

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11:

Mother's Day & Graduate Sunday
 9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (205)
 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)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 No Youth Group

Monday, May 12:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:15a-Christian Women's Fellowship (J)
 7:00p-Harmonia (S)
Tuesday, May 13:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 11:00a-Staff Meeting (BCR)
 1:00p-Staff Onboarding (BCR)
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)
 7:00p-ESOL

Wednesday, May 14:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 9:30a-AA Meeting (WC)
 6:30p-Preschool Graduation (S)
 7:30p-Chancel Choir (MC)

Thursday, May 15:

6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Friday, May 16:

10:00a-Backpack Buddies (WC)
 6:00p-Harmonia Dress Rehearsal (S)
Saturday, May 17:
 8:00a-Wesley Center Reserved
 10:00a-Advent Hope Seventh Day
 Adventist Church (C, J, CW)

Sunday, May 18:

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)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 5:00p-Leadership Onboarding (J)
 5:15p-Youth Group (WC)

PRAYER CONCERNS			
Pat Hicks	Donna Powell	Alice Shepard	Jo Anne Maxwell
Garnett Halstead	Olevia Thrasher	Ethel Bay	Sandra Emrich
Dot Melo	Henry Wall	Shelly Thomas	Cliff Walter
Mary Smith	Charles Bannister	Chuck Stevenson	Marjorie Foster
Julia Torbert	Garnett Fisher	Carole Fisher	Dawn Hines
Gloria Jones	Lisa Tink	Patti Rioux	Juanita Woodward
Dianne Wood	Linda Wheeler	Jerome Masters	Pamela Dobbs
Dalton McGlamry			

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes: Wyatt Williams and EN Hunt
 AV Team: David Smallwood, Morris Tubesing, and Eric Hunt

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Acts 11:1-18 | Psalm 148 | Revelation 21:1-16 | John 13:31-35

Last Week's Attendance	
11:00 am In-Person Worship	154
11:00 am Online Worship	38

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United Methodist Church
TUCKERFIRST

May 11, 2025
 4th Sunday of Easter

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

God of every generation, Still our hearts and center our minds as we gather in your presence. Like stones set to mark the path behind us, May this time of worship remind us of every place you have met us, Carried us, and called us forward. By your Spirit, make us mindful of your presence among us now, And give us strength to walk with you into what comes next. Amen.

PRELUDE *O Worship the King* Arr. Franklin
 Melody Bells

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 **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

INVOCATION **Ansley Melton**

Come, people of God, remembering the milestones of the journey.
We gather to give thanks for the Lord has helped us this far.
 In seasons of joy and sorrow, God has been our constant guide.
Our Ebenezer — the stone of help — marks God's faithfulness through it all.
 Let us worship God together, with grateful hearts and open hands.
We raise our voices in praise, for the God who was, who is, and who will be!
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**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)

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Rev. Dr. John Mattox

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

God, who mothers us with gentleness and strength,
Bless all who give and receive a mother's love.
Let your comfort, compassion, and care surround each heart today. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lorelei Plumberg

As we remember the faithfulness of God who has brought us this far,
Let us share signs of Christ's peace — the peace that carries us forward.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.
Let us pass the peace with one another.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mimi Sanders

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. John Mattox

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Kelsey Gay
Mimi Sanders
Rev. Dr. John Mattox
Rev. Katie Mattox

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

God of the future, go with these graduates
As they step into new chapters of life.
Give them wisdom for choices, courage in challenges,
And the peace of knowing they never walk alone.
Let them remember the love of this congregation,
And carry the faith planted and nurtured here,
Wherever they may go. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Sound the Trumpet! Praise Him!
Chancel Choir

Hopson

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Raccoon Toppen

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 7:3-6, 12

Will Shanholtzer

SERMON Ebenezer

Rev. Katie Mattox

*HYMN NO. 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

BENEDICTION

Rev. Katie Mattox

*SENDING FORTH Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

SERVICE NOTES/PRAYERS

SPOTLIGHT

Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering

Wesley Woods Senior Living was founded in 1953 to meet the growing need for accessible, independent senior living. Today Wesley Woods is home for 1,800 residents in 10 communities across North Georgia. The Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering provides charitable financial assistance to residents in need and pastoral care, and wellness programming to all residents. Your generosity to Faith Promise allows Tucker First United Methodist Church to contribute to this offering each year. If you would like to make an additional contribution to Wesley Woods, please indicate this on your check or give online through the giving page of the church website.

Christian Women's Fellowship-Monday May 12

Join the Christian Women's Fellowship on **Monday, May 12 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.

Support NETWorks' Putting Out Hunger Golf Tournament

Calling all golf enthusiasts! The 3rd Annual Putting Out Hunger golf tournament is **Monday, May 12** at Heritage Golf Course in Tucker. The tournament raises money for NETWorks and their efforts to support our neighbors facing food and financial hardships. Golfers, sponsors, and volunteers can sign up at www.networkscoop.org/golf. Making a difference in someone's life has never been so much fun!

Harmonia Concert - Americana

The United States has a rich and complicated history, and so does its music. Come celebrate American music old and new in this season closer for Harmonia Atlanta, featuring composers such as Whitacre, Copland, Hogan, Kirchner, and Wilberg. The concert will be held **Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Purchase tickets at harmoniaatlanta.org.

Called Charge Conference May 25

The District Superintendent, Dr. Michael McQueen, has called for a Charge Conference to be held on **Sunday, May 25 at 12:15 pm** in the Sanctuary. The sole purpose of the Charge Conference is to vote on the pastor salary and compensation package that begins July 1, 2025.

Church of Excellence in Community Engagement

Churches of Excellence in Community Engagement are called to "Know, Grow, and Show" how they create and nurture deeper relationships within their communities:

- KNOW – Understand and connect with your community in meaningful, intentional ways.
- GROW – Deepen both personal faith and church-wide relationships with the community, focusing on how both the congregation and neighbors are being transformed as disciples of Christ.
- SHOW – As the church learns more about its neighbors and strengthens these relationships, how does it demonstrate its witness as an Acts 1:8 church?

We are excited to announce that Tucker First UMC will be honored with a Church of Excellence Award in Community Engagement at this year's North Georgia Annual Conference in June. Thank you to everyone who has helped strengthen the connection between Tucker First UMC and its community.

Register Now for Preschool Summer Camps

This summer Tucker First UMC is excited to offer 3 weeks of preschool camp for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years old. Camp hours are Monday - Friday 9 am - 1 pm. Each camp is \$150. Email preschool@tfumc.org to register. This year's themes are:

- Creative Arts Camp (**June 9-13**); painting, drawing, music, & crafts
- STEM Camp (**July 7-11**); experiments, puzzles, & projects
- Summer Sports Camp (**July 21-25**); games, tournaments, & team building