

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

November 28, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

Blue

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
He Shall Feed His Flock arr. Whitworth

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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING.....

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Chancel Handbells
*Christmas Medley, with Joy to the World,
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing and Angels We Have Heard on High*
arr. Hall

Rejoicing at the Manger, with Away in a Manger and Now Sing, We Now Rejoice
arr. Noland
Flute: Kaitlyn Calcagino, Clarinet: Mike Godwin

O Holy Night with Silent Night
arr. Raney

Fum, Fum, Fum
arr. Thompson

Chancel Handbell Ringers:

Linda Downing, Nancy Eggers, Sally Woods, Cindy Lovan, Melissa Carter, Joey Broadwater,
Kenji Bolden, Judy Varnado, Sarah Dewar, Amy Sharon, Peter Strand, Davis Nipper and David Cater

THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: Joyful Song of the Weary
Luke 3:1-6

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Matt Mullis

THE OFFERTORY..... Linda Downing/Cindy Lovan (piano/organ duet)
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child arr. Leatherman

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

HOLY COMMUNION.....Dr. McPhail

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No. 204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*THE BENEDICTION and BLESSING.....Matt Mullis

*THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts arr. Whitworth

Hospitality: John & Mary Margaret Williams | Lee Kurrie

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper and Bible Study

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Boston Butt, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Potato Chips, Bread, Cupcakes.

Dine-in or take-out!

Adult 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 11/28/2021

Total In Person Worship Attendance	203
Sunday School	135
Total Online Worship Attendance	138
YTD Income	\$878,289.43
YTD Expenses	\$907,238.94
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 mmullis@valdostafirstumc.org. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!

Directory

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail.....Senior 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
Dutchess Caldwell.....Custodian
Petra Bogroff.....Custodian
Mary Ann Saliba.....Church Hostess
Matt Mullis.....Connections Pastor

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THE BULLETIN

December 5, 2021

Celebrating Our 162nd Year

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

The Waiting Is the Hardest Part

Advent and Lent run side by side in the case for most challenging seasons of the Christian year. Many people think of Lent as the difficult one with its emphasis on self-denial and increased spiritual discipline, but personally I find Advent to be the most challenging. Why do I say that? Because I want to celebrate Christmas, but I know there is power in the wait. Tom Petty said it best: "the waiiiitin is the hardest part!"

My kids are in full on "how many days until Christmas" mode. Christmas parties are underway, and music and dance productions are in full swing. Yet we find ourselves each Sunday morning not on Christmas but waiting and anticipating instead. In some churches there is a strict rule that you cannot sing a Christmas carol until Christmas Eve, only singing Advent hymns for the weeks leading up to Christmas. We are a little more lenient (you are welcome), but our emphasis at least early on in Advent is on the wait rather than rushing to the celebration. This week though we will focus on an Advent hymn and a scriptural story that reminds us the wait is nearing its triumphant conclusion. How soon will we get there? You will have to listen to the story to hear!

Our sermons during Advent and Christmas build upon familiar carols, and additionally music is taking center stage in a number of other ways:

This Sunday, December 5th – Normal service in The Loft at 9am, and at 11am in the Sanctuary we will enjoy additional music by our Handbell Choir, with communion served at both.

December 12th – both services will meet in the Sanctuary for *Candles and Carols* presented by our Chancel Choir.

December 19th – In The Loft we will experience a modified version of a Lessons and Carols experience, and in the Sanctuary our children will present a program alongside our annual Children's nativity.

December 24th – We will sing a lot! This of course is Christmas Eve, and we will be singing, preaching, celebrating communion and lighting candles at 4pm in The Loft for a family-friendly affair and 5:30pm in the Sanctuary for our traditional Christmas Eve Service.

December 26th – We will be Online ONLY this day... but don't worry, there will be music then too!

Anthony<><

MEMORIALS:

In memory of **James Herman Brown:** Ladson & Gayle Golden, Beulah E. Henny.

In memory of **Jane Ellen Bass:** John Rice

In memory of **Fred Anderson:** John Rice

FLOWERS:

The Christmas decorations in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.
By the Altar Guild

The Community Soup Kitchen is in need of people to serve food Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Call Wanda Fiveash at 229-352-7364.

