

Welcome to Worship at Valdosta FUMC

October 18

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Green

Sanctuary

11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart- arr. Curtis

THE INTROIT.....Ensemble
Come All Servants of the Lord- Pethel

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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....No. 529
How Firm A Foundation

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....The Apostles' Creed..... No. 881

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

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Makinsey Rosser
Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door- arr. Hogan

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

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....No. 462
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. McPhail

THE OFFERTORY.....Linda Downing and Cindy Lovan
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing- arr. McDonald

THE ANTHEM.....Ensemble
Consider the Lilies- Williams and Stevens
Ensemble- Bob Bowers, June Bowers, David Hutcherson, Makinsey Rosser and Judy Varnado

THE SERMON.....The Core: CENTERED on God's Word.....Dr. McPhail
James 1:17-27

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION.....No. 601
Thy Word Is A Lamp

*THE BENEDICTION AND BLESSING.....Dr. McPhail

*POSTLUDE.....Cindy Lovan
Trumpet Tune- Payne

* Please stand if able.

Nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years

Church Night Supper

Church Night Supper - Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Lasagna, creamed corn, garlic bread, tossed salad, apple pie.

- 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 Monday's at 12:00 PM

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An Account of Our Stewardship

10/11/2020

Total In-Person Worship Attendance	158
Total Online Worship Attendance	252
Sunday School Attendance	80
YTD Income	\$701,600.11
YTD Expenses	\$731,612.97
2020 Budget	\$1,120,925.00

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 Student Ministries
 Kenji Bolden..... Director of Music Ministries
 Brad Tarpley..... Director of Children's Ministries
 Vacant..... Preschool Director
 Cindy Lovan..... Organist/Children's Music Director
 Linda Downing..... Pianist
 Vacant..... Nursery/Childcare Director
 Laura Leonard..... Congregational Care/Visitation
 Lily Spittal..... Financial Administrator
 Cheri Fugate..... Administrative Assistant
 Davis Nipper..... Audio/Visual Tech Assistant
 Wendy Hart..... Audio Tech Specialist
 James Siler..... Custodian/Church Host
 Carri Bedene..... Custodian
 Mary Ann Saliba..... Church Hostess
 Matt Mullis..... Ministry Intern

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THE BULLETIN

October 18, 2020

Celebrating Our 161st Year

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

Getting to the Core of Who We Are

(Rev. Dr. G. Anthony McPhail, Jr)

In my earlier years I loved watching the commercials for Tootsie Pops with the famous question, "how many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?" The implication is that it takes a while and you have to lick through several layers to reach the center. Of course, the wise owl did not have the patience for that and would take a smack straight to the core after just a few licks. We can relate to the impatience, especially in our on demand society that we live in today!

One of the pieces of information I noticed when I first started trying to learn about Valdosta FUMC was a set of five core values that the church adopted last year. We think of it as a scratching beneath the surface, to get to the core of what matters most. They are posted various places around the church, on the website and on official documents, but I imagine few people could recite them by heart. The practice of developing core values emerges out of the organizational leadership principle that by defining what you value most you will be able to subsequently define what you want the character of your organization to be and how those values can guide your operational endeavors. I believe these core values are not only good values for a church, but also principles that tie into our individual discipleship.

This fall presents a wonderful opportunity to reflect on these values and to talk about how they can guide us into the future into which God is calling us. The values of being Centered on God's Word, Committed Partners in Ministry, Compassionate to Others, Creative Innovatively Flexible, and Community Within and Without will give shape to how we take our next steps as a congregation. While the past few years have been uneven and this year has presented numerous curve balls, I want us to start laying the building blocks for a hope-filled future even in the midst of ongoing uncertainty. I hope that you will join us each week in worship as we go beneath the surface to talk about "The Core" that might guide us into the hope ahead of us.

Anthony<><

MEMORIALS— Since August 2020

In memory of **Ronald Hogan:** Brad & Mary Clare Tarpley, Gerald & Marilyn Henderson, Roger & Julie Budd, Ladson & Gayle Golden, Helen Y. Avery, Anthony & Ellen Eanes Courson, A.C. Harvey, III, Altman & Barrett Architects, P.C., Roxanne Williams Brown, Ansel & Betsy Clark, Ben & Denise Wetherington, Richard A. Thomas, Dean Brooks, Leah Rodemaker, Sam & Meredith Lightsey, Lyndall Barlow & Heather Madalena, Judith DeMott, Steve Wansley, A R & Janice Baker, Bradley & Helen Lastinger, Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Cowart, Jared Purvis (VSU Blazer Golf), William & Susan Whitfield, Jake & Caryn Chitty, Richard & Sharon Stalvey, Julian & Leslie Sherwood, Mary Jo & Tom Kurrie, Katherine Waagner, Janis Patterson & Mark Whitson, Walter & Terry Peacock, Marie & Joe Glenn Smith, Jack & Lisa Henry, Lamb Lastinger, Janice & Ray Crutchfield, Mr. & Mrs. M. Wright Turner, James & Rhonda Thagard, Dr. Alex & Donna Culbreth, Dr. Charles & Nancy Hobby, Joyce Paine's Bible study group, The Daugharty Family, Ronald & Jennifer Allen, Dr. Dallas & Claire Miller, Kenny & Pam Green, Shirley P. Andrews, Judy H. Hinton, Polly & George Talley, The Street Family, Phil & Cathy Alday, Jane Sherwood, Dr. & Mrs. William Grow, Wayne & Cindy Fann, Ashley & Ginger Paulk, Matilda Stubbs, Whit & Jan Fackler, Jane L. Smith, Lyn & Marvin Dickey, Susan & Brian Sumner, Susan Hogan, Kay McBride, Peggy & William Parramore, J. Jeffrey Hunt, Dorothy R. Pitts, David & Kay Washnock.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Meta Shaw Coleman** by her family.

