

# Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

White

**SANCTUARY**

**11:00 AM**

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan	
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> arr. Larson	
THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 568	
<i>Christ for the World We Sing</i>	
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Matt Mullis	
THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Brad Tarpley	
*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....No. 469	
<i>Jesus Is All the World to Me</i>	
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail	
THE OFFERTORY..... Linda Downing/Cindy Lovan	
<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> arr. Hayes/Gaspard	
*THE DOXOLOGY.....No. 95	
<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING.....Matt Mullis	
<i>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>	
THE ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir	
Classic Praise "As the Deer and Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique"	
THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail	
<i>A Life of Meaning: Clear Identity</i>	
THE MORNING and LORD'S PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail	
*THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No. 419	
<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>	
*THE BENEDICTION and BLESSING.....Matt Mullis	
*THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan	
<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i> arr. McDonald	

**Hospitality:** Billy & Joanna Nijem | David & Teresa Bailey

\*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

## January Event Reminders:

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** January 14 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!

Wednesday, January 19: Church Night Supper resumes

Adult Bible Study

Kids Mission Possible

Choir Practice

### An Account of Our Stewardship 1/2/2022

Total In Person Worship Attendance	151
Sunday School Attendance	90
Total Online Worship Attendance	195
YTD Income	\$20,868.75
YTD Expenses	\$10,438.86
2021 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](mailto: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

January 9, 2022

*Celebrating Our 163rd Year*

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

### Remember Who You Are

I once read a simple definition of what makes something a story: "a character that wants something and overcomes conflict to get it" (paraphrase of author Donald Miller). If you think of the great storylines of your favorite books or movies, then you undoubtedly will recognize this pattern. Without a character at the center of the story, we likely will not have much attachment to it. Without a goal there would not be much of a story to tell. Without conflict that keeps the character away from their goal until it is ultimately overcome, it would not be a story worth telling. This is often seen in overcoming a personal limitation, or worse facing a pesky villain that seems impossible to overcome. This is how our character (or characters) transition to playing the role of the hero.

(Okay, this is the point of this week's bulletin front where I need to reassure everyone that I am not referring to the Georgia Football team as our potential hero, and I am not referring to Alabama as the pesky villain we cannot seem to overcome! Worship this week will have a much different focus than a looming football game that awaits us on Monday!)

We love seeing our character make the transition to the hero that ultimately overcomes and achieves a resolution. Usually, this transition takes place through the helpful hand of a guide. Think Mr. Miyagi in *The Karate Kid* or Yoda in *Star Wars* lore, and you should have a good vision of the role of the guide. Sometimes this voice comes from a family member or an elder friend that calls upon the potential hero to reach within, and in the words of Mufasa in *The Lion King* (cue the deep James Earl Jones voice) to "remember who you are."

As we take the next step into our series *A Life of Meaning*, we are going to pick up with what the voice of the guide would say to us as we think about the direction of our lives. Ultimately having a life of true meaning hinges upon a healthy understanding of who it is that God created us to be. My hope for us this week is that we can hear that voice clearly in our own lives, so that the Lord can lead each one of us to remember who we are and who we are called to be in Christ.

Anthony<><

## FLOWERS:

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.  
Happy New Year and Welcome back!

**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.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

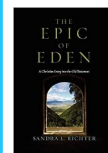
The FerDon family regarding **Rev. Lee FerDon's** death on December 30, 2021.

**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!*

### Tuesday morning Bible Study | 10:00 AM | Becky Anthony Classroom



All Women invited

**12 week study: Epic of Eden by Sandra Rickter**  
(Order book through Amazon or Seedbed)  
For information contact Ann Schutt at 229-251-7120

## Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades



### THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 REGULAR SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH + WORSHIP

TIME: 5:00PM-7:00PM

Dropoff: Youth Room 108 W Central Ave

Pickup: Fellowship Hall Parking

Snack Supper provided!

**MISSION TRIP LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT!**

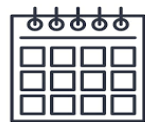
### Upcoming:

January 16:  
FUN Youth Off Campus  
Outing!  
Details TBA!

January 2022:  
Confirmation Class 2022!

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 9 - January 16, 2022 Looking Ahead

### Sunday, January 9

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 & Worship (Youth Room)

### Monday, January 10

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO  
10:00 AM Table Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
11:30 AM Circle 12 (Wesleyan)  
7:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship

### Tuesday, January 11

9:00 AM Preschool  
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study (Becky Anthony)  
6:00 PM Mobile Midweek

### Wednesday, January 12

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, January 13

9:00 AM Preschool  
4:00 PM Staff Bible Study  
6:15 PM Loft Rehearsal (Loft)

### Friday, January 14

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

### Sunday, January 16

9:00 AM Loft Service \*  
10:00 AM Sunday School \*  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Service \*  
5:00 PM FUN Youth Off Campus Outing! Details TBA!

### Monday, January 17

Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday

Preschool/MMO Closed

\*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**

**John Milhous | Kaye Meadows**

### New Sermon

Series:

January 2

to

February 13



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

**ATTENTION:** The Preschool has 2 current job openings:  
MMO teacher for Monday and Wednesday mornings.  
Preschool Aide 5 days a week

For information or to apply contact Mallory Thompson at [mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org](mailto:mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org)

The Preschool has an opening in both the 3 Year Old Class (3 or 5 days a week) and in our 4 Year Old Pre-K Class (5 days).

To learn more or to enroll contact Mallory Thompson at [mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org](mailto:mthompson@valdostafirstumc.org)

### UPCOMING:

**Mon., January 17:** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

## Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, January 9, 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 Fellowship Hall.  
11:00 AM Children's Church in the Sanctuary

## TODAY!

**THE ROCK**  
GRAND REOPENING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

### UPCOMING:

Wed. Jan 19: Kids Mission Possible following Church Night Supper!