

# WESLEY WINDOW

DECEMBER 4, 2025

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**

### Traditional

**8:30 & 11:00AM**

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

### Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-11

### Modern

**9:30 & 11:00AM**

Celebration Space  
Lindsey Solomon

Watch live at  
[www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)

Livestream on  
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available  
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY**  
**CHURCH**

## A Great Start to a Beautiful Season

Wesley started the season of Advent in a wonderful way this week. First, the church is beautifully appointed, and the tree is stunning to see, adorned with over 6,000 lights.

Every Chrismon we have is displayed on the tree, and each heralds the expectation of the Christ Child, the purpose of all we do.

Thank you to all of those who worked to prepare the church for this most beautiful season. Already we have had several families use the

Chrismon Tree as backdrop for a photo; you might want to take one as well.

Last Sunday, as we will do each week, included the lighting of the Advent wreath and a devotional by a family in our church. You will not want to miss this powerful witness to the faith we share. Additionally, each week we will spotlight a car that we give to a family in need of transportation. As you come to worship, take a look at the vehicle parked outside the church. Take some time to offer a prayer as it is given away. In addition to the car, so that you can share in this transformational expression of faithfulness, you are invited to give a small monetary donation that will provide a \$100 gas card for the recipient. All money raised over that amount will go for food cards to help when someone is in crisis - this way each of us can participate in this ministry. Thank you to our Mechanics Ministry that make these moments possible and to those who generously have donated a vehicle.

Finally, if you were in worship the week before last you heard that Lindsey Solomon has been appointed as director of Aldersgate Homes, a ministry of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. She will begin her appointment in January, and her last day with us as a pastor of Wesley will be December 28. We are grateful for the service she has provided to our congregation over these last four and a half years. We will share more details later but wanted you to know now. Some of you have asked, "What happens next?" Greg Hatfield will serve as interim pastor until a new pastor is appointed by the Bishop and Cabinet in June. In the meanwhile, he, Aaron Talbott and Bishop Frank Beard will take over Lindsey's preaching responsibilities. I am grateful to each of them for so graciously helping out in this way.

December is a time of many obligations to which to attend; however, only worship conveys the meaning of this season. I'll look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.



## OUR PRAYERS

Kate Alexander	Lauren Fackler	Aiden & Liam
Charlene Alexander	Irene Faucher	Moulton
Melinda Armstrong	Archie Fisher	Carol Morse
John Bradley	Susan Gilbert	Gloria Prather
Delaine Brown	Dot Gleason	Alicia Reeves
Kimberly D. Cliett	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Maria Reichel
Bonnie Devereaux	Jen Jetter	Kelli Reville
Jan Devereaux	Olivia King	Charlie Rockwell
Phoebe Dinkins	Kristen Laursen	Abby Roney
Gene Draisey	Pat Lee	Amber South
Brian Ellefson	Wanda Lee	Heather South
Amy Eubanks	Todd Lindley	Mowgli Stencil
	Angie Livingston	Ruth Ann Waller
	Hannah Lotz	Virginia L. Willis
	Clarence Malcom	Bonnie Wilson

## OUR PRESENCE

### NOVEMBER 23

8:30 Traditional	112	9:30 Modern	117
11:00 Traditional	234	11:00 Modern	143
11:00 Jr. Church	21	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>627</b>

### NOVEMBER 30

8:30 Traditional	126	9:30 Modern	129
11:00 Traditional	273	11:00 Modern	129
11:00 Jr. Church	24	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>681</b>

## OUR GIFTS

### NOVEMBER 23

• Operating:	\$	33,930
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,930,251
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	2,262,327

### NOVEMBER 30

• Operating:	\$	44,424
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,974,675
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	2,310,462

Would you consider serving once or twice a month in our Special Needs Ministry as a Buddy?

Buddies support one child during Sunday School so they can feel

safe, included and engaged. No experience is necessary - we'll train and support you. Email [lauren@wesleyumc.net](mailto:lauren@wesleyumc.net) for more information.



## OUR WEEKLY BREAD

*When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the East, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.*

- Matthew 2:9-10

The magi observed a star in the East and interpreted it as a fulfilling of prophecy that the King of the Jews had been born. The magi followed the light and found Jesus.

We, too, are called to not only follow the light, but also to shine the light of Christ in the world.

In the northern hemisphere, Advent coincides with shorter days and longer nights. The darkness of the longest night mirrors much of the heaviness we carry. We ask for healing for ourselves, but also for all of those who are hurting in our broken world.

Because God's love for us is unconditional, we do not have to earn it. We open our hearts to divine grace and mercy as we pray Psalm 80:7: "Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved."

God is faithful. God's steadfast love endures forever.

We may not believe in looking for a new star or watching the sky for signs as the Magi did, but we can be inspired by the stars who shine every night through the darkness.

O God Who Is Love, thank you for your unconditional love. We want to be just as generous with the acts of love we give to others.

May your love shine brightly through us. Amen.

- Rev. Tiffany McDonald, umc.org



## BAPTIZED NOVEMBER 30

**Brock Daniel Orr**

Born April 5, 2025

Son of Brodie & Bay Orr

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

The altar flowers on November 30 were placed to the glory of God by

**The Kavanagh Family**

A rosebud will be placed on the altar Sunday, December 7, in honor of

**Eliana Selah Almanza**

Born November 26, 2025

Daughter of Justin & Caroline Almanza  
Granddaughter Doug & Dianna Teagarden



## COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES DECEMBER FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**BABY DIAPERS  
BABY WIPES  
BABY FOOD  
GALLON SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS**





## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

  
**LOVE**  
IN EVERY FACE



*Some Notes for Advent*

The Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary is a beautiful background for a family photo! Come any time!

