

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12:

9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (209)
 9:45a-Searchers Class (202*)
 9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
 9:45a-Unity Class (213)
 9:45a-Children’s Sunday School (CW)
 9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
 9:45a-Confirmation Class (WC)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 2:00p-Girl Scouts 25078 (J)
 2:00p-Girl Scouts 17176 (WC)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 5:00p-Launching Church Council Webinar
 5:15p-Sanctuary Bells (210)
 5:15p-Youth Group (WC)

Monday, January 13:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:15a-Christian Women’s Fellowship (J)
 6:00p-Tucker Acts Prep (C)
 7:00p-Harmonia (S)

Tuesday, January 14:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 11:00a-Staff Meeting (BCR)
 2:30p-Lectionary Bible Study (J)
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Wednesday, January 15:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 9:30a-AA Meeting (WC)
 5:00p-Wednesday Night Supper (WC)

Wednesday, January 15 continued:

5:30p-Cherub Choir (MC)
 5:30p-Melody Bells (210)
 6:00p-Covenant Bible Study (201)
 6:20p-Wesley Singers (MC)
 7:30p-Chancel Choir (MC)

Thursday, January 16:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Friday, January 17:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:00a-Backpack Buddies (WC)

Saturday, January 18:

10:00a-Advent Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church (C, J, CW)

Sunday, January 19:

9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (209)
 9:45a-Searchers Class (202*)
 9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
 9:45a-Unity Class (213)
 9:45a-Children’s Sunday School (CW)
 9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
 9:45a-Confirmation Class (WC)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 12:30p-Finance (J)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 5:15p-Sanctuary Bells (210)
 5:15p-Youth Group (WC)

PRAYER CONCERNS			
Pat Hicks	Donna Powell	Alice Shepard	Jo Anne Maxwell
Garnett Halstead	Olevia Thrasher	Ethel Bay	Dot Melo
George Mize	Henry Wall	Shelly Thomas	Rev. Jess Walter
Cliff Walter	Mary Smith	Charles Bannister	Chuck Stevenson
Marjorie Foster	Julia Torbert	Garnett Fisher	Carole Fisher
Dawn Hines	Gloria Jones	Lisa Tink	Jim Cook
Patti Rioux	Juanita Woodward	Jenny Lindsay	

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes: Wyatt Williams and Nate Lee
 AV Team: David Urda, David Smallwood, Stephanie Shanholtzer

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5 | Psalm 36:5-10 | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 | John 2:1-11

Last Week’s In-Person Worship Attendance 124
Last Week’s Online Worship Attendance 27

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United Methodist Church
TUCKERFIRST

January 12, 2025
 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Church Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love. Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen

PRELUDE *O Worship the King* Arr. Laubengayer
 Dr. Soo Jin Kim, Organist

Please let us know you're here and take a moment to fill out the pew pad located at the end of each row. Then pass it down to others on your row.

WELCOME & INVOCATION **Rev. Katie Mattox**

The waters of God’s blessing flow through our lives,
 quenching our thirst, bringing forth new hope.
 We hear God’s voice.

It thunders through creation.
 God’s voice is strong.
It shatters the cedars of Lebanon.
 God is still speaking.
Calling out our names.
 Listen for God.
God calls us beloved. Alleluia! Amen.

**Please stand as you are able*

Vision Statement:

To be a church in connection with God, our community, and each other.

(C) Chapel	(BCR) Becker Conf. Room	(AC) Activities Center
(J) Jenkin’s Hall	(WC) Wesley Center	(AR) Art Room
(S) Sanctuary	(CW) Children’s Wing	*Contact Group Leader for Zoom
(GR) Gathering Room	(MC) Music Center	Link

Reminder: Our Tucker First worship services are live-streamed each Sunday and recorded services are available on our website. To ensure the privacy of our congregation, individuals will not be identified without permission. (lyrics used by permission CCLI# 1456853)

*HYMN NO. 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Verses 1-5

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881 **Rev. Katie Mattox**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**
(*Universal)

*SUNG RESPONSE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Verse 7

*PASSING OF THE PEACE **Dr. Nathan Frank**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**
Peace is a gift of God’s love. Let the Lord bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this peace!

Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Moment

CHILDREN’S MOMENT **Mimi Sanders**

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Katie Mattox**

Prayer Response: Holy Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Blessed Are They* **Haugen**
Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Glory to God in the highest!
Sing glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Rev. Katie Mattox**

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 **Rev. Katie Mattox**

SERMON *Well Pleased* **Rev. Katie Mattox**

SERMON RESPONSE

Come to the waters.
The waters of grace flow over us.
Come to the waters.
We are washed in God’s love.
Come to the waters.
We are God’s beloved children.

