

# Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

White

**SANCTUARY**

**11:00 AM**

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Whitworth

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

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

\*THE HYMNS OF PRAISE.....  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain* No. 251  
*We Three Kings* No. 254

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail

THE OFFERTORY.....Linda Downing and Cindy Lovan  
*We Three Kings* arr. Martin

THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail  
Covenant Renewal: Renewed and Refocused  
John 15: 1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Kenji Bolden  
*Who Would Imagine A King*

HOLY COMMUNION.....Dr. McPhail

\*THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No.220  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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

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

\*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

## Church Night Supper

### Church Night Supper - Wednesday, January 6, 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

[WWW.VALDOSTAFIRSTUMC.ORG/CHURCH-NIGHT-SUPPER](http://WWW.VALDOSTAFIRSTUMC.ORG/CHURCH-NIGHT-SUPPER)

### An Account of Our Stewardship 12/27/2020

Total Online Worship Attendance	1503
YTD Income	\$960,235.56
YTD Expenses	\$926,315.05
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](mailto: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 3, 2021

*Celebrating Our 161st Year*

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

Setting Goals for ~~2020~~ 2021

The other day I spent some time working on my goals for 2021, and I jokingly thought I ought to just scratch out "2020" from last year's goal sheet and write in 2021 in its place. The joke is well worn by now that much of what we hoped to accomplish in 2020 never came to pass, and that if ever we needed a mulligan for a year then this was the year. If I am honest though the same could be said for many years as I often find myself writing goals for a new year while surveying all that I never finished (or in some cases started!) in the previous year. It is not as though I did not accomplish things – quite the opposite actually – it just does not always go as planned.

In the midst of our wild goal or resolution setting, we know that life often gets in the way. John Lennon perhaps said it best when he opined, "life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." Perhaps a better approach would be to find *guides* for life rather than *goals* for life. In other words, we find some guiding principles to shape our journey, rather than always having to know our destinations. There is some good wisdom in this.

In the Methodist tradition we have historically used the changing from one year to the next as an opportunity for renewal. John Wesley and his brother Charles designed a service of worship around this called the Covenant Renewal Service, complete with lengthy prayers and singing. We will not indulge in all of the lengthy 18<sup>th</sup> century fanfare, but the principles within the service will serve as our guide for this Sunday. Ultimately it is about renewing our covenant with God and one another, in order to focus our priorities on what is most important. By getting our basic relationships right and in a holy place, we can navigate the rest of our ambitions as we go along the way.

As we emerge out of 2020 into 2021, I am most hopeful. I am hopeful for our community, and I am hopeful for our church. I believe if we all commit to be renewed together that there is no limit to what God can do in and through us in the next year. That journey begins this Sunday, and I cannot wait to get started!

Anthony <><

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

The Turner family regarding Peggy Turner's death on December 26, 2020.

### 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](http://www.valdostafirstumc.org/useful-links)

### 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](mailto:thompson.gooding@gmail.com) or visit the church website at [valdostafirstumc.org/preschoolmmo](http://valdostafirstumc.org/preschoolmmo)

### College Sunday School:

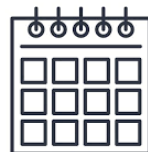
Bring in the New Year! Make plans to be here and bring a friend!

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

### Church Night Supper: Starts back Wed., January 6, 2021

- Reservations and payment online for both take out/in person
- Pay in advance by check or cash if needed
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- In person dinner in the Fellowship Hall 5:45 PM
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## Week of January 3 - January 10, 2021 Looking Ahead

### Sunday, January 3

- 9:00 AM Worship in the Loft (Communion)\*  
9:45 AM Sunday School\*  
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary (Communion)\*  
Children's Church

### Monday, January 4

- 10:00 AM Operation Meeting  
10:30 AM Creative Team Meeting

### Tuesday, January 5

- 8:00 AM Regular office hours

### Wednesday, January 6

- 5:45 PM Church Night Supper  
6:15 PM Adult Bible Study  
6:15 PM Youth Bible Study

### Thursday, January 7

- 6:00 AM Men's Group-Watt

### Friday, January 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, January 10

- 9:00 AM Worship in the Loft\*  
9:45 AM Sunday School\*  
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary\*  
Children's Church

\*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**  
Teresa Steinberg

**Country**  
Sarah Moon Rathel

Nursing home members

### To Think About:

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.  
John 15: 5

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## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 3, 2021 9:00 AM

Covenant Renewal: Renewed and Refocused

John 15: 1-8

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

### Praise Team

Kenji Bolden Worship leader

Kasey McQuitty, vocals

Leslie Smith, drums

Tori Maxwell, vocals

## Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade

This 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](mailto:epreaves@valdostafirstumc.org) to get signed up!

## Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, 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](mailto: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.