

Week at a Glance: November 24-30

Sunday 1pm: Singles Mingles Game Day @ EFUMC
 Monday 9-11am - Decorate for Advent. All are welcome!
 Wednesday through Saturday—the Church Office will be closed
 Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!



It's Time to Decorate for Advent!

Come join the Altar Guild on Monday, 11/25 from 9-11am as we prepare our sanctuary for the Advent Season.



We welcome all helpers—men too!
 Marylyn Vail can be reached at 404.625.0138.

Ladies of the Church

Please plan to join the Claddagh Circle's "Joyful Noise" singers as we carol at the Manor Lake cottages on Monday, December 9 at 6 pm. Words to songs will be provided as well as background music. Many of our church members live there and this event is always a blessing to all. We hope you will join us!



Heartful Thanks from the Preschool Staff



Children First Preschool would like to express our thanks to the United Methodist Men for their kind and generous love and appreciation they showered us with for Thanksgiving! We would also like to give a shoutout to the Cornerstone Sunday School for your kindness and generosity you share with the staff for their birthdays! We are very grateful and thankful to serve God and share His Love with the Preschool kids here at Ellijay First! Love, Marianne, Kelsey, Julie, Tammy, Candra, Cheryl, Tia, Angie, Pam, Sarah, Sara Beth

Financial Report

Thank you to the Congregation for your generous tithes and offerings. Last week, \$3,277 was received.
 Housekeeping Message: If you are writing a check for any specific area of the Church, please write the "pay to the order of" line as Ellijay First United Methodist Church and put the designated area you want your to contribute to on the memo line. If there is no specific area you want to donate to, please leave the memo line blank. Thank you!



Church Lock-up Schedule

11/24: Hank Chapman
 12/01: Lloyd Vautrot
 12/08: Charlie Leonard



11/25: Betty Perry
 11/25: Wanda Sandels
 11/29: Bonnie Wells

Help Wanted—The Warming Center is in need of volunteers to provide meals, stay overnight, or to provide transportation. If you are willing to serve over the winter, please contact Rachel Tarr (rachel.tarr@yahoo.com) or 770-316-4934 for sign up and for more information.

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Kingdoms come and kingdoms go, but the kingdom and reign of Jesus Christ will endure forever.

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.
 Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks

General

Emma Ford
 Missionary
 Roger & Dorothy
 Rainwater

Surgery /Upcoming

Earline Crooke
 Barbara Fogle
 Nancy Smith

Hospice

Bob Hix
 Tom Lowery Sr
 Richard Manning
 Bill Patton

Health

Doug Bater
 Ed Boyd
 Kyle Bullington
 Joan Compton
 Paul Compton
 Earline Copley
 Allen Fanelli
 Sharon Fletcher
 Jessica Good
 Betty Jo Hanes

Joe Knight

Gail Laws
 Rylan Leeper
 Shannon Leeper
 Jackie Leva
 John Mahan
 Ken Makant
 Karen Vitelli
 Mike Vitelli

Surgery/Recuperating

Terry Copeland
 Pat Daniels
 John Marshall
 Lynn Perry

Shut-In

Peter Adams
 Marlene Brown
 Ernette Calhoun
 Jim Hagopian
 Mack Hipp
 Rudi Lanehardt
 Peggy Puckett
 Caryl Putnan
 Margie Pyren
 Myron Seagraves
 Paul Stanhope
 Mary Uthlaut
 Valerie Weiss
 Robert Westmoreland

Caregiver

Joy Fanelli
 Carolyn Hipp
 Ruth Hix
 Mary Jo Lowery
 Lorraine Seagraves
 Joan Stanhope

Death in Family

Family of Charlie Woehr
 Family of Clifford
 Albert Padgett
 Family of Jeanne Munson
 Family of Jim Pinson
 Family of Skylar
 Wornbough
 Family of Terry Lowe



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Sunday, November 24, 2024

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Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sun-

*The Liturgical Color is White
The Worship of God*

The Prelude - "Now Thank We All Our God"

Piano duet—Gabrielle Cornett and Susan Gooch
arr by Mark Hayes

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† Choral Call to Worship - "All Good Gifts"

by Stephen Schwartz

† The Greeting - Revelation 1, John 18

Leader: When leaders disappoint and fail us,

People: turn to Christ, who is always faithful.

Leader: When deceitful words appeal to our baser instincts,

People: hearken to Christ and clarion call of our better angels.

Leader: When charlatans seek our allegiance,

People: hold fast to Christ, our rightful Lord and King.

† The Hymn of Praise

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH 694

† **The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles 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.

† The 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 & Congregational Prayer

The 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

†The Hymn of Preparation

"For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH 92
vs. 1,2,5 & 6

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings Pastor Mike

The Offertory Music: "The Key of Love My Shepherd Is"
by John Purifoy

†The Presentation and Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Anthem: "Thanksgiving!" by John Ness Beck

The Sermon: "Jesus Before Pilate" Pastor Mike

†The Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
UMH 715

During this time, the Pastor and Prayer Team are available at the altar for anyone desiring personal or corporate prayer.

†The Choral Benediction: "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036

The Postlude:

"Crown Him With Many Crowns/Rejoice the Lord is King/Trumpet Voluntary"
arr by Marilyn Ham

The Scripture:

John 19: 1-16

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

²The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe
³and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

⁴Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁵When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

⁶As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁷The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid,

⁹and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰"Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

¹²From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

¹³When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).

¹⁴It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

¹⁵But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.