

-- The Order of Worship --

December 18, 2011 -- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *Handbell Quartet*

The Holly and the Ivy

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Registration of Attendance *Rev. Randy Kanipe*

Announcements *Rev. Anne Hansen*

* Hymn of Praise No. 240 *Congregation*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

* Apostles' Creed No. 881 *Congregation*

* Gloria Patri No. 70 (8:45) *Congregation*

Lighting the Advent Candle

Muilenberg Family (8:45)

Darnell Family (11:00)

Advent Song (see hymnal insert)

Advent Candle Burning Brightly

Time with Children *Rev. Kanipe*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00) *Revs. Randy Kanipe and Mike Selleck*

Ruby Elizabeth Nasworthy

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* Doxology No. 95 *Congregation*

Dismissal of Children (11:00; ages 4-1st Grade)

Christmas Cantata *Adult Choirs*

Tapestry of Light

Hymn of Commitment No. 204 *Congregation*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

* Benediction

** The Congregation will please stand as they are able.*

Tapestry of Light†

A Celtic Christmas Celebration by Joseph Martin

Presented by the Adult Choirs of Watkinsville First United Methodist Church

Narrated by Jesse Kenney

The Light of Creation

Carols of Hope and Light

The Light of Preparation

Longing for the Light
Joy Sizemore & Josh Darnell

The Light of Anticipation

An Advent Garden

The Light of Anunciation

The Holy Child of Mary
Elena Fischer

The Light of Incarnation

O Wondrous Night
Christa Teasley

The Light of Declaration

A Celtic Noel

The Light of Revelation

Carols of the Quest

The Light of Proclamation

A Celtic Gloria!

The Light of Consecration

Bethlehem Light
Kira Pollack

The Light of Celebration

Carols of Celebration

Welcome Friends -- We are glad that you have chosen to worship here today. We pray that you will receive God's blessing and that you will worship here again. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider this congregation. Please call on us if we can help you in any way.

The Congregation: Ministers

---- The Church Staff ----

Rev. Randy Kanipe, Pastor

Rev. Anne Hansen

Minister of Christian Formation

Nikki Hobus, Youth Minister

Chris Argo, Minister of Music

Carol White, Organist

Ian Johnson, Pianist

Kathy Peacock,

Administrative Assistant

Cheri Skinner, Financial Clerk

Andy White, Maintenance

Martha Jo Collins, Nursery

Loretta Bridges, Nursery

Kay Benton, Custodian

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This Week at WFUMC

Today

8:00 am IHN Families Depart
8:45/11:00 Adult Choir Cantata
9:45 am Coffee, Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Bible Blast Adventure
Noon Reception for Michael Boucher
5:00 pm Handbell Practice

Monday, December 19

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 80

7:00 pm AA Women's Group

7:00 pm Band of Brothers

Tuesday, December 20

11:30 am SUGAR at Georgia Center

1:30 pm Al-Anon

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 21

2:00 pm Blood Drive (2-7 pm)

7:00 pm Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 22

Friday, December 23

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, December 24

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

7:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 25

11:00 am Worship Service

Mission Statement: Our mission at Watkinsville First United Methodist Church is to focus intently on God, to help us and others grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, to serve others and to bring the Word of God to the lost and unchurched. We accomplish this by using our strengths of outstanding ministries for children, youth, music and through Christian education. By the grace of God, we can fulfill our mission by developing diverse worship experiences, promoting participation in small group activities, and committing to the Christian stewardship of our prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Announcements -- December 18, 2011

Congratulations to Josh and Tiffany White on the baptism of their son, Jason Owens White, on December 11. Jason is the grandson of Andy and Kim White and the great grandson of Wilson and Louise White.

Thanks to everyone who helped out during the past week when our church hosted families from the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Our volunteers' dedication and generosity have contributed greatly to another successful year with our friends at IHN.

Everyone is invited to a reception in honor of Michael Boucher at noon today in Grace Hall. As you know Michael was wounded in Afghanistan in June and is currently home for a 30-day convalescent stay.

The SUGAR Group will meet for lunch on Tuesday, December 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Savannah Room at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Reservations are required. Please call Jo Alspaugh by noon on December 19 if you would like to attend.

