

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Green

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

- THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
How Firm a Foundation arr. Martin
- *OPENING SONG.....No. 64
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
- THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail
- *THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 101
From All That Dwell Below the Skies
- THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Matt Mullis
- THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley
- *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....No. 399
Take My Life, and Let It Be
- THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Matt Mullis
- THE OFFERTORY..... Linda Downing/Cindy Lovan
Grace Greater Than Our Sin arr. McDonald
- *THE DOXOLOGY.....No. 95
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
- SCRIPTURE READING.....Matt Mullis
Luke 4:14-21
- SPECIAL MUSIC.....Kate Jackson, soloist
His Eye Is On the Sparrow arr. Schrader
- THE SERMON... ..Dr. McPhail
A Life of Meaning: Bold Purpose
- THE MORNING and LORD'S PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail
- *THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No. 347
Spirit Song
- *THE BLESSING and BLESSING.....Dr. McPhail
- *THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Postlude on Italian Hymn arr. Broughton

Hospitality: David & Jennifer Stump | Joseph & Mae Johnson

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper and Bible Study

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Vegetable Normandy, Pear Salad, Apple Dumplings.

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 1/16/2022

Total In Person Worship Attendance	134
Sunday School Attendance	71
Total Online Worship Attendance	197
YTD Income	\$56,526.22
YTD Expenses	\$40,954.78
2022 Budget	\$1,120,480.83

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 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

January 23, 2022

Celebrating Our 163rd Year

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

Locked in with Purpose

This week we arrive at a story in Luke's Gospel that is widely viewed as the moment that Jesus read his personal mission statement out loud. In Luke 4 Jesus pulls out the scroll of Isaiah, reads a few verses, and then sits down saying that the reading has been fulfilled in their midst. Those few verses highlight not only familiar words from a prominent prophet, but also demonstrated the areas that he intended to focus. For every business, organization, and even individuals, knowing clearly their focus is a key part of moving in the right direction.

Jesus was clear about his purpose, and his purpose was about sharing the good news and meeting the needs of those that he encountered. In our lives we will do best when we know our purpose, or as some call it our "why". Rick Warren famously subtitled his best-selling book *The Purpose Driven Life* with the question, "What on Earth Am I Here for?" This week will give us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on this in our own lives, but also to think about it from the perspective of the church. Fortunately, we have already gotten a head start on this!

Throughout the fall of 2021, a representative group of our congregation called the "Strategic Planning Team" has wrestled with questions about our "why". Everyone within that group loves this church. They love this church a lot. They also want to see this church thrive for years to come! During our work in the fall, we developed this working statement for where we feel like God is calling us: *Valdosta FUMC will grow as a place of spiritual nourishment and connection by developing deep roots of faith through intentional forms of discipleship. We will branch out from these roots to bear fruit by meeting the spiritual, physical, and personal needs of the Valdosta area by sharing the love of Christ through our witness and service.*

To put it simply, we want to be a place where we grow in our faith and then use that faith to make a difference in the community around us. The next step for our strategic planning group, and ultimately for our congregation, is identifying how we will live that out. Knowing where we are heading is a good starting point though!

Anthony<><

FLOWERS:

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to Valdosta Greenhouses.

FLOWERS: Flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday morning may be placed in memory or honor of a loved one. Please contact the church office at 229-242-4050 or write your name on the flower calendar outside of the church office.

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!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

The Milhous family regarding **John Milhous'** death on January 19, 2022.

College & Young Adult Home Group at the Mullis's House
Thursdays at 8:00 PM
(Starting January 20, 2022)

Food, Worship, Fellowship, Bible Study

Contact Matt Mullis for more information: mmullis@valdostafirstumc.org

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

REGULAR SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

TIME: 5:00PM-7:00PM

Drop off: Youth Room 108 W Central Ave

Pickup: Fellowship Hall Parking

FOOD | GAMES | SMALL GROUPS

Snack Supper provided!

Confirmation Class 2022 start has been delayed a week!

Will start now on
January 30:

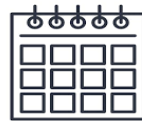
Class #1: 10:00 am - 10:50 am
Fellowship Hall



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2022

STARTING JANUARY 2022 | 6TH & 7TH GRADE STUDENTS
MORE INFO & REGISTRATION
[HTTPS://WWW.VALDOSTAFIRSTUMC.ORG/CONFIRMATION-CLASS-2022](https://www.valdostafirstumc.org/confirmation-class-2022)



Week of January 23 - January 30, 2022 Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 23

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft *
10:00 AM Sunday School *
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary *
5:00 PM Regular Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)

Monday, January 24

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
10:00 AM Alignment Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 AM Preschool
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Becky Anthony)
6:00 PM Mobile Midweek

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
12 Noon Handbells (Handbell Room)
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 (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Watt)
9:00 AM Preschool
4:00 PM Staff Bible Study
6:15 PM Loft Rehearsal (Loft)

Friday, January 28

9:00 AM Preschool

Sunday, January 30

9:00 AM Loft Service *
10:00 AM Sunday School *
11:00 AM Sanctuary Service *
5:00 PM Regular Youth Fellowship (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

Kaye Meadows | Kathryn Connell | Joy Sanders

New Bible Study:

January 19

to

February 16

(Fellowship Hall)



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

Preschool and MMO registration dates for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Currently Enrolled Families: January 31

Church Members: February 6
****Mallory will be available during the morning to answer questions and register Families.****

Open Registration to the Community: February 7 starting at 9:00 AM

For more information contact Mallory Thompson at mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org

UPCOMING:

February 11 thru February 14: Preschool Winter Break!

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:00 AM Children's Moment in the Loft Service
10:00 AM ROCK Music with the ROCK Sunday School immediately following in The Rock. (Come see the NEW ROCK!)
11:00 AM Children's Church in the Sanctuary

UPCOMING :

Wed. Jan 26: Kids Mission Possible following Church Night Supper!