

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC
April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

White

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

- THE PRELUDE.....Handbell Ensemble
Lord of the Dance arr. Krug
- THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail
- *THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 733
Come We that Love the Lord (Marching to Zion)
- *THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....The Apostles' Creed.....No. 881
- THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley
- *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....No. 378
Amazing Grace
- THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Dr. McPhail
Acts 3:12-19
- THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail
- THE OFFERTORY.....Handbell Ensemble
Heaven Medley arr. Lamb
- When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder; In the Sweet By and By;
 When We All Get to Heaven; Higher Ground*
- *THE DOXOLOGY.....No. 95
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
- THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail
Fresh Start! Seeing the Power
- SPECIAL MUSIC.....Handbell Ensemble
Hymn Suite arr. Larson Linda Downing, Piano
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
 Praise Him! Praise Him!*
- THE MORNING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Rev. Diane Shedd
- *THE HYMN of INVITATION.....No. 177
He Is Lord
- *THE BENECTION and BLESSING.....Dr. McPhail
- *THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Come, Thou Almighty King arr. Smith

Handbell Ensemble:

Judy Varnado | Nancy Eggers | Sally Woods | Cindy Lovan | Amy Sharon | David Cater

Hospitality: Wade & Annabelle Henry | Jon & Maggie Miller

*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 21, 2021

Grilled pork chops, Brown rice, Butter beans, Tomatoes, Chocolate pie.

(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

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An Account of Our Stewardship
4/11/2021

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| Total In Person Worship Attendance | 194 |
| Sunday School | 132 |
| Total Online Worship Attendance | 201 |
| YTD Income | \$234,546.05 |
| YTD Expenses | \$270,556.67 |
| 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 TarpleyInterim 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 18, 2021

Celebrating Our 162nd Year

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

The Power of the Breakthrough

A couple of weeks ago, I did something that required me pushing to my absolute limits. After sixteen weeks of training, two other guys and I ran a half marathon. For the non-runners out there, that equals 13.1 miles compared to the 26.2 of a full marathon. Prior to that training plan, the longest distance I had ever run was 7 miles, meaning I needed that training plan to help me nearly double my distance capacity. The way you train for a long-distance run is you slowly build up your overall weekly mileage, while also building up your long run distance. Weekly mileage began around 15 miles a week with a long run of 4 miles, and that grew incrementally each week until a peak of around 30 miles a week and a long run of 12 miles. Each time I crossed a new long distance, I felt the amazing joy of breaking through a previous limit into a new level of capacity of what was possible.

We all love the joy of completing goals and pushing our limits to the full, but also know there are some limits we cannot exceed. A doctor can treat a disease, but they cannot guarantee that full healing will take place. A counselor might shepherd someone through a difficulty, but they cannot make them well. A preacher can point people towards God's word, but they cannot change their spiritual lives. For a person to encounter a breakthrough, it requires a power beyond ourselves and themselves.

This Sunday we are going to wrestle with how we navigate those situations in life that we cannot overcome, and what power we can seek to experience a breakthrough. If you find yourselves longing for a breakthrough in your life, perhaps this week might be the opportunity to fully encounter the source of the "fresh start" and limit conquering freedom you long to experience.

Anthony<><

MEMORIALS:

In memory of **Eleanor Howard:** Lee & Archie Griffin, John & Lee Anne Griffin Landrum

In memory of **Marsha Harris Rudolph:** Lee & Archie Griffin, John & Lee Anne Griffin

Landrum

In memory of **Joe Williams:** John & Ginna McTier

FLOWERS:

Flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday morning may be placed in memory or honor of a loved one. Please contact the church office or write your name on the flower calendar outside of the church office.

MISSION OFFERING TODAY:

Our Mission's Council is restarting the 3rd Sunday Advance Special Mission Offering. To-days offering will go to The Green House Program in Tifton serving low income children and youth. A summer camp at Tygart is planned.

Please mark your check "Missions". Thank you!

WAY FINDERS New Sunday School Class:

Seeking to learn more about the love of God, the voice of the Holy Spirit, and the life and ministry of Jesus as "followers of the way"? Then come to the Parlor at 10:00 Sunday mornings.

The lessons are inspired by scripture in Mark 8:34-37: "Whoever wants to be my disciples must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it to gain the whole world, yet forfeit your soul? Or what can you give in exchange for your soul?" We are currently studying the gospel of Luke.

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.

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 worshiping 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 18

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

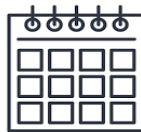
WHAT WE'LL BE DOING | Snack supper, games, lesson, small groups!

Upcoming:

Graduation Sunday | May 23, 2021

Youth Mission Trip | June 5-11, 2021: The Carolinas

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



Week of April 18 - April 25, 2021

Looking Ahead

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)

Monday, April 19

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
 9:30 AM Preschool Music
 10:00 AM Operations Meeting (Wesleyan)
 10:30 AM Creative Team Meeting (Wesleyan)

Tuesday, April 20

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 noon Hymn Study with Kenji (Parlor)

Wednesday, April 21

8:30 AM Preschool Pictures
 9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel
 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
 7:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 22

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

Friday, April 23

9:00 AM Preschool

Sunday, April 25

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 & Worship (Youth Room)

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years



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 | Nursing home members

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

April 18, 2021 9:00 AM

Fresh Start! Seeing the Power

Acts 3:12-19

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden Worship leader

Tori Maxwell, vocals Matt Mullis, guitar
 Judy Varnado, vocals Mike Godwin, bass
 Kasey McQuitty, vocals Leslie Smith, drums

Hospitality: Hansell & Kathryn Watt

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.

May 5th: Teacher Appreciation breakfast

May 7th: Muffins with Mom at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, April 18, 2021

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

Upcoming:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

5:45 PM Church Night Supper

6:15 PM MISSION POSSIBLE in the Loft Youth Room!

Children are invited to participate in mission projects and games.

Music Ministry

Last HYMN STUDY

Next Tuesday, April 20 at Noon in The Parlor

Lead by Kenji Bolden

Upcoming:

Exciting News!! Our Choir is resuming on Sunday, May 2nd.

To sign up or for more information please email kbolden@valdostafirstumc.org.