*HYMN NO. 593 *Here I Am , Lord* Verses 1-2

*BENEDICTION **Rev. Katie Mattox**

*SENDING FORTH *Here I Am , Lord* Verse 3

Wednesday Night Supper (Wesley Center)

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm; Take-Out until 7:00 pm

Adults \$10; Kids (12 and under) \$5; 2 and Under - Free; Family Maximum \$30

Please make reservations by Monday through Realm, the church website or by calling the church office at 770-938-3030.

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

Welcome Kelsey Gay as our new Youth Pastor!

Kelsey Gay is a Certified Candidate in the United Methodist Church and a graduate of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where she earned her Masters of Divinity. Over the past decade, she has dedicated her career to Youth Ministry, including working at McDonough First United Methodist Church. Kelsey obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Religion from the University of Georgia in 2015, during which time she actively served in leadership roles at the UGA Wesley Foundation and the University of Georgia Redcoat Marching Band. Alongside her devotion to the Georgia Bulldogs, Kelsey’s genuine passion lies in brightening people’s lives and fostering meaningful connections. She enjoys spending quality time with loved ones, and her beloved tuxedo cat, Luna! Kelsey is looking forward to serving the youth ministry and the church at Tucker First United Methodist Church!

SPOTLIGHT

From the Worship Team

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who stayed after worship last week to take down our lovely Christmas decorations. You truly stepped up and made the work go faster than ever and more fun as well. With love from your grateful worship team.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thanks to Tucker First UMC serving as a host location for blood drives each month, the Red Cross collected 403 life-saving pints of blood in 2024. Our first drive for 2025 is **Thursday, January 23 from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm** in the Wesley Center. To sign up to help this ministry as a host volunteer (signing people in or giving out snacks) go to tinyurl.com/TFUMCBloodDriveVolunteers. Each shift is only 2-hours long. Questions? Contact Evelyn Burkett at ehburkett@comcast.net THANK YOU for helping save lives.

Wednesday Night Supper Resumes January 15!

We’re excited to welcome you back for Wednesday Night Supper starting **January 15**. Each week in January, we will meet in the Wesley Center from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm for a delicious meal, with takeout orders available for pickup until 7:00 pm.

Please make your reservation by Monday evening. You can reserve your spot on the church website at www.tucker.first.org, through Realm, or by calling the church office at 770-938-3030.

Adult plates are \$10, or \$12 for walk-ins. Kid plates are \$5, or \$6 for walk-ins. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with you!

You're warmly invited to join the Discovery Class on Zoom every Sunday! Our Sunday School class is a welcoming space for adults of all backgrounds, including all ages, races, cultures, gender identities, education levels, economic situations, family structures, and physical abilities. Together, we meet each week to study, pray, and grow in faith and community. Join us at **9:45 am each Sunday** using the provided Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, contact Kay Entekin at kayjohnne@gmail.com.

<https://tinyurl.com/DiscoverySSZoom>

Covenant Bible Study: Part 2 "Covenant Bible Study: Living" is an 8 week in-depth group Bible study that focuses on the concept of covenant throughout the Old and New Testaments, emphasizing the unique relationship between God and humanity, exploring how to live a life fully committed to that covenant through practical application of scripture across different biblical narratives. It aims to deepen our understanding of the Bible, build community, and develop personal faith by studying how the covenant theme plays out in various contexts throughout scripture. This study, led by Rev. Katie Mattox, will begin **January 15 at 6:00 pm** in Room 201. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Katie at katie.mattox@ngumc.net.

New Bible Study- The Christian Faith and Healing The late Rev. Charles L. Allen of Grace Methodist Church in Atlanta spoke of Christ’s healing touch, which brought physical and emotional restoration, offering hope and assurance beyond medical cures. While modern medicine makes great advances, Christ’s presence provides peace and encouragement, working alongside medical professionals.

As Jeremiah reminded the exiled Hebrews, “There is balm in Gilead,” so too does Christ offer His presence in our healing journey. Join us for the seven-week study, The Christian Faith and Healing, starting **Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 6:00 pm** in Room 209, led by Dr. John Mattox and Rev. Paul Yeun, a retired UMC elder and experienced chaplain. All are welcome.

Join Us in Serving Trinity Table! Come one, come all—make a difference! We need eager volunteers to help serve a meal, distribute cold-weather items, and hand out sack lunches to our unsheltered brothers and sisters downtown. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 2, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm**. We’ll meet at the church and head out together at 10:30 am. Ready to lend a hand? Contact Kay Entekin at kayjohnne@gmail.com to sign up or for more details. Let’s share warmth and kindness this winter!