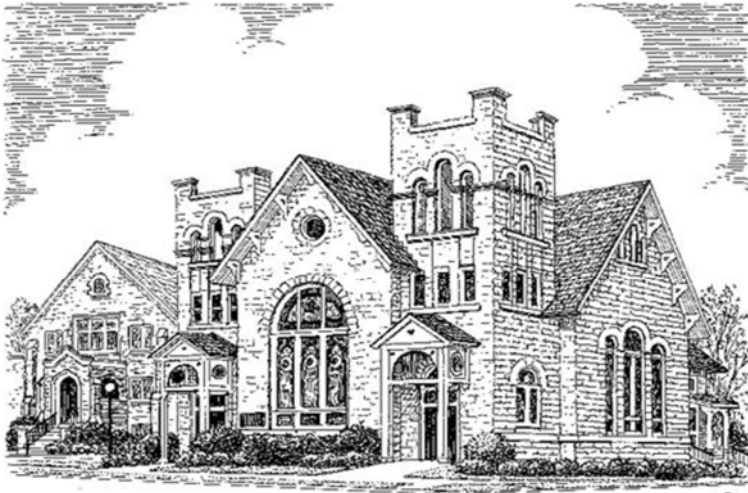


Welcome to



First United Methodist Church
West Point, Georgia

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2025



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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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury/Berry
Gail Douglas
- Welcome and Announcements Rev. Mychal Ellis
- Choral Call to Worship "Come, Let Us Sing" Ruth Elaine Schram
Chancel Choir
- *Affirmation of Faith Rev. Ellis
- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152
- Prayer Praises & Concerns Rev. Ellis
- Choral Call to Prayer "All I Need Is You" Adler/arr. Butler-Moore
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

Offertory Anthem

“Run, Run, Children”
Chancel Choir

Schram and Schram

Run, Run, you can run.
Refrain

Run, run, children, run all day; you can run, but you can't get away.
Run, run, children, run all night; you can run but you cannot hide.

From the rising in the morning to the setting of the sun,
our God's love is ev'rywhere, to hold us close even though we run.
Over mountains, through the valleys, in the air and under the sea,
our God's love is ev'rywhere, and it's anywhere that we can be.R

It's eternal, unconditional, and no matter where we go,
our God's love is ev'rywhere from the highest high to the lowest low.

There is no escape, ev'ry step we take only brings us closer in.
We're surrounded, we're astounded at the height and depth of God's great love.R

Run, Run, you can run, but you can't get away from God's love.

*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. Archer

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

Children's Moment

Rev. Ellis

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

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:1-4

Rev. Archer

Sermon

“Religious, But Not Obedient”

Rev. Archer

Holy Communion

*Hymn

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

UMH #129

*Benediction

Rev. Archer

*Choral Benediction

“May the Peace of God”
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

*Postlude

“Lead On, O King Eternal”
Gail Douglas

Smart/Berry

****Please stand as you are able.***
UMH—United Methodist Hymnal

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 Communion Banners in the sanctuary this morning were given to the glory of God and in memory of Fletcher Helms by Faye Helms and Family and in memory of Jim Partain by family and friends.

Prayer Concerns:

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

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

This Week at WPFUMC

Monday, February 3
4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, February 4
1:00 pm: Food Closet
6:00 pm: Wesley Covenant Study
6:00 pm: AA

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

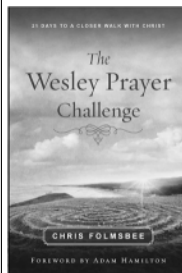
Baked Ziti, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert
7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 6
12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, February 7
6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast



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.



The Wesley Prayer Challenge
Dig deeper into the Wesley Covenant Prayer with Pastor Mychal! This three week challenge (four meeting times) invites us to pray the Covenant Prayer each day and to reflect on specific words and how they relate to the whole. Tuesdays, 6-7:00 pm in the New Beginnings room downstairs.