

This Week @ Georgetown First

Childcare is available in the preschool room (Rm 2) for ages 2-4 during Sunday School & 11am worship. Infant nursery (Rm 6) is open during services to parents with live feed.

Sunday, December 24

- Abraham Prayer Group, 7:30am (pr)
- Amen House Sandwich Making, 8am (k)
- Family Worship Service, 11am ONLY(s)**
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Services, 7 and 11pm (s)

Monday, December 25

Facilities Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Facilities Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Deadline for bulletin, 9am

- Prayer Around the Flag Pole, 9am (SCHS)

Thursday, December 28

- Cross Walkers, 2:30-3:30pm (fh/g)

Friday, December 29

- Private event, 6-8pm (s)

Sunday, December 31

- Abraham Prayer Group, 7:30am (pr)
- Amen House Sandwich Making, 8am (k)
- Worship Service, 8:30 & 11am (s)
- NO KOW, 11am**
- Spanish Worship Service, 2-3:30pm (crA/B)

Room location codes: café (cf), choir room (cr), room (rm), community room (crA or crB), conference room (c), fellowship hall/gym (fh/g), gathering space (gs), kitchen (k), narthex (n), pavilion (pv), playground (pg), prayer room (pr), sanctuary (s), Senior Pastor's office (sp), Van (v), Wesley (w), Youth Loft (y).

Holiday Office Closings

Church facilities will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 and will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th. Facilities will also be closed on Monday, January 1.



Church Staff Directory and Email

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Preschool/Kindergarten Teachers and Staff

Paige Willhite, Director of Early Childhood Development, paige@georgetownfirst.com
Molly McGinley and Sarah Coffman, Two-Year-Olds Teachers
Karen Howard, Libby Zaheri and Lisa Wray, Three-Year-Olds Teachers
Jamie Curtis, Jessica Penn, Kandi Young, Kelli Schureman and Trista James, Four-Year-Olds Pre-Kindergarten Teachers
Abby Gray, Amy Ruber, Judy Hambrick and Kristie Anderson, Teacher Assistants
Melissa Askew, Music Teacher
Jennifer Anderson, Yোগalore Instructor

Stewardship Report

TITHES & OFFERINGS	Budget	Actual	DIFFERENCE
12/17/2023	\$14,937	\$ 8,936	\$ (6,001)
December to Date	44,811	34,090	(10,721)
Year to Date	761,787	584,601	(177,186)
Special designated gifts/other income for 12/17/2023			
Sunday School Offerings			5
Additional Principal Payment			50
Methodist Children's Home			575
Backpack Ministry			15
For Use Of Facilities			55
Wednesday Night Meals			330
Memorial Gifts (Daisy Ray)			3,000
UMCOR (25)/ Angel Tree (20)			45
Staff Love Offering			1,490
Weekly Total			5,565
Year to Date			234,253

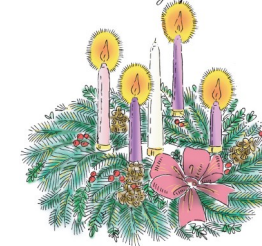
Did you know you can give online to Georgetown First?

Connect here at this secure link to give: <https://goo.gl/pWBTOs>

Internet access at church

Network: fumc. Password: ourguest. Please silence all devices during worship. If you must answer your phone, please leave the sanctuary.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Order of Worship December 24, 2023

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
—Isaiah 9:6 (NRSV)

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer		Andrew Singh
Lighting of the Advent Candle		The Mitchell Family
Prelude	<i>“Carol of the Bells”</i>	Dr. Rachel Taylor
Song	Bluegrass Medley	Praise Band
Act of Praise	John 14:27 and Isaiah 26:3	
Children's Moment		Andrew Singh
Hymn	<i>“The First Noel”</i>	245
Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer		Andrew Singh
The Offering Prayer		
Offertory	<i>“The Beautiful Impossible”</i>	Chancel Choir Gaylord Van Guilder and Bob Wieggers
Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95
Scripture	Isaiah 9:6	NRSV
Sermon	<i>“The Promise of Peace Fulfilled”</i>	Mignelis Lazcano
Song of Prayer	<i>“Still, Still, Still”</i>	Kristina Skibo
Benediction and Prayer		Andrew Singh
Postlude		Dr. Rachel Taylor

Georgetown First United Methodist Church

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Welcome!

We thank God for your presence here today and **request that you register attendance for all in your family** so that we might get better acquainted and pray for you (please print).

December 24, 2023

Name(s)

- First time guest
 Second time guest
 Member/Regular Attenders

Address or change of address:

Email:

Telephone:

If you would like a visit from one of our pastors, please check below and someone will call to arrange for an appointment.

- Pastoral visit requested

Please tear off & leave in the offering plate.

Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday night fellowship meal and growth groups return **January 10th**. Choir practice will return on **January 3**.

Winter Growth Groups & Choir

Anyone interested in leading a **Sunday morning or Wednesday evening** growth group beginning after the first of the year please contact the office. If you don't want to lead by yourself, partner with a friend and co-lead. If you are interested in joining the choir, practice is on **Wednesday nights at 7:30pm**.

