

Sunny Side United Methodist Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

Welcome to all of you who are worshipping with us today!
(First-time visitors, please fill out the visitor's card in the pew and place in offering plate, so we may know how best to serve you).

Gathering Music

Welcome & Call to Worship

Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us His presence among us.

We come with hopeful expectation, trusting in our faithful God!

Children of God, be alert; look and listen! God has come near to build His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Will you join God in what He is doing?

Yes! YES! We have come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, to wait, to hope, and to celebrate His loving presence among us.

Prelude

(Our hope is in the Name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth).

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v 1,2,4,6,7)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath-

Response: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His Name is called, Emmanuel.*

God with us, revealed in us, His Name is called Emmanuel.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" arr. by Tom Fettle

"All on a Starry Night" by Joseph Graham

Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture: Romans 15:1-7, 13

Message: Believing and Hoping

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

*Benediction

*Postlude

Tom Robinson

Nancy Kelley

Jonna McRae

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Bob and Emily Gilbert

Tom Robinson

Nancy Kelley

Rev. JoAn Kinrade

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Jonna McRae

*You are invited to stand at this point in the service as you are able.
Please turn all cell phones off or on vibrate during the worship service.

**"Our Mission at Sunny Side is:
to help people KNOW Jesus Christ personally,
GROW in Christ-like maturity, and
GO into the world with the message of Christ."**

Serving in Worship:

Organist: Jonna McRae

Pianist: Tom Robinson

Song Leader: Susan McDowell

Children's Church: Bonnie Whalen, Linda Simmons, Robin Sims

Today, we welcome members of the Sun City Peachtree Singers and their director, Bruce Campbell. Thank you for enhancing worship this morning and helping us to focus on Jesus Christ, the Greatest Gift of All!

Website: www.sunnysidega-umc.org/

<https://www.facebook.com/sunnysidegaumc>

Sunday School for Children and Adults: 10 am on Sundays

Prayer Requests: Bob Wooster, Walter Lawrence, Alice Crews- new cancer diagnosis, Brenda Hawbecker and family, following the death of Brenda's sister, Mimi Young and family following the death of Mimi's mother, David Crowder, Bennie Watson, Wanda and Richard O'Neal, Mindy and Olivia Love, Susan and Bob Francis, Rosalyn and Carl Hayes, Janice Meadows

Celebrations: The Food Pantry served 210 families in November! Thanks to all the volunteers who were the Hands, Feet, and Hearts of Christ.

Pastoral Care: Rev. JoAn Kinrade (770) 328-6172, joan.kinrade@ngumc.net

United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch: Women of the church are invited to Sun City Peachtree Golf Club, Saturday, December 7, 10:30am. Cost is \$22.00 (DUE TODAY).

Griffin Choral Arts Christmas Concert, "Brightest & Best", December 10, 7:30, at the First Baptist Church of Griffin. Anyone interested in tickets, please contact Nancy Kelley. Tickets are \$20 each

This Afternoon: Blue Christmas Service, 3pm- A Service to help persons prepare for the Holidays, especially when Christmas is hard, overwhelming, or stressful. Everyone will benefit from this service of comfort, with beautiful music and time for quiet reflection and prayer. Please come!

For your Calendars:

- Wednesday, Dec. 4** Food Pantry, Volunteers report at **8:15am**
Bible Study, **5:30pm** (Read Colossians 1)
- Saturday, Dec. 7** United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch, **10:30am**,
- Sunday, Dec. 15** A Special Service of Lessons and Carols, **11am**
- Wednesday, Dec. 18** Food Pantry, Volunteers report at **8:15am**
- Saturday, Dec. 21** Distribution of Christmas Turkey Boxes. **9-11am**
- Tuesday, Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, **6pm**

Prayer Chain: If you or someone you know has an immediate prayer need (serious illness, hospitalization, surgery, tests, etc.), please call or text **Mimi Young (813-210-6877)** to activate the prayer chain.

Card Ministry: Please contact Nancy Worthington at (678) 572-4391 with names and addresses of anyone we can send a card to. Cards allow us an opportunity to let people know they are in our thoughts & prayers.

Altar Flowers: To place a floral arrangement in memory or honor of an occasion or loved one, please contact Freddie Davis (706) 476-2345.

Weekly Bulletins: Bulletin information and announcements should be sent to Gay Whitman at gay_whitman@yahoo.com and Janice Kulp at j.mamu.kulp@gmail.com.

Food Pantry:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 9am. (All volunteers need to be at church by **8:15am**)

Food Delivery Truck: All volunteers need to be at church by **12:00**

GIVING REPORT

Annual Budget:	\$144,406.00
YTD Tithes and Offerings:	\$122,203.97
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$ 12,033.90
Month to Date Tithes and Offerings – November	\$ 8,754.97