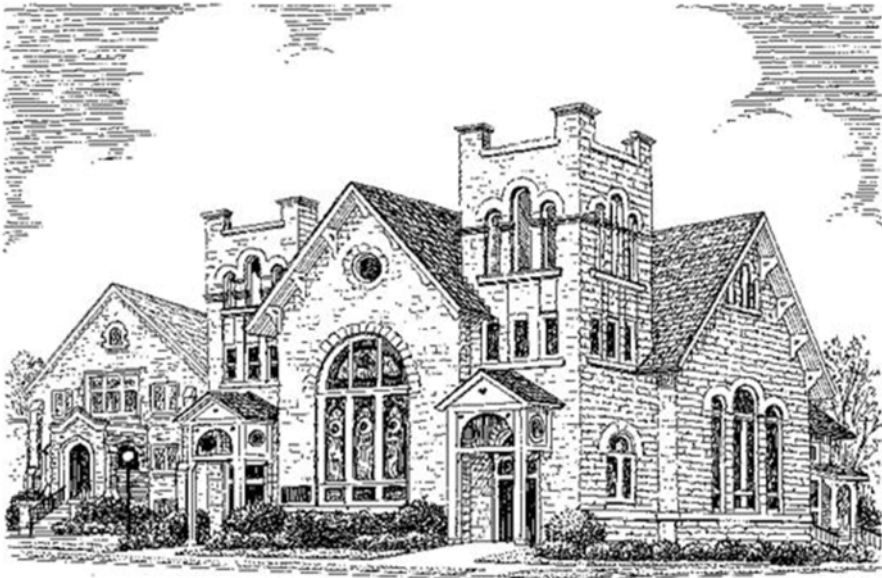


Welcome to



*First United Methodist Church*  
West Point, Georgia

Second Sunday After the Epiphany  
January 18, 2026



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*Invite. Grow. Serve.*

## The Worship of God

Prelude	<i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i> Gail Douglas	arr. Joel Raney
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Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Donnie Erwin-Brown
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Choral Call to Worship	<i>"Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving"</i> Chancel Choir	Nick Vangeloff
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Statement of Faith (UMH 883)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Hymn	<i>"I Know Whom I Have Believed"</i>	UMH #714
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Prayer Praises & Concerns		Rev. Erwin-Brown
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Choral Call to Prayer	<i>"In This Quiet Moment"</i> Chancel Choir	Larry Mayfield
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Erwin-Brown
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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	"Jesus, Name Above All Names"	FWS #2071
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Erwin-Brown
Offertory	"Here I Am to Worship" Gail Douglas	Hughes/Tornquist
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
*Doxology	<b>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.</b>	
*Passing of the Peace	<i>As the children come forward, you are invited to take a few moments to greet those near you.</i>	
Children's Moment		Rev. Erwin-Brown
Anthem	"Lamb of God" Twila Paris/Choral Setting: Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir	
	Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.	
	Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.	
	Refrain	
	O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.	
	I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. R	
*Scripture Reading	John 1:29-42	Rev. Erwin-Brown
Sermon	"What Is Our Best Advertisement?"	Rev. Erwin-Brown
*Hymn	"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"	UMH #334
*Benediction		Rev. Erwin-Brown
*Choral Benediction	"The Lord Bless You" Chancel Choir	Hal Hopson
*Postlude	"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Gail Douglas	McGranahan/Hayes

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

UMH—United Methodist Hymnal FWS—Faith We Sing

## Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

We greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you require assistance in some way, please see an usher. A nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level. Should you have questions concerning baptism, church membership, or your spiritual journey, please reach out to Pastor Ed. May you experience and know the peace and love of God always!

*The Name Above All Names Banner in the sanctuary this morning was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Yancey Jernigan, IV by Bill and Martha Scott and friends.*

### Prayer Concerns:

Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, Bentley Bryant, Stan Chesson, Sharon Cowart, Jacob Grubbs, Al and Jackie Hammer, Vivian Harrell, George and Diane Hester, Cindy Smith Huff, David Kelly, Laura Henderson O'Rourke, Laura Pratesi, Katie O'Rourke Price, Margaret Rollison, Barbara Ruddick, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Nelle Sturdivant, Rev. Joe Watson, World Conflicts, Our Country, Victims of violence, Those suffering from dementia and their families, Unspoken Requests

*Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Toni Wunch on the loss of her father, Bobby McWhorter, who passed away on January 12.*

### THIS WEEK AT WPFUMC...

#### Sunday, January 18

12:15 pm: Handbells

#### Monday, January 19

Church office closed.

#### Tuesday, January 20

9:45 am: Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

#### Wednesday, January 21

12:00 pm: Lunch and Learn

5:30 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

*Vegetable-Beef Soup, Chili, Chicken 'n Dumplings, Cornbread, Salad Bar, Dessert*

6:00 pm: Kingdom Kids and JC Crew

6:30 pm: Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, January 22

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

#### Friday, January 16

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast



The church office will be closed Monday in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.