

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

December 27

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

White

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Joy to the World.....Cindy Lovan

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Emily Reaves

THE OPENING PRAYER.....Rev. Diane Shedd

MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS HYMNS.....Kenji Bolden,
Matt Mullis,
Anthony McPhail

Go Tell It on the Mountain
O Come Let Us Adore Him

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION.....Dr. McPhail
Finding Nearness
John 1:9-14

THE POSTLUDE.....Ding Dong Merrily on High.....Cindy Lovan

Year End Giving

You have heard it said that this has been “a year like no other”, but we would say to you that Valdosta FUMC has held strong through 2020, and our future is hopeful! Your giving this year has enabled us to further our mission as a church, and finishing this year strong will enable us to meet our financial commitments for 2020 while also preparing for vital ministry in 2021. As you reflect on your year-to-date giving, you may feel led to make an additional gift between now and the end of the year. Please keep in mind that for giving to be tax-deductible for 2020, we need to receive it either 1) in an offering before the end of the year, 2) in the church office by December 31st (please note our adjusted holiday hours), 3) with a 2020 postmark on a mailed check's envelope, or 4) as an online payment by December 31st. If you have any questions regarding your year-to-date gifts, please contact the church office at 229- 242-4050. Thank you!

An Account of Our Stewardship 12/20/2020

Total In-Person Worship Attendance	131
Total Online Worship Attendance	2695
Sunday School Attendance	12
YTD Income	\$944,075.27
YTD Expenses	\$923,330.13
2020 Budget	\$1,120,925.00

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 Student Ministries
 Kenji Bolden.....Director of Music Ministries
 Brad Tarpley.....Director of Children's Ministries
 Vacant.....Preschool Director
 Cindy Lovan.....Organist/Children's Music Director
 Linda Downing.....Pianist
 Vacant.....Nursery/Childcare Director
 Laura Leonard.....Congregational Care/Visitation
 Lily Spittal.....Financial Administrator
 Cheri Fugate.....Administrative Assistant
 Davis Nipper.....Audio/Visual Tech Assistant
 Wendy Hart.....Audio Tech Specialist
 James Siler.....Custodian/Church Host
 Carri Bedene.....Custodian
 Mary Ann Saliba.....Church Hostess
 Matt Mullis.....Ministry Intern

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THE BULLETIN

December 27, 2020

Celebrating Our 161st Year

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

Closing Out the Year with Rest and Nearness

This Sunday we are worshipping “online only”. On the surface this just seems to fit for 2020, a year in which we have held many “online only” Sundays, as we have sought to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. This particular one is for that reason, but also for another very important reason: to offer a small Christmas gift to our staff and their families.

This year has been a whirlwind for our staff, and I wanted to make sure they had a chance to spend a little extra time with their families. This long year saw many of their positions completely redefined (and expanded!) due to COVID-19, and they capped off the year with a four-service gauntlet of Christmas Eve services! I am so thankful for their willingness to serve and go above and beyond the call of duty, so we gladly arranged a pre-filming session so that everyone could be off for a reprieve before we start off the new year next week.

As we take a “breath” this week, we also seek the nearness offered to us through the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christmas provides an opportunity to dwell on the amazing blessing that God is not far away, but ever present in our lives. As Jesus came to this earth, the divine stepped into our lives. Through our online worship this week, we get to celebrate this nearness of Christ in our lives. Enjoy the opportunity to worship from home, draw near to those close to you, and let's draw near to God's love together.

See you in 2021!

Anthony <><



*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

College Sunday School:

Looking ahead to the new year 2021. Make plans to be here and bring a friend!

The class meets at 9:45 am in the downstairs Loft back room. This is led

Event reminders for January 2021:

Wed, Jan 6: Church Night Supper resumes

Adult Bible Study

Youth Bible Study

Choir Practice

Friday, Jan 8: Men's Breakfast

FLOWERS: The Christmas decorations in the sanctuary are to the glory of God.

Front Office Hours: Week of New Years

Mon. Dec 28th : Office closed

Tues. Dec 29th: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (12:30 - 1:30 lunch)

Wed. Dec 30th: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (12:30 - 1:30 lunch)

Thurs. Dec 31st: 8:00 AM - 12 noon (New Year's Eve)

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY TEAM January 2021 (New Year)

Flowers - Dot Young

Communion - Susan Mackey| Suzan Dennis

Baptism - Leigh Jordan

The Altar Guild Assignments for 2021 are posted on the FUMC

website under Useful Links.

www.valdostafirstumc.org/useful-links

Taking down Christmas decorations:

Plan ahead. We will be undecorating on Wednesday, December 30 at 10:00 AM. If changes occur, they will be posted on the website.

Thank you in advance.
Altar Guild

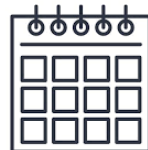
Valdosta FUMC Preschool Program/MMO Program

Now enrolling for January 2021!

Preschool ages 2-4 years old
and

MMO Program from 8 weeks-2 years old

For more information email thompson.gooding@gmail.com or visit the church website at valdostafirstumc.org/preschoolmmo



Week of December 27 - January 3, 2021

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 27

11:00 AM Online Service Only

Monday, December 28

8:00 AM Office closed

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 AM Regular office hours

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 AM Regular office hours

Thursday, December 31

8:00 AM Office closes at 12 noon

Friday, January 1-Happy New Year

8:00 AM Office closed

Sunday, January 3, 2021

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft*

9:45 AM Sunday School*

11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary (Communion)*

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years



Remember in Prayer

Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

Community

Capital Campaign

Church leaders

Sarah Moon Rathel

Country

Nursing home members

To Think About:

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 27, 2020

9:00 AM

Finding Nearness

John 1:9-14

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden, Worship Leader, keyboard
Courtney Bolden, vocals
Kasey McQuitty, vocals
Judy Varnado, vocals
Tori Maxwell, vocals
Mike Godwin, bass
Leslie Smith, drums

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade

This Sunday, December 27, 2020

Merry Christmas!

No Sunday Night Youth!

Next Sunday, January 3, 2021: Youth Gathering 5:00PM-7:00PM (we're re-doing the youth room!)
Come ready to eat supper and help out! Can be used for service hours for school!

January 10: Regular Sunday Night Youth 5:00PM-7:00PM

Want to received our Youth Newsletter to stay current on our happenings? Email Emily Reaves at epreaves@valdostafirstumc.org to get signed up!

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, December 27, 2020

11:00 AM Online Service Only- (Merry Christmas)

Upcoming Sundays:

January 3, 2021: 9:00 AM Loft Service

9:45 AM Rock Music and Sunday School

11:00 AM Communion (No children's church)

Music Ministry

In efforts to minister and connect with you during the week, our ministry would like to offer "Notes of Inspiration." What you'll receive is a brief commentary on a song or hymn along with a link to listen to the music. No apps or downloads needed to participate.

To sign up for a weekly "note of inspiration" from Kenji Bolden text the following message @notesofi to number 81010. Email kbolden@valdostafirstumc.org for more information.

Be sure to check the church's Facebook page for "Vintage Friday's with Kenji!" insight and inspiration with vintage hymns.