

**\*Youth News\***

Tonight: **6:00pm-8:00pm**  
**Youth Christmas Pajama Party**  
 \*Bring \$5 wrapped gift & wear your pajamas!

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**  
**UGLY Christmas sweater day!**  
**One Service at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall!**  
**Bring finger foods to share!**



**Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary.**

**Pictorial Directories are here!**  
 Please check for errors and let Diane know in writing the corrections. The names listed in the back of the directory are active full members only. One directory per family please. Enjoy!

**Remember to bless our staff with a donation this Sunday! Thank you!**

**RECORD OF STEWARDSHIP**  
**12/8/2019**

**Presence:**

Total Worship Attendance	327
Sunday School Attendance	197

**Gifts:**

YTD Income	\$982,980.89
YTD Expenses	\$1,026,368.95
2019 Budget	\$1,281,901.19



We rejoice with Betsy and Coleman Brice upon the birth of their son, **Wilson Turner Brice**, on December 4, 2019. First grandbaby for Jan and Turner Brice.

*Church Night Supper resumes January 15, 2020.*

**2019 Financial Gifts**

As the end of 2019 approaches, please review your year-to-date gifts of tithes and offerings. Your commitment to further the mission and ministry of First Methodist through your budgetary giving is appreciated and makes a difference, bringing the love of Christ into circumstances and situations.

According to the IRS, to receive an tax charitable deduction this year, contributions must be made by December 31. Please make sure your gifts are received by the church office or mailed out by December 31 to ensure 2019 credit. Donations postmarked after January 1, regardless of the date on the check will be allocated to January's giving.

If you have any questions regarding your year to date gifts please contact the church office at 229-242-4050.



**SUNDAY MORNING AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VALDOSTA**



*Caring Christmas Gifts are due today!*



**Thank you for making a child's Christmas possible!**

**Alive Together in Christ:  
 Loving, Growing, & Serving**

**Centered**– on God's word  
**Committed**– partners in ministry  
**Compassionate**– to others  
**Creative**– innovatively flexible  
**Community**– within and without

# Welcome to Valdosta First United Methodist Church



## GATHERING

### ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Susan Jordan and Eliza Jane Monroe

### PRELUDE

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory with O Holy Night*  
arr. Torrans  
Cindy Lovan

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. Whit Byram

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

Jeff and Cheryl Waldron

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*ADVENT HYMN

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* No. 213

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### \*HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 211

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

*Fum, Fum, Fum*  
arr. Sorenson

Linda Downing, Cindy Lovan

### \*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

### ANTHEM

*We Would See Jesus* arr. Pethel  
from *There's A Song in the Air*  
Chancel Choir

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"Just Love"

(1 John 4:7-10)

Rev. Whit Byram

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

#### \*HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* No. 224

#### \*BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Rev. Byram

#### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Veni Emmanuel (refrain only)*  
Chancel Choir

#### POSTLUDE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Torrans  
Cindy Lovan

Hospitality Team for 11:00 am

Danny and Sandy Jones



The Christmas decorations are to the glory of God.

By the Altar Guild



## The Loft

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 9:00 AM**

**Kenji Bolden**

**Worship Leader**

#### Songs:

Go Tell it on the Mountain  
Mary Did You Know  
You're Here  
Glory to the Newborn King  
Joy to the World

#### Participants:

Courtney Bolden  
Emily Harp  
Mike Godwin  
Kasey McQuitty  
Leslie Smith

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Laura Neeley

Joe & Shannon Mares