UNIFIED WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Advent - Blue

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH - The Fritz Roberts Family

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

(Chancel Bells)

(including "Away in a Manger" and "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella")

INTROIT

People, Look East

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear v.1,2,4

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*Children are dismissed for children's church, which is located in the Children's Building (Ages 3 through 1st grade only)

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Canticle of Light and Darkness

ADVENT REVOLUTION PRESENTATION

OFFERTORY

He is Born, the Divine Christ Child Steven Turner, organ

*DOXOLOGY

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Come Ye Faithful

Hal Hopson

(Follow along with the Insert)

POSTLUDE

*Let those who are able, please stand. This service is broadcast live at 11:00am on WTUF at 106.3FM and online: www.youtube.com/@ThomasvilleFirstMethodist

> Tim Peck, conductor Steven Turner, organ

Dr. Karl Barton, flute Sarita Gustely - Chancel Bells dir.

Chancel Choir

<u>Sopranos</u>	<u>Altos</u>	<u>Tenors</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Carol Dixon	Janice Avard	John Avard	Jesse Bootl
Dorothy Pauwels	Fran Puryear	Wayne Newsome	Bill James
Jess Pouranfar	Jennifer Vaughn	Tim Peck	Al Sanders
Marie Slenker	Sherri Whaley		
Dixon Van Hook	•		

Deb Wentworth

Chancel Bells Lay Readers Oscar Cook Jane Ashton Sharon Fykes **Brad Foskey Becky Sanders** Mary Gebel Brenda Slappey Miranda McInnis Erin Rehberg

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - DECEMBER 10, 2025 Dinner Served: 5:00pm until 6:00pm

Thomasville First **Methodist Church**



December 7, 2025



Children's Christmas Musical

Wednesday, December 10 6:15pm Fellowship Building

Presented By:

Children's Pre-K thru 2nd Crade Choir 3rd thru 5th Grade Orff Ensemble Children & Youth Handbell Choir

Directed By:

Linsey Cone Anna Carroll Gregory Jess Pouranfar Laurie Gunter

You are invited to a punch and cupcake reception immediately following

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025 9:15 Kid's Birthday Party for Jesus 9:15 Youth Sunday School 10:30am Unified Worship Service 4:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team 4:00pm Children/Youth Handbells 4:00pm Youth Council Meeting 5:00pm Youth Christmas Party 5:00pm Kids' Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:15pm Children's Christmas Program 6:00pm Youth Activities

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 5:00pm Youth (Middle School) Progressive Dinner (High School Dinner will be Sunday)

HOSPITAL AND CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Janet Barnes, Gary Blair, Pat Gainey, Welch Goggins, Diane Hayes, Gerrie Dixon Harris, Cheryl Harvey, Billy Hunt, Marie Hunt, Nell Jones, Mark King, Charlie McPherson, Amanda Ponder, Andy Seery, Jr., Margaret Simmons, Jacquee Smith, Hilda Walker, Beth White, Mable York *If God has answered the prayer and/or you would like to be removed from this list call the church

BIRTHDAYS

12/07: Heather Strickland

office and let us know.

12/08: Nic Evans, Reese Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Kate Oldham

12/09: Tommy Gibbs, Wendy Metty, Scott Pittman

12/10: Edward Bailey, Kathryn Bailey

12/11: Kathy Hardeman, Brent Moody, Sandra Ward

12/13: Grace Kinard, Jennifer Shiver

ATTENDANCE

Total In-Person Worship Attendance November 30th: 8:45 Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 Traditional Worship Service <u>170</u> Total 349

GIVING IS EASIER THAN EVER!

Your faithfulness and generosity enables ministry! There are now four ways you can give:

- Give online at <u>www.thomasvillefirstmethodist.com</u>
- Give through TXT text tfmcgive to 73256
- Checks can be mailed (P.O. Box 975 / Thomasville, GA 31799)
- Contributions can be brought to the Church Office

Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

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LLOYD'S SUPPER - SAVE THE DATE

Lloyd's Supper will be held December 17th at 5:30pm in Mary's Kitchen in Metcalfe. Please txt your reservations to Theresa Brown at (229)221-4250 by December 11. The cost is \$15 per person.

GET REALM!

