

**Weekly Calendar Schedule**

**Sunday 12/22/19**

8:45a The Depot in the Fellowship Hall  
 9:00a Cookies & Coffee  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 10:30a Morning Worship  
 5:00p No Youth Activities today

**Monday 12/23/19**

10a-2p Christmas Day Camp

**Tuesday 12/24/19**

Church office/*Children First* are closed  
 5:30p Christmas Eve service/  
 Holy Communion

**Wednesday 12/25/19**

Merry Christmas!  
 Church office/*Children First* are closed

**Friday, 12/27/19**

6-9p Parents Night Out & Caroling  
 at the Okefenokee Swamp Park

**Ushers:** Phil Wysong, Jay Porter,  
 Jimmy Stewart III, Bryan Robbins,  
 David Rafus

**Stewardship**

Budget	\$531,687.00
YTD Received	\$503,642.00
Monthly Need	\$ 44,307.00
Monthly Received	\$ 37,233.00

**Online Giving is available.**

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*Waycross First United Methodist  
 Church Staff*

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>Rev. Mike Brown</i>
<i>Music Ministries</i>	<i>Serrell Zeigler</i>
<i>Pianist</i>	<i>Cindy Taylor</i>
<i>Children &amp; Sr. Adults</i>	<i>Ivy Kratzer</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Charlene Bennett-Hale</i>
<i>Preschool Director</i>	<i>Ann Lane</i>
<i>Custodian</i>	<i>Hailey Taylor</i>

**No need to miss a worship service! Here's how to stay connected:**

1. On Vyve Cable TV: Channel 15
2. Online: Go to [waycrossfirst.com](http://waycrossfirst.com). Choose "Sermons" then "Watch Live Sundays." You may watch live or recorded Sundays.

**The Altar Guild of First United Methodist Church would like to thank Patti White for her help refurbishing the creche.**

**Looking ahead:**

- No Youth Sunday School class today, Sunday, December 22.
- The UMW Circle will collect Christmas decorations again in January. As you begin to take down and pack up your tree, garland, ornaments, dishes, glasses, linens, etc., consider sharing those you no longer wish to use with others who would enjoy them. Please make sure they are clean and unbroken, and drop them off at the church office. We'll distribute them with our 2020 Thanksgiving boxes.
- The M&M's will not meet in December. See you on Sunday, January 26, 2020 @11:30a in the church Fellowship Hall.
- Church Night Supper will resume on January 15, 2020.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Brown will resume on January 22, 2020.



**First United  
 Methodist Church**

410 Williams St.  
 Waycross, Georgia  
 (912)283-2077  
 December 22, 2019  
 10:30 a.m.  
[www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com)

December 22, 2019

We're glad you're here!!

We are delighted that you joined us to worship today! So that we may know you better, please take a moment to complete the following and place in the offering plate.

Also, please **update** any information that we may already have on file.

**This connection card helps the office keep attendance that is turned into the conference on a monthly basis.**

**Your attendance is important!**

Please Print. Thanking you in advance!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1st time guest \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Attender \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request:

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Mike Brown

**Call to Worship**

"My Heart, Your Bethlehem"

Schram/ Gaines

**\*Hymn #234**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTES FIDELES

Verses 1, 3, 6

**\*A Modern Affirmation**

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
 there is one true church, apostolic and universal,  
 whose holy faith let us now declare:

**Congregation:**

**We believe in God the Father,  
 infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
 whose mercy is over all his works,  
 and whose will is ever directed to His children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
 Son of God and Son of man,  
 the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
 the ground of our hope,  
 and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 as the divine presence in our lives,  
 whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
 of the truth of Christ,  
 and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
 in the service of love  
 as set forth in the example of our Blessed Lord  
 to the end that the kingdom of God  
 may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri No. #71**

GREATOREX

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.

**Church Night Supper**

**will resume on Wednesday,  
January 15, 2020**

**Enjoy the blessings of the  
Christmas season, and share  
the goodness of Our Lord  
with everyone you meet!**

Notes to the church office....

**\*Greeting**

**Fourth Advent Candle** (see insert)

Forrest & Susan Sweat  
Chap & Lindsey Sweat

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Brown

**Lords Prayer**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**Children’s Moment**

Ivy Kratzer

**“Jesus Loves Me”**

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.  
**(Children may leave for children's church.)**

**\*Hymn #230**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

**Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Brown

**Offertory Anthem**

“Waiting”

Choplin

**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. Amen

**Laity Prayer**

Mark Hatfield

**Scripture**

Isaiah 7: 10-16

**Sermon**

“What Are We Looking For?  
Looking for a Sign”

Rev. Brown

**\*Hymn (see insert)**

“God Almighty, We Are Waiting”

HYFRYDOL

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Brown

**\*Response**

‘My Heart, Your Bethlehem’  
“I’ll make my heart Your Bethlehem,  
where You, O Lord, can enter in.  
Shine Your light, let Your life in me begin,  
and make my heart (and make my heart)  
Your Bethlehem.”

Schram/Gaines

**\*Postlude**

“Joy”

Caudill

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



Amris Bedford, Angie Bishop, Anna Bishop, Marsha Bishop, Marion Fesperman Block, Jason Bohem, Wanda Boyd, Marlene Brooker, Taylor Brooks, Gerry Broyles, Andy & Pat Byrd, Becky Poland Campbell, Kimberly Chapman, Seleta Culpepper, Jean Davis, Savannah Deal, Rick Fey, Jimmy Frances, Olive Griffin, Ruth Groover, Rhonda Hart, Donna Hetherington, Tommy Herrin, David Hutcheson, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Dori Jones, Tasha Kessler, Ronald Kirby, Butch Leonard, Clifford Marbut, Ally McIntire, Jeffery Merck, Ansley Morgan, Sarah Jolly Murray, Carole Fetchel Nolan, Alice O’Dell, Martha Paulk, Winifred Pierce, Lucie Putala, James Ray, Johnny Register, Rentz Family, Barbara Rodgers, David Grey Russell, Nita Skerratt, Jerry Sloan, Melissa Tyre Smith, Jim Sweat, Adam Swindell, Brock Thrift, Michael Van Osdol, Judy Vinson, Jimmy Walker, John Wheeler, Lee

Many thanks to all who shared items—including baked goods—for the silent auction on Wednesday, December 18.

All proceeds will help fund our Children’s Ministry in 2020.

Please remember that if you plan to use the church for meetings or gatherings, contact Charlene in the office to confirm dates on the church calendar.

**The Children’s Department continues activities through Christmas week!**

**Mark your Calendar!**

**Mon., Dec. 23 @10a-2p— Christmas Day Camp. \$20/participant**

**Fri., Dec. 27 @6-9p— PNO & Caroling at the OSP.**

**Contact Ms. Ivy with any questions and to sign up!**

**Pastor Mike’s Upcoming Sermons**

**December 24, 2019—Christmas Eve—Holy Communion**

**Title:** “Who’d’ve Thunk It?”

**Text:** Luke 2:1-20

**December 29, 2019—First Sunday after Christmas Day**

**Title:** “Christ Was Born for This”

**Text:** Mathew 2: 13-23

Place in the offering plate! Thank you!!