Write your family name on an ornament from the basket in the Biscuit Area and hang it on the tree!

In your planning for Christmas Eve, consider attending a 6pm service. Our 4pm services are the most popular, so seats and parking will be at a premium.

## SENIOR ADULT *luncheon*



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11  
12PM \$8 BRING A SIDE**

Christmas music from the Greenbrier Elementary Chorus

[helen@wesleyumc.net](mailto:helen@wesleyumc.net) to register

## THE BIBLE YEAR

*The New Testament*

Discussion Group Sundays, 6pm, Conference Room

**DECEMBER 7-13**

- Dec. 7: **Philemon**
- Dec. 8: **Hebrews 1-3**
- Dec. 9: **Hebrews 4-6**
- Dec. 10: **Hebrews 7-9**
- Dec. 11: **Hebrews 10-11**
- Dec. 12: **Hebrews 12-13**
- Dec. 13: **James 1-2**

Scan code or search Wesley the Bible Year to join our Facebook group.



## CHRISTMAS STORE

Bring your gifts by December 7!

WE WILL TAKE THEM TO THE SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!



## GINGERBREAD BASH

A SWEET CELEBRATION OF JESUS' BIRTH

Saturday, December 13  
9 & 10:30am seatings

TO REGISTER YOUR FAMILY SCAN CODE OR VISIT [WESLEYUMC.NET](http://WESLEYUMC.NET).



## THE TRUTH FROM ABOVE

DECEMBER 14  
SANCTUARY, 11AM

PRESENTED BY THE WESLEY MUSIC MINISTRY



*Spark a Little Magic This Season*

## Family Advent THEATER HOUSE

"STAGE" FOUR ADVENT STORIES TO HELP BRING THE CHRISTMAS STORY TO LIFE!

SCAN TO ORDER!



## CHRISTMAS AT WESLEY

Almost Christmas Service	Adaptive Service	Christmas Caroling
December 18, 7pm Celebration Space	December 21, 2pm Celebration Space	December 21, 4:30pm Meet at church

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Service	Traditional Worship
11:00am, Sanctuary	4:00pm & 6:00pm, Sanctuary
Modern Worship	Lessons & Carols
4:00pm & 6:00pm Celebration Space	11:00pm Narthex





## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS STORE GIFTS DUE

8:30a Traditional Worship  
9:30a Confirmation Class  
9:30a Modern Worship  
11:00a Modern Worship  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
11:00a Junior Church  
5:30p K-2<sup>nd</sup> Children's Chor  
6:00p 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Children's Choir  
6:00p Bible Year Group  
6:00p Wesley Students  
6:30p Ambassadors  
7:00p SPR Meeting

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:00a Men's Breakfast  
7:00p AA Meeting  
7:00p Scout Troop 615

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00a Men in Mission  
5:00p Faith Care Clinic  
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00a Women's Bible Study  
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study  
6:00p Handbell Choir  
7:00p Celebration Choir

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:15a Mom's Group  
12:00p Senior Adult Luncheon  
2:00p Brandon Wilde  
Communion Service  
7:00p AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00a Gingerbread Bash

## HOPE ON WHEELS

### CHANGING LIVES THIS ADVENT

Wesley Mechanics Ministry repairs and donates vehicles to people in our community who need reliable transportation. Since its inception over 20 years ago, the ministry has given away 468 vehicles. This Advent season, we're adding to that number by donating a car each week!

This wouldn't be possible without the generosity of people who donate their unneeded vehicles to us, the volunteer mechanics who make sure each is safe to drive and our members who support this ministry financially and prayerfully.

### DONATION #1

On December 1, Wesley donated a 2009 Honda CR-V to a 35-year-old single mother referred by Family Promise. She now has a stable residence, and having a reliable vehicle is crucial for her to keep her job and safely transport her child.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monday, December 8, 6:00-6:40am

Join us for a delicious breakfast, fellowship and a message.



LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING  
EMAIL [AARON@WESLEYUMC.NET](mailto:AARON@WESLEYUMC.NET)



## ADULT GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE  
FOR THIS  
JUNE 2026 TRIP!

Email [flemingconstruction@comcast.net](mailto:flemingconstruction@comcast.net).



## AMBASSADORS

3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

7 Dec 6:30pm  
13 Dec Serve

14 Dec 6:30pm  
21 Dec Mission

REGISTER TO RECEIVE PROGRAM EMAILS.



## WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director  
Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach  
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director  
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary  
Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director  
Leslie England ext 214.....Connections Director  
Lauren Fackler.....Special Needs Ministry Coordinator  
Molly Furse.....Children's Music Director  
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator  
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian  
Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager  
Greg Hatfield.....Hospital Pastor  
Willey Lee.....Music Associate  
Kate Morris ext 211.....Family Ministry Director  
Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor  
Makayla Rittwage ext 205.....Student Discipleship Coordinator  
Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director  
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant  
Justin Smith.....Custodian  
Lindsey Solomon ext 223.....Associate Pastor  
Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Pastor of Student Ministries  
Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Music Ministries Director  
Hillary Williamson ext 220.....Care Director

For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit [wesleyumc.net](http://wesleyumc.net).

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