HARVEST BAZAAR for Missions: November 14th pick up

Purchase ONLINE: October 28– November 11, 2020

Sweets, Jellies and Frozen Casseroles

[Get Ready for the Holidays!](#)

Next Sunday, October 25 2020-**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

Our Confirmands

Catherine Odom, Charlotte Grant,
Zadie Sweat, Charlie Sweat,
Brody Burch, and Cort Kurrie

Shoebox Mission Opportunity

We want boys and girls around the world to know God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Boxes are ready for us to put together and pack.

1. "wow" item such as stuffed animal, deflated soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he/she opens the box.
2. A school supply
3. a personal care item
4. a toy
5. a piece of clothing.
6. an art or craft project
7. \$9 for Christian literature and shipping
8. Attach label found on separate pamphlet. Should we run out of put together boxes, you can use an old shoebox or pick up a plastic box. Also, this year we can build a shoebox online. Just go to Operation Christmas Child or Samaritan's Purse. Give a smile and the real meaning of Christmas to a child!

Online Pictorial Directory—Available Now!

Go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com. Follow prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." You must confirm your email address before you can sign in. You will need to use your email address listed in directory to create a login the first time you use. You and ONLY you (except Diane) will be able to update your information. Only church members signed up can see your information.



Week of October 18 - October 23, 2020

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM Worship in the Loft*
9:45 AM Sunday School*
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary*
3:00-5:00 PM Fall Family Fun
5:00 PM Sunday Night Middle School

Monday, October 19

10:00 AM Operations Staff Meeting
10:30 AM Creative Team Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 AM Men's Group
11:30 AM Ladies Bible Study-Ricketts Home
12:00 Noon Hybrid Hymn Study with Kenji

Wednesday, October 21

12 Noon Handbell Practice
1:00 PM Choir Ensemble Practice
5:30 PM Church Night Supper-Take Out Only!
6:00 PM Nominating Committee

Thursday, October 22

6:00 AM Men's Group-Watt
6:15 PM Loft Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, October 25

9:00 and 11:00 AM Confirmation Sunday

*Nursery available for children, age birth to five years



Remember in Prayer

Known illness and/or need as of Tuesday

Community

Church leaders

Country

Nursing home members

Sarah Moon Rathel

Capital Campaign

To Think About:

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

Do what it says.

James 1:22

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

October 18, 2020

9:00 AM

The Core: **CENTERED** on God's Word

James 1:17-27

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail

Praise Team

Kenji Bolden, Worship Leader, keyboard

Courtney Bolden, vocals

Matt Mullis, guitar

Tori Maxwell, vocals

Leslie Smith, drums

Mike Godwin, bass

Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade

This Sunday, October 18, 2020

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY THIS WEEK

TIME: 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

DROP OFF: 108 W Central Ave

PICK UP: Fellowship Hall Parking Lot (corner of Toombs/Valley Street)

WHAT TO BRING: Your own snack supper and MASK!

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

Confirmation Sunday: October 25, 2020

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Services

Children's Ministry

K - 5th grade

This Sunday, October 18, 2020

9:00 AM *Loft Service

9:45 AM *Rock Music and Sunday School

11:00 AM * Sanctuary Service with Children's Church

3:00 PM—5:00 PM *Fall Family Fun at The McPhail's! (810 Tanglewood Drive)

Upcoming Events

Rock Bible Presentations— 11/15 * 3rd and 4th Graders!

Music Ministry

In efforts to minister and connect with you during the week, our ministry would like to offer "Notes of Inspiration." What you'll receive is a brief commentary on a song or hymn along with a link to listen to the music. No apps or downloads needed to participate.

To sign up for a weekly "note of inspiration" from Kenji Bolden text the following message @[notesofi](https://www.instagram.com/notesofi) to number 81010. Email kbolden@valdostafirstumc.org for more information.

Be sure to check the church's Facebook page for "**Vintage Friday's with Kenji**" insight and inspiration with vintage hymns.