

Welcome to



First United Methodist Church

West Point, Georgia

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2025



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Rev. Ed Archer, Senior Pastor
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Invite. Grow. Serve.

The Worship of God

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" Wesley/Ham
Gail Douglas

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Mychal Ellis

Choral Call to Worship "Jesus, the Light of the World" Bible/Elderkin
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship Rev. Ellis

Come, beloved of God, to worship this day!

We come with hearts open to receive and hands ready to serve.

At the wedding in Cana, Jesus transformed water into wine,
showing us the abundance of God's love.

Even in the ordinary tasks, God's glory is revealed and our work is blessed.

Today, we come to worship the One who calls us to be faithful in every season.

We come to trust in God's provision and be content in the work we are given.

Let us rejoice in the presence of the living Christ, who fills us with joy and purpose.

With gratitude and hope, we lift our voices in praise to the God of abundance and grace!

*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

Prayer Praises & Concerns Rev. Ellis

Choral Call to Prayer "Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord" Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ellis

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.

*Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH #463

Offertory Prayer Rev. Ellis

Offertory "This Is My Father's World" Sheppard/Berry
Gail Douglas

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Ellis

As the children come forward, you are invited to take a few moments to greet those near you.

Children's Moment

Cody Royster

Children are invited to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.

Anthem

"Lord, I Sense Your Call"

Sigmon/arr. McDonald

Chancel Choir

Lord, I sense Your call upon my life; draw me closer to Your side.

Lord, I give all of my will to You that in peace I will abide.

Take my mind, my will, emotions, too. Use this vessel as You want to do.

I submit all of my life to You. Take my hand and be my guide.

Your purpose for my life You know, for You've laid Your hand on me.

You protect me from the evil one and You give me victory.

I will praise You, Lord, with all my might for Your love and precious sacrifice.

May Your Name be praised throughout the earth until we bow at Your throne.

Almighty God, Eternal King, Sustainer, Holy Lord,
Creator of the universe, Conquerer with mighty sword.

Praise the Father for His majesty; praise the Son, who reigns victoriously.

Praise the Spirit for His gift of peace; we come to worship You.

Lord, I sense Your call upon my life; take my hand and be my guide. Amen

*Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

Rev. Ellis

Sermon

"Content in the Work"

Rev. Ellis

*Hymn

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

UMH #438

*Benediction

Rev. Ellis

*Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Clayton Lloyd Moore

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

"Lead on, O King Eternal"

Smart/Berry

Gail Douglas

** Please stand as you are able.*

UMH—United Methodist Hymnal

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Whether this is your first time with us or not, we greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If this is your first time, we are especially glad that you're with us and pray you experience the peace and love of God through worship today. If you need assistance for anything, please see an usher. A Nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level.

Prayer Concerns:

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Nelle Sturdivant, Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Robert Eason, Elmo Emily, Hamp Ferguson, Ron Hamilton (Husband of Mary Hamilton), Al and Jackie Hammer, Jacob Grubbs, Andy Mabrey, Sam and Barbara Payne, Lakin Rayfield, Barbara Ruddick, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Tracy Vaughn, World Conflict, Our Country, Unspoken Requests

New Prayer Concerns:

The Family of Jim Young, George and Diane Hester, Those impacted by the fires in California
Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Jim Young, who passed away on January 9.

This Week at WPFUMC

Monday, January 20

Church office closed.
4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, January 21

9:45 am: Staff Meeting
1:00 pm: Food Closet
6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, January 22

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids & JC Crew
6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
Baked Ziti, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert
7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 23

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen
6:00 pm: Game Night

Friday, January 24

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

**The church office will be closed tomorrow
in remembrance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

Game Night—Thursday from 6-8:00 pm.

2024 Giving Statements

The 2024 End of Year Giving Statements have been posted. If you have not received yours or have any questions, see Michael Andrews.

Daytrippers

The Daytrippers are going to the Coca Cola Space and Science Center in Columbus Tuesday January 28. We will leave the Zachry Center at **9 am**. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at The Black Cow. Cost is \$20 for admission and bus fuel. See Helen or call Sherry to save your seat on the bus.

50+ Anniversary Luncheon

All couples who have been married for 50 or more years are cordially invited to a 50+ Anniversary Luncheon to be held in your honor on Sunday, February 9, at 12:00 noon in the Banquet Room. Please call the church office to RSVP.

Important Notice - Wednesday Night Supper Prices

Due to rising food costs, the price of Wednesday Night Supper is increasing. Beginning **Wednesday (January 22)**, the new prices will be:

Children up to age 12 - \$5, Adults - \$10, Maximum per household - \$30

Please note:

While this price increase is necessary, we do not want it to be a burden on anyone, nor would we ever turn away anyone who couldn't afford the cost of a meal. If this would be a financial burden for you, please see Sherry, Michael, or one of our pastors. The conversation would remain confidential.

If you prefer, you can pay online using the QR code.

