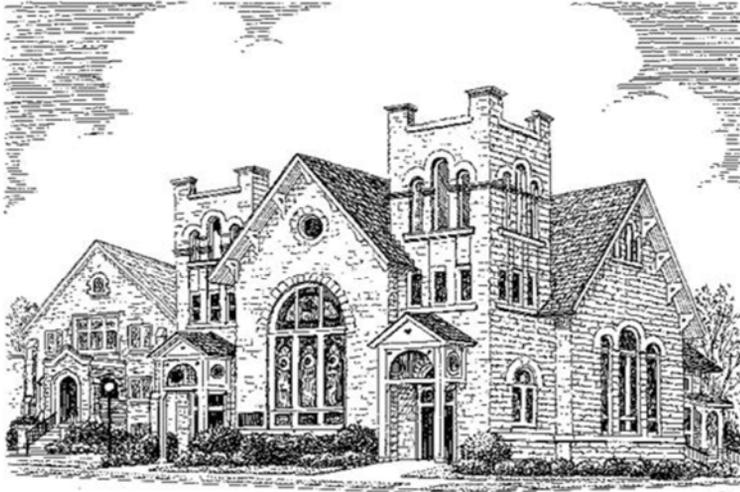


Welcome to



*First United Methodist Church*  
West Point, Georgia

March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent



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Rev. Ed Archer, Pastor

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*Invite. Grow. Serve.*

# The Worship of God

Prelude "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Mason / Pethel  
Gail Douglas

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Ed Archer

Choral Call to Worship "Grace Flows Down" Bell, Giglio, Padgett  
Chancel Choir

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

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 "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

Prayer Praises & Concerns Rev. Archer

Choral Call to Prayer "Renew Our Spirits, O Lord" Traditional  
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Archer

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. Archer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

*There is a Redeemer*” Words and Music: Green/Choral Setting: Schrader  
Chancel Choir

There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God’s own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. R

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
there I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place. R

\*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

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

Children’s Moment

Rev. Archer

\*Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Rev. Archer

Sermon

“God’s Love”

Rev. Archer

Holy Communion

\*Hymn

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389

\*Benediction

Rev. Archer

\*Choral Benediction

“God Has Shown Us What Is Good”  
Chancel Choir

Hal Hopson

\*Postlude

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”  
Gail Douglas

Sweney / Sprunger

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

## 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 Follow Me Lenten Banner in the sanctuary this morning was given to the glory of God and in honor of the November 2006 wedding of Ellen and Marshall Sapp by their friends.*

*The Name Above All Names Banner 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, Hamp Ferguson, Jacob Grubbs, Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester, Cindy Smith Huff, Nell Oates, Katherine Parker, Laura Pratesi, Barbara Ruddick, Bill Scott, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Nelle Sturdivant, Harriet Tyler, Pam Borders Vaughan, World Conflicts, Our Country, Victims of violence, Victims of fire and natural disaster, Those suffering from dementia and their families, Unspoken Requests

*Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Carole Wood on the loss of her granddaughter, Carley Wood, who passed away on February 20.*

### THIS WEEK AT WPFUMC...

#### Sunday, March 1

12:15 pm: Handbells

#### Monday, March 2

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

#### Tuesday, March 3

9:45 am: Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

#### Wednesday, March 4

12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch and Learn

5:30 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

*Greek Chicken, Rice,  
Manager's Choice Veggie,  
Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert*

6:30 pm: Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, March 5

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

6:00 pm: Game Night

#### Friday, March 6

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

## LENT-EASTER SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday Dinner—April 2, 5:30 pm**

**Good Friday/Tenebrae Worship—April 3, 6:00 pm—Chapel**

**Easter Egg Hunt—April 4, 11:00 am**

**Easter Sunday—April 5**

**Sunrise Worship, 7:00 am—River Park**

**Morning Worship, 11:00 am—Sanctuary**

### Lenten Lunch and Learn Study

5 weeks beginning March 4

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon—Banquet Room

Join Pastor Ed to look at some of the pointed questions Jesus asked during his teaching and mentoring ministry.

No materials required as any handouts will be provided.

Lunch - \$5 Call the church office to sign up!

The Leadership Board will meet next Sunday, March 8, immediately following Morning Worship.

Lunch will be provided.