information to help us connect with you better. Thanks!

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades

This Sunday, April 11

Regular Sunday Night Youth!

TIME | 5:00PM-7:00PM (feel free to come a little early to play in the game room if you like!)

DROP OFF | 108 W Central Ave

Snack Supper provided!

PICK UP | Fellowship Hall Parking Lot

WHAT WE'LL BE DOING | Snack supper, games, lesson, small groups!

Upcoming:

Graduation Sunday | May 23, 2021

Youth Mission Trip | June 2021: The Carolinas

Summer 2021: Beach Retreat | Dates: July 9-11



**Week of April 11 - April 18, 2021
Looking Ahead**

Sunday, April 11

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft*
 9:45 AM Sunday School*
 11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary*
 Children's Church
 12:15 PM Missions Council (Library)
 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)

Monday, April 12

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
 9:30 AM Preschool Music
 10:00 AM Table Meeting (The Rock)
 12:30 PM Roof-Sub Committee (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 AM Men's Group
 8:30 AM Financial Counseling with Danny Jones (Library)
 9:00 AM Preschool
 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Becky Anthony)
 10:00 AM Precept Bible Study (Wesleyan)
 12:00 PM Hymn Study with Kenji (Parlor)
 5:30 PM Nominations Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
 12 Noon Handbells
 1:00 PM Ensemble Practice
 5:30- 6 PM Church Night Supper take out
 5:45 PM Church Night Supper dine in
 6:15 PM Adult and Youth Bible studies
 6:15 PM Mission Possible for Children

Thursday, April 15

7:00 AM Men's Group (Watt)
 9:00 AM Preschool
 12:30 PM Staff Lunch Club
 4:00 PM Staff Bible Study
 6:15 PM Loft Rehearsal

Friday, April 16

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
 9:00 AM Preschool

Sunday, April 18

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft *
 9:45 AM Sunday school
 11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary *
 Children's Church
 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years

Financial Counseling:

Has this past year been difficult on your finances? Would you like assistance in building a plan to get out of debt, building a budget, learning to save, or general questions about money? Financial Counseling will be available at the church Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 by appointment.

For more information or to set an appointment call Danny Jones at (229) 563-3761 or to set an appointment call the church office at (229) 242-4050.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

April 11, 2021 9:00 AM

Fresh Start! Seeing the Light

1 John 1:1-2:2

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden Worship leader

Maggie Tarpley, vocals Matt Mullis, guitar and vocals

Kasey McQuitty, vocals Leslie Smith, drums

Hospitality: Trey & Lindsey Odom

Preschool/MMO Ministry

2-4 year olds/8 weeks old - 2 year olds

Fall registration continues. Limited spots are available.

For more information email mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org or visit the church website at valdostafirstumc.org/preschoolmmo

Upcoming Events:

April 21st:

Individual Spring pictures, class pictures and Pre-K4 graduate pictures.

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, April 11, 2021

9:00 AM Children's Moment in the Loft Service
 9:45 AM ROCK Music with the ROCK Sunday School immediately following
 11:00 AM Children's Church in Sanctuary Service

Upcoming:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

5:45 PM Church Night Supper

6:15 PM MISSION POSSIBLE at The Rock!

Children are invited to participate in mission projects and games.

HYMN STUDY

Tuesday, April 13 at Noon in The Parlor

Lead by Kenji Bolden



Remember in Prayer

Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

Community | Country | Church leaders | Capital Campaign

Teresa Steinberg | Sarah Moon Rathel | Joanne Harrison | Kathryn Connell

Dennis Fenstermaker | Aliene Nazzaro | Doris Townsend | Nursing home members