

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC
March 14, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

Purple

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Larson

THE OPENING SONG.....No. 328
Surely the Presence of the Lord

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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 98
To God Be the Glory

THE SACREMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.....Emory Karras Miller

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

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Dr. McPhail
John 14:15-17, 25-27

THE ANTHEM..... Ensemble
Grace Alone arr. Kirkland

THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail
Unknown: The Comfort of the Spirit

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail

THE OFFERTORY.....Linda Downing and Cindy Lovan
God So Loved the World with Jesus Paid It All arr. Miller

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

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

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No. 347
Spirit Song

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

THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
You Shall Go Out With Joy! Wagner

*Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper and Bible Studies

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Fried chicken, Butter beans, Creamed corn, Sliced tomatoes, Cornbread, Strawberry shortcake.
 (In person and pick up)

Adult, youth 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

WWW.VALDOSTAFIRSTUMC.ORG/CHURCH-NIGHT-SUPPER

An Account of Our Stewardship
3/7/2021

Total In Person Worship Attendance	188
Sunday School Attendance	96
Total Online Worship Attendance	233
YTD Income	\$149,383.51
YTD Expenses	\$162,034.80
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 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 TarpleyInterim 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
 Carri Bedene.....Custodian
 Mary Ann Saliba.....Church Hostess
 Matt Mullis.....Clergy Intern
 Ross Tucker.....Youth Ministry Assistant
 Josh Holloway.....Maintenance

Office Address: 109 W. Valley Street Valdosta, GA 31601
 Phone (229) 242-4050 Fax (229) 242-8791
 church email: cfugate@valdostafirstumc.org church website: www.valdostafirstumc.org



THE BULLETIN

March 14, 2021

Celebrating Our 162nd Year

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

Spring, a Sign of Hope to Come

I have to admit that this is the furthest south I have lived, so this is also the earliest I have experienced the yellow dusting of all exterior surfaces I affectionately call "pollen count season". Each day brings a different breathing adventure, and also along with it an opportunity to see how dirty our clothes and cars! It means a thick coating of the air that can sometimes be frustrating, but it also comes with a beautiful byproduct: spring is near, and glorious flowers are in bloom.

The beauty of spring for us as Christians is that we are people of the spring, people of hope, and people of promise. Lent is a season of entering into darkness that culminates in a dark tomb but foreshadows the truth of a hope-filled resurrection on Easter Sunday. This Sunday we will continue our Lenten journey through "unknown" experiences in the Christian life, and it focuses on the promise Jesus gave to his disciples of the coming Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit, and what is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives? This promise given to Jesus's disciples provides a means for us even today to enter into a hope filled future.

As we continue through this season, we also look forward to signs of hope on our horizon. We hope for a full return to normal, and for filled worship spaces after a year of sparse in person attendance or none at all. We hope for growth for our church, and lives to be changed in our community. We hope for vibrancy in our ministries, and a resurgence of hope for families, children and youth.

To live into this hope, we look forward to Easter Sunday, but also to a special celebration on Palm Sunday. On that day we will have one service that will be outdoors at the Woods's home at 10am and will be followed by an Easter egg hunt for our preschool and children ministries. We look forward to this opportunity, and the joy of Easter that will follow. For now we wait, and prayerfully move towards the promise ahead.

Anthony <><

MEMORIALS:

In memory of **Joseph Nathan Williams**: Ben & Jane Stanaland, Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **Brinkley Leona Elizabeth Laws McNeal**: Ben & Jane Stanaland, Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **Bill Broadfoot**: Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **Carolyn Hall Ellis**: Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **Jayne Carter**: Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **Marsha Harris Rudolph**: Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **Rev. Michael Alva McAfee**: Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **John Larry "Tex" Tatum**: Slade & Margaret McCranie
 In memory of **Peggy Lee Turner**: Slade & Margaret McCranie

FLOWERS:

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and the opening back up of the church.

By the Altar Guild

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!

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY:

Led by Jo Rita Canelon

Course: Covenant
 Day & Time: Tuesdays 10:00 am to 12 noon
 Beginning & End Date: March 23, 2021 to June 1, 2021
 Where: FUMC Wesleyan Classroom

Ladies & Daughters welcome!

To register: send email with contact info to bereansofgeorgia@yahoo.com. Order books at Amazon.com or Precept (800-763-8280) allow 5-7 days for shipping. Text questions to: 229-444-0731

BAPTISM TODAY:

Emory Karras Miller
 Son of Maggie and Jonathan Miller

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades

This Sunday, March 14, 2021

Regular Sunday Night Youth
 Invite a Friend

TIME | 5:00PM-7:00PM (feel free to come a little early to play in the game room if you would like!)

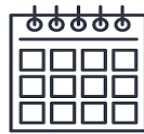
DROP OFF | 108 W. Central Avenue

WHAT TO BRING | mask and Bible!

SNACK SUPPER provided!

PICK UP | Fellowship Hall Parking Lot

WHAT WE'LL BE DOING | Snack supper, games, lesson, small groups!



Week of March 14 - March 21, 2021 Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 14

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 (Youth Room)

Monday, March 15

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
 10:00 AM Operations Meeting (The Rock)
 10:30 AM Creative Team Meeting (The Rock)

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 AM Men's Group
 9:00 AM Preschool
 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Becky Anthony)
 12 Noon Hymn Study with Kenji (Parlor)

Wednesday, March 17

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
 10:00AM Circle 4 (Becky Anthony)
 12 Noon Handbells
 1:00 PM Ensemble Practice
 5:30-6:00 PM Church Night Supper: take out
 5:45 PM Church Night Supper: in-person
 6:15 PM Adult/Youth/Children Bible Studies *

Thursday, March 18

9:00 AM Preschool
 12:30 PM Staff Lunch Club
 4:00 PM Staff Bible Study
 6:15 PM Loft Rehearsal

Friday, March 19

9:00 AM Preschool

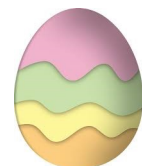
Sunday, March 21

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 (Youth Room)

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years

DONATIONS NEEDED:

We will be having our Easter egg hunt outdoors along with our Palm Sunday Celebration on **Sunday, March 28th** at The Woods' Home. You don't want to miss it!



We need
 candy donations!
 Remember:
 No Chocolates or Nuts!



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 14, 2021 9:00 AM

Unknown: The Comfort of the Spirit

John 14:15-17, 25-27

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden Worship leader
 Kasey McQuitty, vocals Matt Mullis, guitar
 Judy Varnado, vocals Mike Godwin, bass
 Leslie Smith, drums

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

Fall registration continues. Limited spots are available.

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

Upcoming Events:

March 17th is Saint Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear green! We'll have a special snack, fun activities and a visit from the Leprechaun.

Donuts with Dad is on Wednesday, March 24th at 8:30 a.m.

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, March 14, 2021

9:00 AM Children's Moment in the Loft Service
 9:45 AM ROCK Music with the ROCK Sunday School immediately following
 11:00 AM Children's Church in Sanctuary Service

Upcoming:

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
 5:45 PM Church Night Supper
 6:15 PM MISSION POSSIBLE at The Rock!

Children are invited to participate in mission projects and games.

HYMN STUDY

Every Tuesday at Noon in The Parlor

Lead by Kenji Bolden



Remember in Prayer
Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

Community	Country	Church leaders	Capital Campaign
Teresa Steinberg	Sarah Moon Rathel	Joanne Harrison	
Kathryn Connell	Aliene Nazzaro	Nursing home members	