

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

White

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Be Thou My Vision arr. Larson

THE INTROIT.....Ensemble
Be Still arr. Adams

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

*THE HYMNS OF PRAISE.....No. 381
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....The Apostles' Creed.....No. 881

THE MORNING and THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Rev. Diane Shedd

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail

THE OFFERTORY.....Linda Downing and Cindy Lovan
Majesty arr. McDonald and Shackley

THE ANTHEM.....Ensemble
For All that You Have Done arr. Sorenson

THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail
Are We There Yet?: You Are Here
Psalm 37:3-7a/Matthew 6:31-34

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No.338
Where He Leads Me

THE BENEDICTION and BLESSING.....Dr. McPhail

THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. Thygerson

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Fried chicken, Mac and cheese, Green beans, Rolls, Tossed salad and Apple pie.

- 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 Monday's at 4:00 PM

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An Account of Our Stewardship 1/03/2021

Total In Person Worship Attendance	87
Sunday School Attendance	43
Total Online Worship Attendance	58
YTD Income	\$8,451.79
YTD Expenses	\$12,924.82
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 Student 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
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

January 10, 2021

Celebrating Our 162nd Year

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

Are We There Yet?

The question above is one that haunts parents on road trips. When my family leaves town for a multi-hour road trip, our 4.5-year-old and 3-year-old will start peppering us with the "are we there yet" question as soon as we get out of the neighborhood and onto the highway! They are always disappointed with our answer, which is natural because impatience goes hand in hand with the human condition.

Nearly ten months ago pretty much everything shut down for "two weeks to flatten the curve", and then two weeks became months and we still have not reached the end of the COVID-19 crisis. "Are we there yet" has become a refrain to characterize our impatience with this season regardless of our age. Most everyone I talk to is ready for this season to end! It applies to our impatience and questioning for other aspects of life as well. We long for our church to emerge from a tough season and to rebuild, and yet community virus conditions seem to be delaying us. Many of us looked in horror at the unrest at both our state and nation's capital this past week and longed for peace to reign over us. As much as we want to be "there", in all of its connotations, we know that "we are not there yet."

This week we are reminded again that "we are not there yet", as we make a temporary (we hope) shift to gathering online only due to rising virus numbers in our area. As much as we want this season to be over and for things to be back to normal, what if God wants to teach us something powerful in the waning days of this crisis? My hope is that there is a truth for us to learn! Over the course of the next few weeks, we will explore how to navigate this season of life by using the Psalms and the teachings of Jesus as our guide. The Psalms formulate an ancient songbook that provides tremendous language for how we navigate our faith in the midst of uncertainty, so they form a fitting roadmap for this season of life.

I want to invite you to be a part of this four-week journey. Each week builds upon the previous one, so if you miss it you can always catch up online!

Anthony <><

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

The McAfee family regarding our former pastor, Mike McAfee's death on December 29, 2020.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS:

In memory of **Ann Singletary**: Ladson & Gayle Golden
In memory of **Jayne Carter**: Ladson & Gayle Golden
In memory of **Ronald Hogan**: P.B. Denmark
In memory of **Peggy Lee Turner**: Jan & Ben Blanton, Jane & Ben Stanaland
In memory of **Rev. Michael Alva McAfee**: Jane & Ben Stanaland
In honor of **Turner & Jan Brice**: 84 West LLC

Church Night Supper: Starts back Wed., January 20, 2021

- Reservations and payment online for both take out/in person
- Pay in advance by check or cash if needed
- Quick curbside pick up Wednesday's 5:30-6:00 PM
- In person dinner in the Fellowship Hall 5:45 PM
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Join with us in celebrating **Theda Gandy's** 101st birthday on January 13th! Theda is such an inspiration and loved by many.

College Sunday School:

Bring in the New Year! Make plans to be here and bring a friend!

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

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades

This Sunday, January 10

TIME | 5:00PM-7:00PM

LOCATION | Fellowship Hall Parking Lot

WHAT TO BRING | your own snack supper, lawn chair, jacket, mask

WHAT WE'LL BE DOING | Games, snacks, firepit devotional!

With COVID-19 case increases across the county we want to keep everyone safe and healthy. We will still meet for Sunday Night Youth, but we will be outside. Come if you feel comfortable and healthy!



**Week of January 10 - January 17, 2021
Looking Ahead**

Sunday, January 10

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft (Online Only)
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary (Online Only)
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship-Outdoors

Monday, January 11

10:00 AM Table Meeting-Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Sunday, January 17-TBD

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

Upcoming office closure:

Monday: January 18

Observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years



Remember in Prayer

Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

Community

Country

Teresa Steinberg

Nursing home members

Church leaders

Capital Campaign

Sarah Moon Rathel

To Think About:

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.
Psalm 37:7

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 10, 2021 9:00 AM

Are We There Yet?: You Are Here

Psalm 37:3-7a / Matthew 6:31-34

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden Worship leader

Tori Maxwell, vocals

Leslie Smith, drums

Matt Mullis, guitar and vocals

Mike Godwin, bass

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

Preschool Registration for the 2021 school year is now open.

Preschool starting Tuesday, January 19
MMO starting Wednesday, January 20
(Still room for enrollment!)

For more information email mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org or visit the church website at valdostafirstumc.org/preschoolmmo

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:00 AM Loft Service (Online ONLY)

11:00 AM Sanctuary (No children's church) Online ONLY!

Children's Message from Brad

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.