Wednesday Night Meal Prep Team Leaders

Our Wednesday night fellowship dinners provide so much more than a delicious meal. They provide us with the opportunity to be with one another and to get to know others in our congregation better. We are looking for volunteers to lead teams and to help with cooking, serving, and clean up. This is such a rewarding ministry to be able to bless individuals and families with a meal every week. We invite you to come be a part of this ministry! If interested, please contact office@georgetownfirst.com.

Georgetown First Methodist Women

The next meeting of the Georgetown First Methodist Women is **Tuesday, January 2 at 10:30am in Room 105**. We will discuss the upcoming "Souper Bowl" fundraiser and plan our meeting programs for 2024. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not meet on December 27 but will return on **January 3 in Room 105 at 10:30am**. The 2024 study will be "When You Pray" by six well-known women authors. There is no right way to pray, just plenty of examples.

Widows' Connection: Friday, January 19

"Still Celebrating the New Year!" Come and join us for fellowship, fun, and food! Widows' Connection will meet at **11:30am - 1pm in Room 105 on Friday, January 19th**. We loved it so much last year, let's share a favorite appetizer. We want to welcome new women to our group. We are not a help group, though it is a great place to find someone to talk to. We meet on the third Friday of each month, with a different program each month. Please call or text Lois Mulcahy 859-576-1114 to let us know you are coming. New guests are exempt from bringing food this time. Come for the fun!

The Staff Thanks You for Your Generosity

The staff of Georgetown First would like to thank the congregation for the reception and love offering during this holiday season. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation. We serve an awesome God!

Scheduling Events on Church Calendar!

If you are in charge of an event at the church, please contact the **office** to make sure the event is on the church calendar. We have others in the community that contact us requesting use of our space, but church activities have priority. We have tried to get everything on the church calendar that we are aware of, but accidents do happen and events get overlooked. It only takes a minute to call or email office@georgetownfirst.com to guarantee we have everything blocked off that should be reserved.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Schedule

We will have Christmas Eve Candlelight services at **7 and 11pm TONIGHT**. **New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31**, worship services will resume at **8:30 and 11am**. **Kid's Own Worship will not meet on December 31**.

Christmas Card Boxes are in the Narthex

Christmas card boxes are located in the **narthex** just outside the church office. Save yourself a stamp and place your Christmas cards for active church members in the boxes sorted by last name.

Please check the box for your cards by **Wednesday, January 3**.

Fifth Sunday Offering for Methodist Home is NEXT Sunday

Since 1871, thousands of children who experienced trauma have found healing and hope through the **Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes**. **THANK YOU** for your prayers and gifts! The family of supporters, donors and prayer partners has made this possible. Please give with a cheerful heart on **Sunday, December 31**, and designate "KYUMH" on the memo line of your check or offering envelope to help sustain their mission for the next 150 years. You may also give online at www.georgetownfirst.com.

2024 Offering Envelopes

The 2024 offering envelopes are available on the welcome desk going into the sanctuary and are alphabetized by last name. If you wish to start receiving envelopes, stop receiving them or have questions, please contact **Denise Pitts** at denise@georgetownfirst.com.

Red Bird Mission Update

A team of **eight (8)** from GFUMC responded to a plea for help from Red Bird Mission. Our church members were asked to sort and organize **2,850** Christmas Shoeboxes for distribution to **forty plus** area churches and organizations. The filled shoeboxes were donated to Red Bird Mission from churches in Pennsylvania and New York.

Prayer at the Flagpole is THIS Wednesday, December 27th at Scott County High School, 9:00 a.m.

Save the date for KOW Sunday Funday, PJs and Pancakes on January 14th.

Youth and Student Ministries Activities

(All students in grades 6-12 are welcome.)

Sunday School 9:45am; Youth Group 6pm; Wednesday Night 6:30pm

To sign up for youth group text—text the message: [@gfumcyouth](https://t.me/gfumcyouth) to the number **81010**. This should automatically enroll you into our group.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School - from **9:45-10:45** in the following rooms: **5yo - 2nd grade in Room 104 and 3rd - 5th in Room 106**.

Kids Own Worship is an interactive time of praise and worship, with a group lead lesson and then hands on activities for **5yo through 5th grade** during the **11am** service. Children can be picked up immediately after the service in the gym.

Wednesday Night Activities - **6:30-7:30pm**.

Acolyte Schedule

12/24 Caiti Tudor and Preston Kelsey

12/31 Nora York and Silas Smith

Sermon Notes

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6
Message: "The Promise of Peace Fulfilled"
Pastor: Mignelis Lazanco

We're on Facebook

Georgetown First can be found on **Facebook**, where we livestream at **11am on Sunday**, and make posts including announcements, photos, reminders and devotional thoughts.

Check us out on the internet at www.georgetownfirst.com or on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUuS2qpUQv4TmS1a9jYDDag>

Attendance for 12/17/2023

Sunday School 26
Worship Services 297

Prayer Request/Praise Report

Please remember the following concern/praise in prayer this week (please print):

Name of person making request:

I would like for this request to remain confidential. Please do not publish on any prayer list such as Care Mail or placed in the prayer room.

Care Mail Request

Please add my email address to the church e-newsletter of celebrations, announcements and prayer needs. **Print** email address below:

Opportunities to Serve

I would like more information about the following volunteer opportunities:

Name, phone number and email: