

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

December 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

Blue

Sanctuary

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Handbell Ensemble
People, Look East- arr. Lamb

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

CHRISTMAS BUCKET and BELLS.....Children's Choir
*Sing We Now of Christmas
Carol of the Drum
We Wish You a Merry Christmas
arr. Riggio and Jennings*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING.....The Jonathan Miller Family

WE THREE KINGS - arr. Lamb.....Handbell Ensemble
Matt Mullis, guitar

INVITATION, CONFESSION and PARDON.....Rev. Diane Shedd

THE FIRST NOEL- arr. Lamb.....Handbell Ensemble
Cindy Lovan, organ

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Diane Shedd

THE OFFERTORY.....Handbell Ensemble
Good Christian Men, Rejoice Linda Downing, piano
Silent Night
arr. Lamb

THE SERMON.....Redeeming the Unredeemable.....Dr. McPhail
Finding Rescue
Mark 1:1-8

HOLY COMMUNION.....Dr. McPhail

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

*THE BENEDICTION AND BLESSING.....Dr. McPhail

*POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
People, Look East- Traditional

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Season of Advent

This past Sunday we began the marvelous, mysterious, and hope-filled Season of Advent. We hope that you will join us each of the four weeks of Advent, as we celebrate hope and prepare our hearts yet again for the coming of Christ to us and in us.

As we opened up the season of Advent last week, we found ourselves encountering a passage that calls upon us to "stay awake" or "stay alert". Advent means "coming" and during this season we celebrate Christ's first coming, we anticipate his second coming, and we utilize the season as an opportunity to nurture our spiritual lives and the ways that Christ comes to us. The challenge throughout the season is to stay alert, and to experience each aspect of preparation for and then ultimately our celebration of Christmas.

An Account of Our Stewardship

11/29/2020

Total In-Person Worship Attendance	126
Total Online Worship Attendance	687
Sunday School Attendance	60
YTD Income	\$866,251.24
YTD Expenses	\$855,983.48
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
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THE BULLETIN

December 6, 2020

Celebrating Our 161st Year

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

Preparations Are Underway

Even if you operate the other eleven months of the year without a checklist, you probably use one during the month of December. Decorating, planning family get togethers, buying Christmas presents, wrapping Christmas presents, making your own wish list, grocery shopping... well, you get the idea. We have a lot to prepare for at this time of year, and with each movement of the preparation process we know that Christmas is drawing nearer.

Preparation for Christmas is hardly a 21st century American tradition, in fact the people of God have been doing it long before the first Christmas! In Old Testament times the prophets "prepared the way" for the messiah with proclamations that described the character and power of what 1st century followers would encounter in the person of Jesus Christ. Before Jesus's earthly ministry began a man named John continued the prophetic tradition by announcing the imminent appearance of God's anointed one. It was a message that required not only an announcement, but also an invitation to "prepare for Christmas" in a different kind of way. This type of preparation involved our whole selves and included an inward examination and a change of course.

This week we continue our preparations for Christmas by focusing on the ministry of John the Baptist, as he prepared the way for the coming of the Lord. In addition, we also know the great role that music plays in announcing the coming of Christmas, and so we will enjoy some Advent/Christmas singing in The Loft and in the Sanctuary, we will enjoy music by our children and handbell choirs. It should be a joyous opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

This year there is one more item to put on your checklist of preparations – reserving a spot for Christmas Eve if you plan to attend in person! Simply go to our website to find the link for reserving your spot for one of our three services. You also can keep track of the December schedule below, as we celebrate Advent and Christmas together through a variety of worship experiences!

