

Welcome Visitors and Guests! We're so glad you've joined us for worship. Tucker First has opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy fellowship and grow in their faith through Christian community. Please sign the pew pad and let us know you're here. We'd love to connect with you and get you connected with the ministries and programs offered here at Tucker First UMC.

Your 2024 Estimate of Giving Allows Tucker First to Dream a Bright Future Our financial commitments to Tucker First UMC help fulfill the dreams our congregation has for the future. If you have not done so already, you may still submit your 2024 Estimate of Giving. We have several options for you.

- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/TFUMC2024Giving> to complete an online Estimate of Giving card.
- Pick up a paper Estimate of Giving card from the Narthex. You can drop your completed card in the offering plate or in the church office.
- Contact our Church Administrator, Cindy Petersiel, at 678-325-4035 or cpetersiel@tfumc.org.
- Make your pledge directly into your Realm account. Log into Realm (www.onrealm.org) and select Make a Pledge from the Giving page on the app or website.

Thank you to all who have already made a 2024 financial commitment to Tucker First United Methodist Church.

Support the Good Samaritan Fund The Good Samaritan Fund is used to support emergency assistance needs for members and neighbors in the community. Funds are used to provide Kroger gift cards that can be used for food or gas and emergency hotel stays. Currently, the funds have been depleted and we are unable to provide this assistance to those in need. Please consider supporting the fund. Donations can be placed in the labeled basket found in the Narthex or you can give online or in the church office.

Poinsettias Available for Advent Help decorate our Sanctuary during the Advent season by ordering red poinsettias from the worship committee. Orders will be taken in the Gathering Room on Sunday, November 19, before and after our 11:00 am worship service. The cost of each poinsettia is \$15. Checks should be made to TFUMC with Poinsettia in the memo line. The poinsettias and dedication list will be presented to the church on Sunday, December 3. You may pick up your poinsettia after our Christmas Eve Service on December 24. Questions? Contact Donna Davis at 404-229-7962.

O Come, Let Us Adore Him: An Ancient -Future Advent Series On Sundays at 8:45 am during the Advent season, we will begin a new Ancient-Future Advent Series. The first Sunday in Advent (12/3), the service will be held in the Chapel. The remaining services will be held in the Sanctuary. Ancient-Future is a style of worship that takes the best of traditional and contemporary styles and combines them in a new way. This style of worship is not always easy to explain, but it is simple to experience and enjoy. The service is relaxed (jeans and a cup of coffee are okay) and it is highly liturgical (robes, candles, incense, etc.). There is much more congregational interaction and participation as we worship with our whole selves using all our senses. If you're curious about this style of worship and a desire to dig deeper in our Christian worship traditions, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Advent Book Study There are several excellent new Advent Studies that are affordable and available in paperback and kindle formats from Amazon and other retailers. Revs. John and Katie have picked three that stand out to them.

- *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* by Will Willimon
- *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* by Tracy Daub
- *Good News of Great Joy: Advent Reflections on the Songs of Luke* by North Georgia's own Max Vincent

The study will be offered on Sunday Morning during the Sunday School Hour, Wednesday Morning, and/or Wednesday Evening. We're asking those interested in participating in an Advent book study to please complete this survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KMS2TJK>). The chosen book and time will be announced November 26 in order to allow enough time for participants to purchase the book.

Shower Ministry Sunday Afternoons - Volunteers Needed The TFUMC Shower Ministry continues and we need you! Tucker First is a leader in ministering to our homeless community. We continue to offer showers, a meal, and sanctuary to our homeless neighbors every Sunday in the Activities Center from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. We can only provide this much appreciated service if you volunteer! We need two volunteers each Sunday to greet guests, provide help and information as needed, and provide general oversight. We also need volunteers to provide food for 8-10 people. Sandwiches or hot meals are welcome. The signup link is available on the News & Events page of the church's website. For more information, contact Don Andersen, dra8854@bellsouth.net, or Neil Duggan at neiljduggan@gmail.com.

Thank You for Participating Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. We appreciate the enthusiasm you showed toward this project. Seventy-five boxes were filled. Your gifts and donations will bring smiles to children around the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Season

Every Sunday during Advent at 8:45 am– O Come Let Us Adore Him: Ancient Future Worship

Sunday, December 3 at 11:00 am– A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 pm- “Come Sing & Rejoice!” The Story of Christmas for All

Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm- “Ring We Now of Christmas” presented by the Atlanta Concert Ringers

Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 pm– Blue Christmas: A Service of Peace for those in Grief

Christmas Eve

8:45 am & 11:00 am– Morning Worship

4:00 pm– Spontaneous Christmas Pageant

7:00 pm & 11:00 pm– Traditional Candlelight Worship

Merry Christmas

11:00 am– Morning Worship

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19:

9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
9:30a-Children’s Welcome Ctr. (J)
9:30a-Christian Women’s Fellowship
Bake Sale (GR)
9:45a-ESOL Sunday School (213)
9:45a-COMET Class (202)
9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)
9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
9:45a-Open Door (209)
9:45a-Women’s Spirit (217)
9:45a-Unity Class (220)
9:45a-Children’s SS (J)
9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
10:00a-Cornerstone SS Class (203)
11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
12:30p-Finance Meeting (J)
5:15p-Youth Ensemble (WC)
6:00p-Youth (WC)

Monday, November 20:

Weekday Preschool Closed
6:00p-Girl Scout Service Unit (J)

Tuesday, November 21:

Weekday Preschool Closed
11:15a-Staff Meeting (BCR)
2:30p-Lectionary Bible Study (J)
6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Wednesday, November 22:

Weekday Preschool Closed
Office Closed
9:30a-AA Meeting (WC)
No Wednesday Night Youth
No Children’s Choirs
No Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 23:

Happy Thanksgiving
Weekday Preschool
Office Closed

Friday, November 24:

Weekday Preschool
Office Closed

Saturday, November 25:

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, November 26:

8:45a-O Come Let Us Adore Him:
Ancient Future Worship (Chapel-1st
week only)
9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
9:30a-Children’s Welcome Ctr. (J)
9:45a-ESOL Sunday School (213)
9:45a-COMET Class (202)
9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)
9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
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9:45a-Children’s SS (J)
9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
10:00a-Cornerstone SS Class (203)
11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
2:30p-Church Decorating for Advent
Season (S)
5:15p-Youth Ensemble (WC)
6:00p-Youth (WC)
6:30p-Sanctuary Bells

**Contact Group Leader for Zoom Meeting ID*
(C) Chapel (S) Sanctuary (J) Jenkins Hall
(MC) Music Center (WC) Wesley Center
(AC) Activities Center (CW) Children’s Wing
(BCR) Becker Conference Room