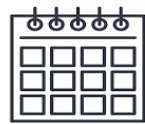
MEN'S BREAKFAST: Friday, December 10 at 7:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Don't forget to register ahead of time. RSVP online or call the church office.
We would love for you to join in the fellowship!

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!



Week of December 5 - December 12, 2021

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship in the Loft * (Communion)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School *
- 11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary * (Handbell Sunday & Communion)
- 3:00 PM Langdale Place (Communion)
- 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship & Worship (Youth Room)

Monday, December 6

- 9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
- 12:30 PM Staff Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 7

- 7:00 AM Men's Group
- 9:00 AM Preschool
- 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study (Becky Anthony)
- 6:00 PM Mobile Midweek (Online)

Wednesday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
- 10:00 AM Circle 4 Bible Study (Becky Anthony)
- 5:30 PM Church Night Supper TAKE-OUT (Fellowship Hall Parking Lot)
- 5:45 PM Church Night Supper DINE-IN (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 PM "Kids" Mission Possible
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 9

- 7:00 AM Men's Group (Watt)
- 9:00 AM Preschool
- 4:00 PM Staff Bible Study
- 7:15 PM Loft Rehearsal (Loft)

Friday, December 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 AM Preschool

Sunday, December 12

- 9:00 AM Cantata: Candles & Carols in Sanctuary *
- 10:00 AM Sunday School *
- 11:00 AM Cantata: Candles & Carols in the Sanctuary *
- 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship & Christmas Party (Youth Room)

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years



Remember in Prayer

Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

Prayer concerns will be left on prayer list for 5 weeks unless office is notified.

Community | Country | Church leaders |

Capital Campaign | Nursing Home Members

Kathryn Connell | Susan Leonard | Joshua Dale Watson

Fritz Scarborough | John Milhous Julie Henny White

Charles Tarpley | Kaye Meadows | Alicia Jackson

Next Sunday:

December 12 in the

Sanctuary.

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



Coming Soon!

December 19
at
2:30 PM
RSVP by December 15
Call or email office

Preschool/MMO Ministry
2-4 year olds/8 weeks old - 2 year olds

We greatly appreciate the help and support of the FUMC church family.
For any questions contact Mallory Thompson at mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org

UPCOMING:

- December 13: Preschool Class Book Exchange and Christmas Party
- December 15: Preschool Christmas Program
- December 17 - January 5, 2022 Preschool/MMO Christmas Break

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

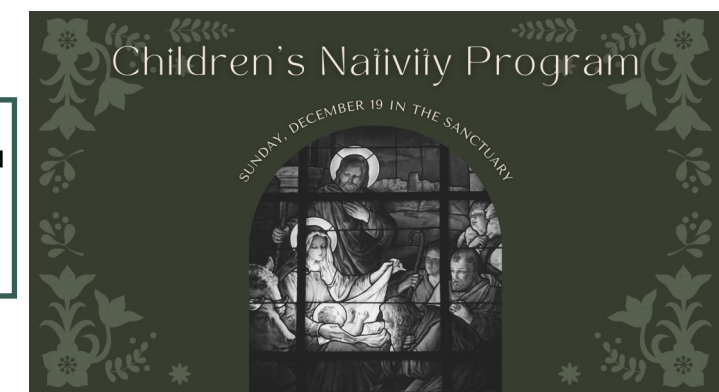
This Sunday, December 5, 2021

- 9:00 AM No Children's Moment in the Loft Service (Communion)
- 10:00 AM ROCK Music with the ROCK Sunday School immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11:00 AM No Children's Church in the Sanctuary (Handbells & Communion)

UPCOMING:

- Wed., December 8: Kids Mission Possible following Church Night Supper!
- Wed., December 15: Birthday Party for Jesus at Recoil Trampoline Park! 5:00 - 6:45 PM

Sun., December 19:
Children's Music and
Nativity during the
11:00 AM service!



Thank You!

The 2021 UMW Harvest Bazaar was a great success because of your support. The profits will be used for local and community mission projects.

CARING CHRISTMAS 2021

Please return all gifts "unwrapped" in the distributed bags next Sunday, December 12 at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary carport under balcony area. Be sure to attach the Label with Name to the bag!



Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades



This Sunday, December 5

Sunday Night Youth & Worship
(Christmas Style!)

UPCOMING: NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY!

(go ahead and get your Christmas pajamas or regular pajamas ready!)