

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

January 30, 2022

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Page

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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 57
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Matt Mullis

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....No. 369
Blessed Assurance

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Matt Mullis

THE OFFERTORY..... Linda Downing/Cindy Lovan
It Is Well With My Soul arr. Whitworth

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matt Mullis
Luke 4:21-30

THE ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir
How Firm a Foundation arr. Williamson

CONNECTIONAL HIGHLIGHT.....Rev. Dr. Bob Moon

THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail
A Life of Meaning: Tough Choices

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

*THE BENECTION and BLESSING.....Dr. McPhail

*THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Postlude on "Kingsfold" arr. Paxton

Hospitality: Ron and Jennifer Allen

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper and Bible Study

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Fried Catfish, Cheese Grits, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Lemon Pie.

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 1/23/2022

Total In Person Worship Attendance	190
Sunday School Attendance	106
Total Online Worship Attendance	248
YTD Income	\$63,401.22
YTD Expenses	\$48,837.28
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 30, 2022

Celebrating Our 163rd Year

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

Church Council Meeting February 7th

Everything was going great until they went to throw him off a cliff... Alright, you might be thinking that this is an odd way to begin an announcement about a Church Council meeting! If you read our scripture for this week, it will no doubt make sense. Last week's passage tells the story of Jesus preaching in his hometown synagogue and everyone being amazed, and this week's passage tells the rest of the story where he said a few more sentences and they tried to throw him off a cliff. Talk about a short honeymoon!

As we will no doubt uncover in this week's message, sometimes being committed to the mission of God involves some tough choices. Aligning our heart with God's is not always an easy task, and so we must be intentional about seeking to understand what God's will is for us and for the world around us. As I mentioned in our bulletin last week, we as a church are seeking God's direction for how our specific church can best align with God's specific purpose for us. While we will no doubt be challenged along the way, I am hopeful no one winds up facing an angry mob that wants to throw us off a cliff! If we do, however, we will at least be in good company.

On February 7th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will have our first Church Council meeting of 2022. While we have a set of elected representatives to make up the council, we also make these meetings open to the entire church body. At this meeting we will hear updates from the various committees of the church, but also have an opportunity to review the work of the Strategic Planning Team, which has been working to clarify a vision for the next few years, as well as develop goals for achieving the vision. Additionally, we will also spend a few moments updating the congregation on the state of our denomination, as there have been questions that have arisen due to the plans of other churches in our community. It should be an informative and inspirational meeting, and hopefully it will not end with someone being thrown off a cliff.

Anthony<><

FLOWERS:

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to **Brad, Mary Clare, Maggie and Luke Tarpley** for all their hard work and dedication before, during, and after with the Rock Children's Ministry.

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!



You're Invited: Taste of Wesley

February 25th at 6:30 PM | Valdosta State University | Student Unions Ballrooms
A Fundraising Dinner Benefitting Valdosta State University Wesley Foundation
RSVP online at www.vsuwesley.com or email vsuwesley@gmail.com

College & Young Adult Home Group at the Mullis's House
Thursdays at 8:00 PM
Food, Worship, Fellowship, Bible Study

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

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

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

January 30: First Class

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

Fellowship Hall

February 6:

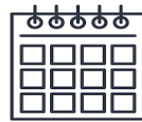
Class #2: 10:00 am - 10:50 am

Fellowship Hall



MORE INFO & REGISTRATION

[HTTPS://WWW.VALDOSTAFIRSTUMC.ORG/CONFIRMATION-CLASS-2022](https://www.valdostafirstumc.org/confirmation-class-2022)



Week of January 30 - February 6, 2022

Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 30

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft *

10:00 AM Sunday School *

10:00 AM Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary *

5:00 PM Regular Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)

Monday, January 31

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO

10:00 AM Operations Meeting (The Rock)

10:30 AM Creative Team Meeting (The Rock)

7:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, February 1

9:00 AM Preschool

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Becky Anthony)

6:00 PM Mobile Midweek

Wednesday, February 2

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, February 3

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, February 4

9:00 AM Preschool

Sunday, February 6

9:00 AM Loft Service * (Communion)

10:00 AM Sunday School *

11:00 AM Sanctuary Service * (Communion)

3:00 PM Langdale Place (Communion)

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

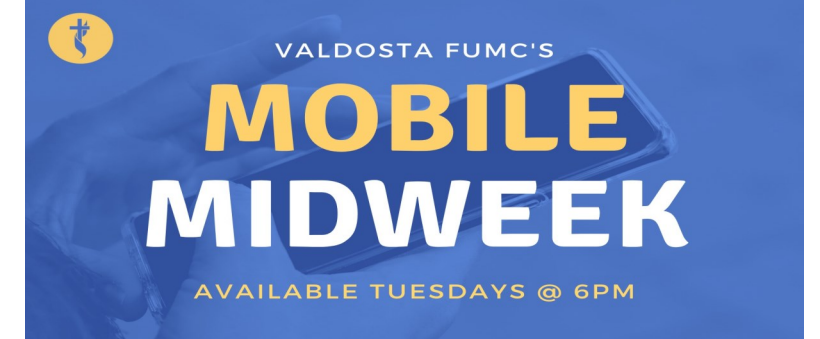
New Bible Study:

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 9: Valentine Day' Celebrations!

February 11 thru February 14: Preschool Winter Break!

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, January 30, 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.

11:00 AM Children's Church in the Sanctuary

UPCOMING :

Wed. Feb. 2: Kids Mission Possible following Church Night Supper!



Be on the **LOOKOUT** for a Valentine's Parents Night Out mission for kids very soon!