

In Our Prayers:

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Welcome to Worship Covid Style

We are holding a 10:00 a.m. worship service inside our sanctuary. Seating in pews is arranged for social distancing and masks are required. Masks will be available if you forget yours. Ushers will escort you to your seat. Because seating is limited we are asking that you call the church office and let us know that you will be attending so we can reserve you a seat. You can call Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Fellowship Hall is being used as an overflow room where the service can be viewed in real time. You will be able to continue to worship in the parking lot as the FM 89.9 will still be operating. The service will also be streaming live on [facebook.com/ellijayfumc](https://www.facebook.com/ellijayfumc).

The Sunday message will continue to be loaded onto YouTube. This will be available on Monday mornings. In the search window type the date and ellijay for example:

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This will bring up this past Sunday's message.

Faith by the Fire!!

Our newest worship opportunity!!

Bring your own chair, pick a spot by the fire and listen to the live 10:00 worship service. One added bonus to this style of worship is the available coffee cart. (Cups will be provided but don't forget your chair!) See you by the fire!

December 27, 2020 Worship Service We are so glad that you are here today. Let us worship God together.

Announcements

Prelude Sing We Now of Christmas arr. by Mark Hayes

Hymn of Praise Angels We Have Heard on High

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Special Music

Come Darkness, Come Light

by Mary Chapin Carpenter
Vocalist: Warren Williams

Hymn of Preparation

There's a Song in the Air

Scripture

Luke 2:22-38

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Sermon

Dr. Thom Shores

"Low Season"

Closing Hymn

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Benediction

Postlude

Gloria

arr. by James J. Coyle



Preschool Fundraiser ~ Honey Baked Gift Cards

<https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/ChildrenFUMC>

Production Team Being formed

We have discovered during this pandemic how important having an online presence is. Not only has it provided a means for reaching a large number of our congregation on Sundays, it has also become a way to reach new people that are worshipping with us each week.

Because of its importance on into the future, even beyond the pandemic, we are forming a production team. Our staff person, Zack Kepley will help direct and train members of this team.

If you would like to become part of this important outreach ministry of our church, please contact the church office or the pastor. You do not have to have any experience with sound or video equipment. We will be providing all the training you will need to provide a great image of our church to the online and in house worshippers.

Should be 15 years old or older, male or female, and wanting to help others receive a wonderful worship experience.



The Church Staff greatly appreciates your generosity during this Christmas Season. Thank you for the generous gift from the church and the many individual gifts. Your kindness, love and support mean the world to all of us.

Sincerely,
Your Church Staff

The church office will reopen on Monday, January 4.