Our church management software has a lot of features that benefit you and the church! Use this OR Code to download the "Realm Connect" app, and get your account set-up today!



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7 - Christmas Cantata: 10:30am Sanctuary* 9:15am Sunday School

Wednesday, December 10 (Fellowship Building):

5pm Wednesday Night Supper

6:15pm Children's Christmas Program & Reception*

<u>December 13-14</u>: Youth Progressive Dinners

Sunday, December 14 – 8:45am Contemp. & 11am Trdl. Services*

Sunday, December 21 – 8:45am Contemp. & 11am Trdl. Services*

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24

4pm Contemporary Service (Fellowship Bldg)* **6pm** Traditional Service (Sanctuary)*

Services include Communion & Candle Lighting

Sunday, December 28 – 10:30am Unified Worship (Sanctuary)

*No Sunday School

*Nursery Care available where indicated

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY SMALL GROUPS **BEGINNING IN JANUARY**

The Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple - A practical, easy-to-follow resource designed to help participants understand what it truly means to follow Jesus. It outlines the core foundations of discipleship—developing a daily relationship with God, learning Scripture, forming Christlike character, and living out faith through obedience and service. Led by Ken Myers, this elective will meet either Wednesday morning at 10 or Wednesday night at 6.

Invitation: A Bible Study to Begin With - An introductory study designed to help people step into Scripture with confidence, clarity, and curiosity. It focuses on the essentials—how to read the Bible, understand its overarching story, and engage with God personally through His Word. It is intended to help participants build a solid foundation, grow in Biblical understanding, and develop a meaningful habit of studying Scripture. Pastor Scott will lead this class on Wednesday evenings, and Tim Peck will lead a Zoom study on Thursday evenings at 7.

Please make sure you sign-up so we can assure you will have a book for the initial class meeting. You can do so one of two ways - either through Realm or by calling the Church Office (229) 226-0840.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jim & Brenda Slappey

THE CHURCH STAFF

Please note the church email domain is @thomasvillefirstmethodist.com

Rev. Scott Stanfill - Senior Minister email: sstanfill

Nicolas Mandolini - Youth Director

email: nmandolini Rev. Dr. Ken Myers - Director of

Discipleship - email: kmyers Kym Naylor - Office Assistant

email: office

Tim Peck - Director of Worship Arts email: tpeck

Dr. Jess Pouranfar - 3rd-5th Children's

Kathrvn Prothro - Director of YLA email: kprothro

Peggy Taylor - Financial Secretary email: ptaylor

Ministries - email: mrumfelt

Steven Turner - Organist email: sturner

Barbara Waits - Visitation

email: bwaits

Floyd White - Church Administrator email: fwhite

Martha Rumfelt - Director of Children's

Custodial Team:

Ralph Minor - Custodian Martin Naylor - Custodian

SUPPORT FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

The Fountain of Life Rescue Shelter is in need of undergarments, socks, jackets, towels/blankets, toiletry/cleaning supplies and bottled water. There are still Dinner Donation dates that are open: Feb.15, March 1, April 5, April 19, May 3, May 17, & June 7. The Ornament Fundraiser Sale for \$20 per ornament is being sold in the Fellowship Building. March 21st will be the Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser.

TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS!

The Altar Guild will use red poinsettias in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Building this holiday season. If you would like to give a plant in honor of or memory of someone, please contact the Church Office (226-0840). Each plant is \$14.00, plants may be picked up after the December 24th Communion Service. Deadline for purchase is Friday, December 14th.

CONFIRMATION 2026

In the Methodist tradition, sutdents in the 6th grade and above have the opportunity to become full members of the church. To help them make an informed decision, the church offers an annual Confirmation class that explores the fundamentals of the Christian faith, what it menas to be a Methodist, and what it means to be a member of the church.

While this class and retreat are designed for 6th graders, older students who have not yet been confirmed are also welcome to participate. More information will be shared in the next few weeks.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the class, please let Nic Mandolini, Director of Youth Ministry, know. nmandolini@ thomasvillefirstmethodist.com

ROOTED STEWARDSHIP 2026

Our Financial Secretary reports that over 84% of the proposed budget for 2026 has been pledged. We are so grateful for your generosity! If you have not yet done so, please make your pledge (through Realm or with a pledge card) so that we may shape the budget for 2026.