

### 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 6, 2020 Worship Service

We are so glad that you are here today.

Let us worship God together.

Announcements

Prelude

Glad Noel

Ensemble  
by Knox/Wilson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Our lists are long, even in this strange mess where we live these days. And we want to do it right, we want to be safe, but we want to be able to enjoy the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

**All: The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When God come in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.**

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of our faith that the God we worship is not far from us and that we can clear the way for God to come and dwell with us. We light these candles in faith that company is coming.

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Hymn of Praise

Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates

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                      Mary Did You Know?                      Kimberly Weber  
by Lowry/Greene

Hymn of Preparation    O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture    Isaiah 40:3-5  
**A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Sermon    Dr. Thom Shores  
"Highways"

Closing Hymn    Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction

Postlude    The First Noel  
arr. by Willcocks

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**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.



**Advent Study**

Allan Tarr is leading an Advent Study in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. each Monday during Advent. If you would like to receive session handouts in advance, please email [allantarr@gmail.com](mailto:allantarr@gmail.com).

**Christmas Eve Service  
will be held on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.**

