

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

Purple

SANCTUARY

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Give me Jesus arr. Wagner

THE OPENING SONG.....No. 174
His Name Is Wonderful

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

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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 77
How Great Thou Art

SCRIPTURE READING.....Dr. McPhail
Matthew 6:7-15

THE ANTHEM..... Ensemble
Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

THE SERMON.....Dr. McPhail
Unknown: Finding the Right Words
Matthew 6:7-15

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail

THE OFFERTORY.....Linda Downing and Cindy Lovan
He Looked Beyond My Fault arr. Mercer

THE HOLY COMMUNION.....Dr. McPhail

*THE COMMUNION HYMN.....No. 620
One Bread, One Body

THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING.....Dr. McPhail

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No. 496
Sweet Hour of Prayer

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

THE POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Lenten Prayer Johnston

*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 10, 2021

Pot roast, 4 cheese potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and banana pudding.

(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

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An Account of Our Stewardship

2/28/2021

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| Total In Person Worship Attendance | 158 |
| Sunday School Attendance | 59 |
| Total Online Worship Attendance | 197 |
| YTD Income | \$128,937.67 |
| YTD Expenses | \$159,457.76 |
| 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 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
Carri Bedene.....Custodian
Mary Ann Saliba.....Church Hostess
Matt Mullis.....Clergy Intern
Ross Tucker.....Youth Ministry Assistant
Josh Holloway.....Maintenance

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THE BULLETIN

March 7, 2021

Celebrating Our 162nd Year

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

Specific Words that Lead Further into the Unknown

Almost exactly one year ago, the animated princess movie *Frozen 2* was released three months ahead of schedule due to COVID-19 forcing schools to close and causing many parents to work from home. The gesture of releasing it early was widely assumed to be an olive branch for parents trying to navigate a new and stressful normal of working from home while also becoming homeschooling parents overnight. At least there was a movie the homeschooled kids could watch so that the parents could get some work done! I cannot tell you how many Zoom meetings I held while my pre-school aged children watched *Frozen 2*!

The top song of the movie was Elsa's anthem "Into the Unknown", which describes the journey of Queen Elsa of Arendelle out into the wilderness to follow some signs that might help explain her family's past and provide a future for their kingdom. My children still love belting out that song almost a year later. It was an appropriate theme song for the season we found ourselves in as a society, as we too were heading into the "unknown" even if it was not an unknown wilderness of our choosing.

Okay, so what does "Into the Unknown" and a cartoon movie have to do with this Sunday? We too will be furthering our journey into the unknown, but in our case, it is our exploration of the deep mysteries of the Christian faith. The first week talked about our battle against temptation, and then last week we talked about the mysterious yet glorious presence of God we encounter when we engage in prayer and other spiritual activities in private devotion. This week we continue that emphasis of private devotion by specifically looking at prayer, especially the type of prayer that Jesus calls us to pray. When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, he taught them specific words with specific intentions, but they also provided an invitation into a deeper mystery as well. I tend to think of it as a "specific request with an unknown outcome". Why is the outcome unknown if the prayer is specific? We will find out this Sunday as we unpack what these words truly mean for our spiritual journeys into the holy unknown!

Anthony <><

MEMORIALS:

In memory of **Marsha Harris Rudolph**: Becky Anthony Sunday school class
In memory of **John Larry "Tex" Tatum**: David & Judy Hutcherson, Ben & Nisey Wetherington, Becky Anthony Sunday school class

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

The McNeal family regarding **Brinkley Leona Elizabeth Laws McNeal's** death on February 27, 2021.

The Williams family regarding **Joseph Williams'** death on March 1, 2021.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Don't forget to pick up Shedd's Spread before your class meets.

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](https://www.amazon.com) or Precept (800-763-8280) allow 5-7 days for shipping.
Text questions to: 229-444-0731

Sunday, March 14th at 3:00 PM – Pastor David Tart will be offering a video seminar for those that have experienced the Loss of a Spouse. This one time seminar will be held at Park Avenue UMC, and you may contact Pastor David Tart at 229-300-8805 for further information.

Men's Breakfast:

 Friday, March 12 at 7:00 AM

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! Matt Mullis will bring the devotion!

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grades

This Sunday, March 7, 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!)

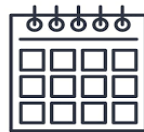
DROP OFF | 108 W. Central Avenue

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 7 - March 14, 2021

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 7

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft * (Communion)
9:45 AM Sunday School*
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary * (Communion)
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)

Monday, March 8

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
10:00 AM The Table (The Rock)

Tuesday, March 9

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

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 AM Preschool/MMO
10:00AM Circle 12 (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 11

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

Friday, March 12

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM Preschool

Sunday, March 14-Daylight Savings

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

*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 plastic eggs and
candy donations!
Remember:
No Chocolates or Nuts!



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 7, 2021 9:00 AM

Unknown: Finding the Right Words

Matthew 6:7-15

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden Worship leader
Tori Maxwell, vocals Matt Mullis, guitar and vocals
Maggie Tarpley, 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 7 2021

9:00 AM Loft Service (Communion) No Children's Moment
9:45 AM ROCK Music with the ROCK Sunday School immediately following
11:00 AM No Children's Church in Sanctuary Service (Holy Communion)

Upcoming:

Wednesday, March 10, 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.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

AN EVENING OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

March 7 | Facebook Live | 7:00 PM (EST)

Lead by Kenji Bolden



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

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