Anthony <><

December 6	9:00AM IN THE LOFT 11:00AM IN THE SANCTUARY (HANDBELLS & CHILDREN'S MUSIC)
December 13	9:00AM IN THE SANCTUARY (CHRISTMAS CANTATA) 11:00AM IN THE SANCTUARY (CHRISTMAS CANTATA)
December 20	11:00AM OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA (NURSERY NATIVITY, CHRISTMAS CAROLS)
December 24	3:00PM & 5:30PM SANCTUARY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 4:00PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN THE LOFT
December 27	ONLINE SERVICE ONLY AVAILABLE AT 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

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

By the Altar Guild

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY TEAM December

Sanctuary Decorations- Suzanne Lastinger | Altar Guild

Communion (December 24th)

Kaye Meadows | Nisey Wetherington | Georgianna Meadows

Baptism - Jennifer Stump

The Altar Guild Assignments for 2020 are posted on the FUMC website under Useful Links.

www.valdostafirstumc.org/useful-links

Thank you to all...2020 is a different year so we have different decorations, Enjoy the season!

This was a BIG job and we had so much fun and fellowship.

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!

Valdosta FUMC Preschool Program/MMO Program

Now enrolling for January 2021!

Preschool ages 2-4 years old and MMO from 8 weeks-2 years old

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

College Sunday School:

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

CARING CHRISTMAS 2020

Thank you to everyone that picked up a Caring Christmas packet. It will help put a smile on a child's face this Christmas!

Gifts can be returned "unwrapped" in the distributed bags Sunday, December 13 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the sanctuary carport under balcony area.

Valdosta First United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. *3:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY (LIMITED CAPACITY) *4:00PM IN THE LOFT (FAMILY FRIENDLY) *5:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY. *RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED SOCIAL DISTANCING OBSERVED MASKS WHILE ENTERING & SINGING



Week of December 6 - December 13, 2020 Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 6- Second Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship in the Loft*
9:45 AM Sunday School*
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary*
Children's Church
Children's Christmas Program
Handbells
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

Monday, December 7

- 10:00 AM Operations Meeting (The Rock)
10:30 AM Creative Team Meeting (The Rock)

Tuesday, December 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Group
12:00 Noon Hybrid Hymn Study with Kenji
2:00 PM Women's Group-(Ricketts)

Wednesday, December 9

- 12 Noon Handbell Practice
1:00 PM Choir Ensemble Practice

Thursday, December 10

- 6:00 AM Men's Group-Watt
11:00 AM Chemo Cap Crew with Jeannie Grow (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 PM Loft Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, December 11

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 13- Third Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Christmas (Sanctuary)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Chancel Choir Christmas (Sanctuary)

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years



Remember in Prayer Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

- Community: Sarah Moon Rathel
Church leaders: Teresa Steinberg
Country: Jayne Carter
Capital Campaign: Nursing home members

To Think About:

"I baptised you with water; but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:8

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 6, 2020 9:00 AM

Redeeming the Unredeemable: Finding Rescue

Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Advent Lighting: Bart Davis and Family

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden, Worship Leader, keyboard

- Courtney Bolden, vocals Mike Godwin, bass
Kasey McQuitty, vocals Matt Mullis, guitar
Judy Varnado, vocals Leslie Smith, drums

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade

This Sunday, December 6, 2020

WHO- 6th-12th TIME: 5:00 PM-7:00 PM DROP OFF: 108 W Central Ave

PICK UP: Fellowship Hall Parking Lot (corner of Toombs/Valley Street)

WHAT TO BRING: Your own snack supper and MASK!

Sunday Mornings: 10:00 AM Sunday School (youth room next to Loft lobby). For All youth grades 6th-12th.

Next Sunday, December 13: Sunday Night Youth (6th-12th) *CHRISTMAS PARTY! (white elephant gift exchange, please bring a wrapped \$5 gift & wear any holiday attire you wish!)

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, December 6, 2020

- 9:00 AM Loft: Children's Moment
9:45 AM Sunday School: Meet in the ROCK. We will practice with Mrs. Cindy from 10:00-10:30 in the Sanctuary and a quick Sunday school lesson in the ROCK before we perform.
11:00 AM Sanctuary: Children will Perform on the Drums. No Children's Church.

Please mark your calendars:

- Dec 16: Birthday Party for Jesus at Recoil (5:30-7:30pm)
Dec 20: Children's Nativity at the Outdoor Christmas service

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.