

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 9:
 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)
 12:15p-Lenten Communion Service (C)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 2:00p-Girl Scouts 25078 (J)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 5:15p-Sanctuary Bells (210)
 5:15p-Youth Group (WC)

Monday, March 10:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 7:00p-Tapestry Women’s Choir (MC)

Tuesday, March 11:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 11:00a-Staff Meeting (BCR)
 2:30p-Lectionary Bible Study (J)
 4:00p-Preschool Spirit Night at Nicky’s Un-
 defeated on Main Street
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)
 7:00p-ESOL
 7:30p-Mother/Daughter Bible Study
 (Sanders)

Wednesday, March 12:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 9:30a-AA Meeting (WC)
 5:00p-Wednesday Night Supper (AC)
 5:30p-Cherub Choir (MC)
 5:30p-Melody Bells (210)

Wednesday, March 12 continued:
 6:00p-Covenant Bible Study (201)
 6:20p-Wesley Singers (MC)
 7:00p-Ash Wednesday Service (S)
 7:30p-Chancel Choir (MC)
Thursday, March 13:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 11:30a-Pioneers (J)
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Friday, March 14:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:00a-Backpack Buddies (WC)
 5:00p-Youth to Camp Glisson
Saturday, March 15:
 10:00a-Advent Hope Seventh Day Adventist
 Church (C, J, CW)

Sunday, March 16:
 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)
 12:15p-Lenten Communion Service (C)
 12:30p-Finance (BCR)
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PRAYER CONCERNS			
Pat Hicks	Donna Powell	Alice Shepard	Jo Anne Maxwell
Garnett Halstead	Olevia Thrasher	Ethel Bay	Dot Melo
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	Dianne Wood	Linda Wheeler	

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY
 Acolytes: Wyatt Williams and Naomi Feldman
 AV Team: Morris Tubesing, Charles Keown, Stephanie Shanholtzer

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025
 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 | Psalm 27 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Luke 13:31-35

Last Week’s In-Person Worship Attendance 151
Last Week’s Online Worship Attendance 29

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United Methodist Church
TUCKERFIRST

March 9, 2025
 1st Sunday in Lent

Church Mission:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Merciful God, your ways lead to life; your light shines in our darkness. The promises you made to our ancestors continue to this day. We too share the bounty of your blessings, and the grace of eternal life in your name. May we be worthy of our calling and help others find their way. Amen.

PRELUDE *Brethren We Have Come to Worship (Holy Manna)* Arr. Geschke
 Chapel Bells
 Nancy Parker, Director

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**

Welcome home, beloved children of God!
Gathered in God’s arms, we come to worship.
 Sheltered in God’s love, we come to grow in love.
Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.
 Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,
we trust that God is with us,
guiding and protecting our days. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 61 *Come thou Almighty King* Verses 1-3

**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)

PARDON & CONFESSION

Rev. Katie Mattox

God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward,
when we are tired beyond words.

Pour your grace into our souls,
when we give in to temptation and stray
where we were never meant to go.

Shepherding God, guide us back to you
and show us the path home.

In hope and gratitude, we pray.

All who call on God's name are saved.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We can rest assured in this promise. Amen and amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Come thou Almighty King

Verse 4

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Nathan Frank

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come.

**As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background,
no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends,
outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and
homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet.**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.** Let us now share the peace of Christ with
one another.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mimi Sanders

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Katie Mattox

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O God, **our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.**

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Arr. Greer

Pam Tubesing, Piano

Worship along by following the text in Hymn No. 480.

*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

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Dr. John Mattox

ANTHEM

I Am Bound for the Promised Land
Chancel Choir

Arr. Courtney

SERMON

"Draw Me Nearer: Led by the Spirit"

Rev. Dr. John Mattox

WEEKLY LENTEN CHALLENGE

Rev. Katie Mattox

Prayer, Solitude, and Fasting

*HYMN NO. 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. John Mattox

*SENDING FORTH NO 672

Verse 1

God Be with You till We Meet Again

SERVICE NOTES/PRAYERS

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Ravioli, zucchini, bread, salad, dessert

SPOTLIGHT

Communion Services During Lent

John Wesley encouraged each of his followers "to receive the Lord's Supper as often as he can." In this spirit, **beginning Sunday, March 9** a brief Communion service will be offered at **12:15 pm in the Chapel**. The service will be offered every week in Lent except when communion is celebrated in worship. Join us for this meaningful time together!

Christian Women's Fellowship-Monday March 10

Join the Christian Women's Fellowship on **Monday, March 10 at 10:15 am** in Jenkins Hall for coffee, fellowship, and to learn about ways we are serving our church and community through our missions. Questions? Contact Linda Futch at ldfutch@aol.com.

Join Us for a Weekday Preschool Spirit Night

On **Tuesday, March 11 from 4 pm - 8 pm** join us at Nicky's Undeatead on Main Street in Tucker. Nicky's Undeatead offers cheesesteaks, hoagies, and Italian American classics. You can view their menu at nicksundeatead.com. Our preschool will receive a percentage of that night's sales. See you there!

Join Us for Pioneers Meeting- March 13

You're invited to our next Pioneers gathering! Join us on **Thursday, March 13, at 11:30 am** in Jenkins Hall for lunch, fellowship, and an informative program. This month, we're pleased to welcome Don Andersen, who will talk about the Tucker First Shower Ministry. Menu: Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert - all for \$12. Please RSVP to Carolyn Weir at 770-232-0176. We look forward to seeing you!

Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal

On **Sunday, March 30, after worship**, we're celebrating our church family! We invite you to join us! Here's what you can look forward to:

- New Member Welcome: We'll kick off the day by celebrating those who have recently joined our church family. It's a time to welcome and connect with new members!
- Covered Dish Lunch: After the service, join us in the Wesley Center for a delicious, covered dish lunch! The church will provide chicken fingers and drinks, and we invite you to bring your favorite dish to share.
- Sharing a Vision for the Future: During lunch, we'll also be celebrating the incredible ministries of our church and sharing some exciting new visions and dreams for the future. This is a time to get inspired and be part of what's to come!

Mark your calendars. We look forward to this time together!

Mission Garden Plant Sale-April 12 & 13

Join us for the Tucker First UMC Annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, April 12 (10 am - 2 pm) and Sunday, April 13 (12:30 pm - 4 pm)** behind the church at 5095 La Vista Road!

Browse a great selection of affordable vegetable and herb seedlings, including popular varieties of tomatoes, squash, zucchini, peppers, lettuce, choy, chard, and more—all at prices lower than big-box stores!

Every purchase supports the Tucker First UMC Mission Garden and Greenhouse, where all produce is donated to Networks Cooperative/Food Pantry to help those in need. Come shop, support a great cause, and give your garden a boost!

Registration for Preschool is Now Open

Our Tucker First UMC Weekday Preschool is open to children ages 6 months to 4 years old (Pre-K). We offer a Christian atmosphere that tends to the emotional, spiritual, physical, academic and social needs of each child. Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Contact Shay McClung at 678-325-4020 or preschool@tfumc.org to schedule a tour, receive class schedule information, and receive a link to register for classes.