Please see the insert in today's bulletin regarding the Red Cross Blood Drive to be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This drive is hosted by Hannah Jordan, a student at Westminster Christian Academy. Hosting this drive will award Hannah the opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

The Longest Night: A Service of Hope will be held on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. This is a worship service intended to bring comfort to those who are having difficulty enjoying the holiday season. This often happens to those who have lost a loved one or who are dealing with other kinds of troubling situations. So we invite to this service all those who simply wish to rest for an hour surrounded by the peaceful and restorative presence of God. Prayers and anointing for healing will be offered as well. We hope you will consider coming, if not for yourself, then to be of love and support to others.

Christmas Eve Worship Services will be held at 5:30, 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. You and your family and friends are invited to join us.

On Christmas Day, we'll have one worship service that begins at 11:00 a.m. Children (and adults, too, if they would like) are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a favorite Christmas gift. There will be no Sunday School or other activities on this day.

United Methodist Men will not meet in December.

**December 18, 2011
WE WILL BE LOYAL TO THE CHURCH WITH
OUR PRAYERS**

Prayers of praise that

Michael Boucher is home!!

Marielle Nickolich is home from the hospital and that
Wes Hutto, grandson of Elsie Harrison, is home from the hospital

Prayers for

Henry Mauldin, brother-in-law of Judy & David Parker

Alan Alexander, recovering from surgery

Avery Garrison, Jean Anderson's uncle, cancer

Brenda Barrett, Jean Anderson's friend, cancer

Bobby Haigh, Kitty Collins' brother, aortic aneurysm

Inez Bailey, friend of Tim and Kitty Collins, prayer support

Jean Robinson, cancer

Martha Brodrick, cancer

William Swan, Layne Francis' father, prayer support

Harry McCampbell, prayer support

Dick Adams, prayer support

Ralph Potts, prayer support

Thomas Carter, John & Nancy McKissick's brother-in-law, cancer

Helen Jones, prayer support

Ariel Gandy, Anne Hansen's niece, hospice care

Bert Boykin, Paul Boykin's brother, cancer

Gene Veal, cancer

Tom Strickland, cancer

Our shut-in friends and family

Our church leaders; our local and national leaders; our military

The unchurched, the homeless, the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, the lame,
those in prison, and those who do not know Christ as their Savior

OUR PRESENCE - Sunday, December 11

Worship Attendance:

8:45 am Service -- 117

11:00 am Service -- 179

Sunday School Attendance:

Adults -- 121

Children/Youth -- 32/19

OUR GIFTS

December Budget Needs: \$44,748.72

Amount Received to Date: \$26,439.50

AND OUR SERVICE

Ushers 8:45 am - Jon Hobus, Taylor Jenkins, Tom Link, Roy Printup

11 am - David Francis, Ronnie Silcox, Gerry Taylor, Stacy Webb

Acolytes 8:45 am - Mackenzie Kenney; 11 am - Ellie Amos

Next Sunday's Acolyte Ivey Meeks

Additional Announcements ó December 18, 2011

Please remember that any monetary donations made to the church must be received (or postmarked) by December 31 to count toward your 2011 giving.

If you ordered a poinsettia via email or a phone call to the church office and haven't paid, please take care of that before year's end. Thanks.

If you have not picked up or paid for your items from the Youth Bake-In, please see Nikki Hobus in the Fellowship Hall immediately following today's worship services or email her at lambininyouth@gmail.com

The church bus will be in the shop for general maintenance from December 26 to December 30.

Please note: The church office will be closed for Christmas holidays from December 23 until January 3. If you have important announcements, calendar events or other information that you would like included in the next two Sunday's bulletins (December 25, January 1), please be sure to contact us by Wednesday, December 21.

Attention Youth: There will be no more youth activities until January 4, 2012. This includes Bible study and UMYF. Have a very merry Christmas!!

Looking ahead to January:

We will follow our regular Sunday morning schedule on January 1; that is, Worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School and Bible Blast Adventure at 10:00 a.m. There will be no afternoon activities.

All Wednesday programs ó Wonderful Wednesday for Children, Youth Bible Study, Chancel Choir Practice, and Wednesday Fellowship Meals ó will resume on January 4.

The 2012 Leadership Orientation and Planning meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 8.