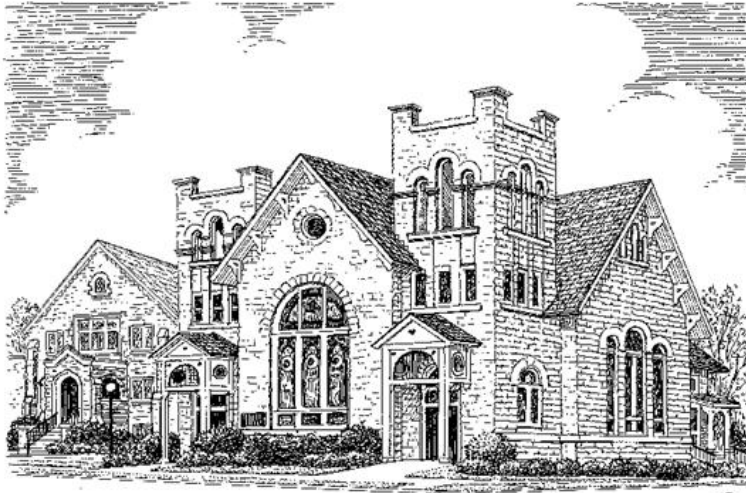


Welcome to



*First United Methodist Church*  
West Point, Georgia

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024



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Rev. Ed Archer, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Mychal Ellis, Associate Pastor

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*Invite. Grow. Serve.*

# The Worship of God

Prelude *"The Father's Rose"* arr. Mark Hayes  
Tonya Frank, Soloist  
Gail Douglas

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Mychal Ellis

Choral Call to Worship *"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"* African American Spiritual  
Chancel Choir

\*Gathering Words Rev. Ellis

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!  
**As we gather to pray and sing and listen,  
a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**  
The days are surely coming, says Our God,  
when justice and righteousness will prevail.  
**May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,  
freeing us to respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jim and Pat Duttera

\*Hymn *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* UMH #196

Prayer Praises & Concerns Rev. Ellis

Choral Call to Prayer *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"* Elliot/Matthews  
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.**

Offertory Prayer Rev. Ed Archer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings



## Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

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.

*The Hope Banner in the sanctuary this morning was given to the glory of God and in memory of James (Jim) Barton by his family.*

*The pink rosebud on the altar this morning is in honor of Abigail May Porterfield, daughter of David and Lacey Porterfield, who was born on November 6. Bishop is Abby's proud big brother.*

### Prayer Concerns:

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

Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Robert Eason, Elmo Emily, Hamp Ferguson, Al and Jackie Hammer, Jacob Grubbs, Andy Mabrey, Sam and Barbara Payne, Lakin Rayfield, Barbara Ruddick, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Tracy Vaughn, Those Impacted by Storms, World Conflict, Our Country, Unspoken Requests

### *This Week at WPFUMC*

#### **Sunday, December 1**

5:00 pm: Youth Group

#### **Monday, December 2**

10 am: Drop-In Study  
4:00 pm: Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, December 3**

10:00 am: Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm: Food Closet  
6:00 pm: AA

#### **Wednesday, December 4**

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids and JC Crew  
6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

*Chicken/Wild Rice Casserole,  
Manager's Choice Veggie, Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert*

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

#### **Thursday, December 5**

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen  
6:00 pm: Drop-In Study

#### **Friday, December 6**

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

#### **Saturday, December 7**

9:00 am: Breakfast with Santa

## ADVENT AT WPFUMC

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### Christmas Toy Drive | Sanctuary

Bring an unwrapped toy for a child of any age between 12/1 and 12/8 to be delivered to the Christian Service Center in time for Christmas!

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Saturday, 9AM - 11AM | Zachry Center

### Breakfast with Santa

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Sunday, 5PM | Chapel

### Blue Christmas

DEC  
9 & 10

Monday & Tuesday, 6PM - 8PM | E 7th St Entrance

### Live Nativity

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Sunday, 11AM | Sanctuary

### Christmas Cantata

*Sit with your family Sunday - No Children's Church*

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Tuesday, 5PM | Sanctuary | Carols begin at 4:45PM

### Christmas Eve

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### Church Office Closed