

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!

January 3, 2021 Worship Service We are so glad that you are here today. Let us worship God together.

Announcements

Prelude Alleluia from "Exultate Jubilate" by W. A. Mozart

Hymn of Praise The First Noel

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

We Three Kings

Vocalists:

Thom Shores, Allan Tarr & Sam Burcham

Hymn of Preparation

Jesus Shall Reign

Scripture

John 1:18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ “) Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him know.

Sermon

“Where We Belong”

Dr. Thom Shores

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Benediction

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

arr. by Larry Shackley



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.