

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent - Blue

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH - The Warnock Family

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      E. Barnes

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CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*                      203

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      881

GLORIA PATRI                      71

\*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

ADVENT REVOLUTION PRESENTATION

OFFERTORY                      *In Dulci Jubilo*                      Traditional German

\*DOXOLOGY                      95

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION                      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*                      213

\*THE WRITTEN WORD                      John 1:14

THE SPOKEN WORD                      **"And Lived Among Us"**                      Rev. Scott Stanfill

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT                      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*                      206

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH SONG

POSTLUDE                      *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*                      R. Prichard

\***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](https://www.youtube.com/@ThomasvilleFirstMethodist)*

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Thomasville First  
Methodist Church



December 14, 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us as we celebrate together the gift of Jesus on Christmas Eve! We offer Worship Services in two distinct styles:

**4pm Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Building)**

**6pm Traditional Worship (Sanctuary).**

In each Service, we will receive Communion and light Candles during *Silent Night*. Our 4pm Service will feature a special lesson for our Children! Nursery Care is available for each Service. As we love to sing, "Christ the Savior is born!"

Lloyd's Supper Schedule

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. Come join us.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025</b> 8:45am Contemporary Worship 9:45/10:00am Sunday School Classes 11:00am Traditional Worship Service 4:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team 5:00pm Senior High Youth Progressive Dinner	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025</b> 9:30-10:00am YLA Christmas Program  <b>Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025</b> YLA Christmas Break Starts 5:30pm Lloyd's Supper (Mary's Kitchen in Metcalfe) 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Trustee meeting 7:15pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
<b>Monday, Dec. 15, 2025</b> 10:30-11:00am 1's YLA Christmas Program	

**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, Becky Sanders, Andy Seery, Jr., 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 office and let us know.*

**BIRTHDAYS**  
12/14: Molly Cone  
12/15: Marjorie Baker, Amy House  
12/16: Oscar Cook  
12/17: Paige Parkerson  
12/18: Hallie Turner, Olivia Rawlins  
12/19: Martha Grace Dixon, Suzanne Dixon, Mallory Fletcher, Renee Marcinski, Hank McGrotha, Beth White  
12/20: Ashley Brents, John Parrish, Angie Turner

ATTENDANCE	
Total In-Person Worship Attendance December 7th:	
10:30 Combined Worship Service	<u>270</u>
Total	270

**GIVING IS EASIER THAN EVER!**  
Your faithfulness and generosity enables ministry! There are now four ways you can give:

- Give online at [www.thomasvillefirstmethodist.com](http://www.thomasvillefirstmethodist.com)
- 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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**GET REALM!**

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

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
December 14: 5:00pm Youth High School Progressive Dinner  
Sunday, December 21 – 8:45am Contemp. & 11am Trdl. Services\*  
Wednesday, December 24: – **Christmas Eve Service**  
**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*

**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.

**TECH TRAINING WORKSHOP 1/10**  
If you've ever wondered how to use the technology in our Worship Services, or wanted to get involved in our Tech Booths, join us Saturday, January 10 @ 10am in the Fellowship Building for a Technology Training Workshop with Tim Peck. Members of our Tech Teams will be on hand to help demonstrate the different tech areas, such as Visual Media (computer/slides), lights, camera, video switching, and audio. No experience necessary, just an interest in technology and a calling to serve! Contact Tim Peck for more information: [tpeck@thomasvillefirstmethodist.com](mailto:tpeck@thomasvillefirstmethodist.com).

**ADVENT REVOLUTION UPDATE**  
We have started the Advent off strong with over \$8,000 in donations toward our \$30,000.00 goal. Your generosity will build another school room, provide fruit trees, food bags, and water filters in Guatemala. Locally it will provide a washer and dryer for the Foutain of Life homeless shelter, as well as sheets and blankets, coats, mittens, and hats for those using the shelter. Remember, Christmas was meant to change the world!  
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**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
We are excited to share that Disciple Now 2026 is on the way! This year, we'll be partnering with multiple South Georgia churches for a powerful weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth from Friday, January 16th through Sunday, January 18th, 2026. Don't wait—reserve your spot for this incredible experience! We are also seeking host homes for the weekend. If you are willing to welcome youth into your home from January 16–18, please contact Nic Mandolini. If finances are the only barrier keeping you or your student from attending DNOW, please let us know—we would love to help. For any questions, please reach out to Nicolas Mandolini, Director of Youth Ministry.



**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**  
8:45am  
We aim to worship God with our whole selves in our family-friendly Fellowship Building, seeking to honor God through engaging and reflective Contemporary Worship music. Our Worship Service is centered in the prayers and creeds foundational to our Christian living. There are many ways to get involved in our service too! You are always welcome to worship at TFMFC.

<u>Today's Songs</u> <i>Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)</i> <i>Bless God</i> <i>Come Jesus Come</i> <i>Emmanuel</i> <i>God With Us</i>	<u>Today's Teaching</u> <b>"And Lived Among Us"</b> John 1:14 Rev. Scott Stanfill
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**Worship Team:** Demarcus Barron - drums; Linsey Cone - vocals; Chad Parkerson - ac. guitar, vocals; Tim Peck - keys, vocals; John Streets - bass, vocals; Kyle Swann - el. guitar; Austin Taylor - el. guitar; Julie von Hellens - vocals  
**Tech Team:** Jessica Durante - visual media; Antony Stape - sound op

**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, students 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 means 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](mailto: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.

**FOOD BANK AND OUTREACH CENTER**  
The Food Bank and Outreach Center is collecting 2026 calendars for our clients. Calendars can be dropped off at the Food Bank during opening hours (holiday hours my vary) or at the church office.