

Sunny Side United Methodist Church
December 29, 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 we can best serve you).

Gathering Music

Tom Robinson

Welcome and Call to Worship

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

God has come to make a home among us!

Yet, the story is not over. After a birth comes the ordinary and mundane: growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us.

Prelude

Jonna McRae

(Use this time to give God thanks for all that you have seen, felt, and experienced this week, then let God know what you need. What do you long for)?

*Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

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*The Nicene Creed

880

*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: "Once in Royal David's City"

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

Request to sing your favorites!

Offertory

Tom Robinson

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

Laura Love

Scripture: Luke 2: 22-38 as told by Richard Exley in *The Indescribable Gift*

Message: Searching for a Sign

Rev. JoAn Kinrade

*Hymn: "There's a Song in the Air"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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

Ushers:

Richard Overley, Don Smith

Sound and Livestream:

Charlie Love, Janice Kulp

Children's Church:

Bonnie Whalen, Linda Simmons, Robin Sims

Website: www.sunnysidega-umc.org/

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

Prayer Requests: Nancy Locke's son-in-law Rick Forcum, David Crowder, Allen Gregg, Walter Lawrence, Janice Meadows, Bennie Watson, Wanda and Richard O'Neal, Mindy and Olivia Love, Susan and Bob Francis, Rosalyn and Carl Hayes and their son, Bob, Lois Head- knee replacement on Jan. 22.

Adult Bible Study begins Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Please order your own book and read the Introduction and Session 1 for the first meeting.

Invitation to John: A Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study, by Robert D. Kysar

From Pastor JoAn: My dear church family, I was overwhelmed and humbled by your extremely generous love offering given to me, in addition to the cards and other gifts. You have blessed my family and me abundantly and words can't begin to express my appreciation! I'm so very thankful to be your pastor and give thanks for the opportunities to worship and serve with you. Please accept my thanks for the many ways you express your love and care. I love you!

Dear church family,

Thank you for the love offering. It was a pleasant surprise. I love working as a member of the worship team to prepare and bring a worshipful experience to our congregation each Sunday. My mission is to help us all to praise God and bring glory to his kingdom here on earth thru my music. I receive blessings from all of you each Sunday.
Tom.

Sweet church family,

Thank you for your love offering at Christmas this year and for the many service opportunities our church offers. I am so thankful that I came to Sunnyside United Methodist, a loving and mission centered church, where all can serve abundantly!
Blessings, Janice

Outreach Ministries: Thanks be to God for the opportunities to join Him in serving the community and contributing to mission projects around the world! Locally this year, our church has been actively serving in several ways:

- Partnership in Education with Beaverbrook Elementary School
- Food Pantry on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (150+ families/month)
- Men's Club Chicken Leg Quarter Sale for the Community
- Summer Lunches for Children during the month of July
- United Women in Faith Holiday Bazaar (100% of proceeds goes to missions)
- Providing Christmas gifts for 3 Beaverbrook Families
- Christmas Turkey Dinner boxes for 130 families in the community

You are invited to participate in any of these outreach ministries. Where do you feel God calling you to serve?

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), Sylvia Avery, or Pastor JoAn, 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.

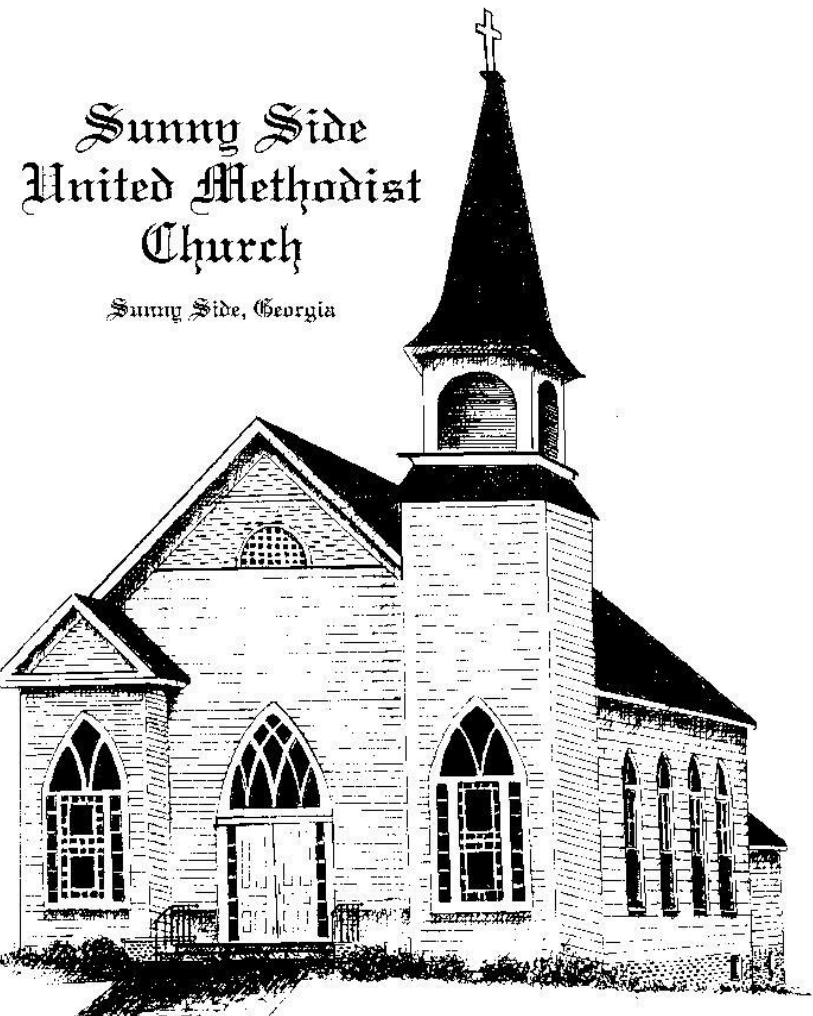
Food Pantry:

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:	\$131,755.97
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$ 12,033.90
Month to Date Tithes and Offerings – December	\$ 9,552.00



Rev. JoAn Kinrade

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