



The Americus FMC Bulletin

December 28, 2025 A

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Joy To the World

Luke 2:10-11

Philippians 2:5-11

- ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
- ⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
- ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
- ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The popular Christmas song “Joy to the World” by Isaac Watts, celebrates the joyful occasion of the Lord’s coming. But the lyrics were not intended to be a Christmas song. They were a poem by Watts based on Psalms 98, which is a psalm of the second coming of the Lord who “comes to judge the earth” (verse 9). Jesus’ purpose in His first coming was not to judge but to save (John 3:17); still, celebrating the King in His lowliness is appropriate. Jesus brought joy to the world in His first coming to earth as a baby, and He will bring joy to the world when He comes again to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16).

1. What are the key themes of the hymn “Joy to the World”?
2. How did Jesus demonstrate perfect obedience to God the Father, from birth, to death, resurrection, and even to his second coming?
3. How does “Joy to the World” and Philippians 2:5-11 both help us see a more perfect picture of God?
4. How can we have the “mind of Christ”?
What does that mean and how does it contrast with worldly values?

May you each enjoy the JOY of Christmas that only comes from Christ, and our obedience to Him!

Daryl

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am

December 28, 2025

First Sunday After Christmas

WORSHIPKen DiNella
Joy to the World (#246 UMH)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881)Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI (#71)Ken DiNella

PRELUDE Ken DiNella & Michael Yates, Jr.

PASTORAL PRAYER.....Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM Ken DiNella & Michael Yates, Jr.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Teresa Flynt

OFFERTORYAlwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY (#95)Ken DiNella

SERMON SERIESRev. Daryl Brown

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Christ Brings Joy to Our Life

WORSHIPKen DiNella
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#89 UMH)

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDEAlwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Mary Lou Cole and Willie Maxwell

Ushers: Ginger Starlin (Captain), Jan Bird, Karen Austin,
Nancy Jones, Mara Durham, Judy Tott, Beth NeSmith,
Jean Buchanan, Lisa Simpson, Sandra McNeill,
Meagan Speegle, Lydia Ann Fowler, Penny Bolin,
Pam Smith, MaryLen Walker

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 28th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Rev. Daryl Brown

Media & Sound

Sallie Minick

Greeters

Deanna & Kayla Hudgins



Youth Group Caroling — lifting our voices and shining Christ's light in our community.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5



Men of First Methodist Church Ready to Help

The men of First Methodist Church are happy to assist with small jobs for anyone in our congregation who needs help. A list of volunteers is available through the church office. Please call **229-924-3169** with your request.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. — 1 Peter 4:10

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Jim Bolin, Christina Brown, Mary Tom Byram, Diane Corning, The Reggie Comer Family, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier, Jim Dudley, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis, Waylon English, Lydia Ann Fowler, Melanie Hahn, Janice Haugabook, Corbert Howell, Steve Hudson, Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, Lynne Knecht, Floyd Martin, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, Gail Price, Chris Revell, Jerry Rowland, Jennifer Sizemore, Jim Stanfield, Susanne Stanfield, Caden Stone, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright



We are closed for Christmas break until January 6th.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy New Year!

Casey Pitts, Director



Youth Ministry

- Join us Sundays, 10:00 AM in the Foundry for food, fun, & spiritual growth.
- Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays, 7:45 AM at Chick-fil-A on Forsyth Street. All ages welcome!
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM in the Foundry. Bring a friend — snacks provided!
- Georgia Mission Trip: May 23–29, 2026



**January 4th
12pm - 3pm**

Help UN decorate your church

**UN
Hanging
of the
Greens**

Lunch will be provided
for all volunteers!



Happy 60th
wedding
anniversary
to
Mike & Lee
Yates

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are given by Daryl Brown in celebration of the anniversary of Daryl and Jane.
*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
 But the greatest of these is love." — 1 Corinthians*

Gifts in Memory of

Reggie Comer

From

Angelyn Tripp

Sue Freshwater



Family Night Supper Will Be Back on January 7, 2026

Please make your reservations by
Monday at Noon
 to the office or
 on Communication Cards



Events This Week

Sunday, December 28th

9:00 am Early Worship in the Social Hall
10:00 am -12:00 pm Infant Nursery in the Sanctuary Building
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
1:00 pm Visitation in the Sanctuary
2:00 pm Reggie Comer Memorial Service

Tuesday, December 30th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the
Coffee Café

Wednesday, December 31st

No Wednesday Night Actives

Thursday, January 1st

New Years day
Office Closed

Friday, January 2nd

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

January 6th at 5:30 pm: Missions Committee Meeting in the
Coffee Café.

January 7th all Wednesday Night Actives Start Back.

January 12th at 5:30 pm: Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café.

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for December 21st: 313

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 78 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ... 140
Sunday School..... 95

Giving as of December 21st :

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	22,709.93
YTD Budget Giving	\$	744,895.10
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$	784,896.06