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Worship God  
Grow in Christ

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## CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

*(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year*

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

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## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Traditional and Contemporary Music

Service will end outside with Candlelight "Silent Night"

Normally we do not take up a Christmas Eve offering, but our Global Methodist Leader in South Georgia (Jay Hanson) has asked us to collect an offering for our Campus Ministries. So please come prepared to give generously.

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**Sunday, December 29th**

11:00 am Worship Service Only

The Davis Family will lead our music. Jeff Davis will preach.

In Christ,

*Sam*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The poinsettia on the altar in the sanctuary for Advent were placed there by his family in loving memory of  
**MR. G. ROBERT JONES**

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The poinsettia on the altar in the chapel for Advent were placed there by Philip and Hope Almon in loving memory of

**PHILIP ALMON, JR.**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First Methodist Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

**MRS. ROSALIND LASTINGER.**

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

December **24 - 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Communion**

December **24 - 27 - Church Office Closed (There will be no mailed out bulletin the week of Sunday, December 29 and Sunday, January 5.)**

December **29 - Only one service at 11:00 am**

January **1 - Church Office closed**

January **27 - 6:00 pm - Laity Council Meeting**

**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION:**

AT 5:00 PM, December 24, with candle-light "Silent Night" outside weather permitting.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:**

Only one service at 11:00 am. Jeff Davis and his wife will present the music. Jeff will also preach for us that day as well.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

We welcome **Miller Kate Morgan, Hadley Rae Morgan and Breanna Sanders** as the newest members of our family of faith. All three of these young ladies united with the church by profession of faith this past Sunday at the 9:00 am worship service.

**LAITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Please check your email for update on the January 7th meeting.

**STAFF-PARISH MEMBERS:**

Please check your email for update on January 7th meeting.

**FOOD AND DRINK POLICY FOR THE SANCTUARY:**

Please do not bring food or drink in the Sanctuary. This includes snacks for your children.

Water is the one exception, but please no other beverages especially coffee and soft drinks. Thanks for your understanding and your cooperation in keeping our Sanctuary beautiful!

**CHURCH OFFICE:**

Will be closed December 24 through December 27 for the Christmas holiday. The office will close at noon on December 31 and will reopen January 2. There will be no mailed out bulletin the week of December 29 or January 5.

**CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY**

**FLOWER CALENDAR:**

The flower calendar for **2025** is on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway. Please sign up for flowers for **2025**. And remember that two arrangements are needed.



Week of **Dec. 22-29**  
2024



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### Sunday, December 22:

- 8:00 am Early Worship
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am †Traditional Worship

### Monday, December 23:

No Activities

### Tuesday, December 24:

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group
- Church Office Closed*

### Wednesday, December 25:

*No activities*  
*Church Office Closed*  
**Merry Christmas!**

### Thursday, December 26:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6
- Church Office Closed*

### Friday, December 27:

- Church Office Closed*
- 2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6
- 9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

<b>AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/15/24</b>	
Weekly Needs . . . . .	\$9,793.00
Weekly Receipts . . . . .	\$18,180.00
Memorial/In Honor . . . . .	\$00.00
Missions . . . . .	\$00.00
Bucket Brigade . . . . .	\$56.04



## Birthday Greetings

- December 24:** Joni Bundrick
- December 25:** Charlene Powell
- December 26:** Sonny Marshall,  
Sandee Rinker, Breanna Sanders
- December 27:** Carolyn Wynn
- December 28:** Helen Brown
- December 29:** Suzanne Carnline,  
Jeb Johnson, Emily Moses
- December 29:** Rain Singletary
- December 30:** Keri Hopkins
- December 31:** Tyson Allen,  
Claire Chason, Julian Rawls
- January 4:** Sara Jane Cannon,

### TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Prentiss Mitchell

### AT HOME:

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Barbara Garcia
- Mrs. Lauren Harrell
- Mr. Billy and Mrs. Betty Hester
- Mr. Mark Lee
- Mrs. Lisa LeGette
- Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- Mr. Herbert W. and Mrs. Mary Wind

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

### NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

#### ARCHBOLD LIVING, CAIRO:

- Mr. Philip Almon
- Mrs. Mary Meill
- Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

#### MAGNOLIA PLACE:

- Mrs. Joan Cassels
- Mrs. Dot Moses James
- Mrs. Wynell Mitchell
- Mrs. Janet Murphy
- Mrs. Barbara Spooner (Mother of Ron Spooner)
- Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

#### LEGACY VILLAGE, THOMASVILLE, GA:

- Mrs. Catherine Wood (Mother of Becky Hopkins)
- Mr. Rusty Wood (Brother of Becky Hopkins)

#### SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA:

- Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

#### RESIDENCE INN AT THE OAKS, THOMASVILLE, GA

- Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

#### PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:

- Mrs. Opal Prince

#### LA MESA, CA:

- Ike & Charlene Powell

#### BRENTWOOD, TN:

- Dr. Bob Kral

**January 4 (cont):** Mattison Higginbotham,  
Ethan McGhin, Evan McGhin,  
Monteen Stewart, Nick Thrower

**January 6:** Amy Amaro

**January 7:** Ike Powell

**January 8:** Allison Harrell, Brian Morgan,  
Bret Sanders, Chuck Thomas

**January 9:** Trey Higginbotham,  
Bradley Jones

**January 10:** John Davis, III

Sunday December 22, 2024

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:00 am**

\*Scripture Lesson .....Luke 1:26-38  
Sermon .....Why Christmas Matters the Rest of the Year ...Rev. Vernon

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

Worship

Offering

Children’s Sermon .....Stacey Morgan

\*Affirmation of God’s Word .....Rev. Vernon

**This is God’s Word. I believe I am who He says I am,  
I have what He says I have, and I can do what He says I can do.**

\*Scripture .....Luke 1:26-38

Sermon .....Why Christmas Matters the Rest of the Year ...Rev. Vernon

\* Please stand as you are able.

**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: Ben Hopkins;

**Worship Team:** Brian Morgan - vocals, guitar; Stacey Morgan - vocals, keys;

**Tech:** Will Bundrick - video; Miller Kate Morgan - streaming;

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com  
text: 229-254-2546

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

Children’s Sermon: Stacey Morgan  
Acolytes: Addie Clark and Levi Bundrick  
Buckets: Josie and Judge Grave de Peralta

- Regular Sunday morning schedule on December 22.
- No Sunday School or Children’s Church on Sunday, December 29.
- Sunday Nights resume on Sunday, January 26.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

email: westkelsey09@gmail.com  
cell/text: (229) 413-3561

**NEWS FROM...KELSEY**

- **DECEMBER 22 -10:00 - 11:00 am** - Sunday School

No further Sunday or Wednesday night activities until after the new year.

Looking to get the youth together sometime during the break to go bowling and/or ax throwing. Not sure on the date yet.

- **FEBRUARY 14-17** - Snowbird Youth Winter Retreat  
- Second payment is due in January
- **MFUGE DEPOSIT** of \$75.00 is due in February

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY . . . . .Mr. Ed Self  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Smith*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . . .Rev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: This fourth Sunday of Advent, we again light the candles of  
HOPE, PEACE and LOVE

**Congregation: Today we also light the candle of JOY and we are reminded  
of the difference between happiness and JOY.**

Reader: Both believers and potential believers experience happiness, a feeling that  
comes from outside of us. Happiness can come from relationships,  
circumstances and material things.

**Congregation: While happiness comes and goes, Christian JOY is eternal  
and comes from within based on the gifts God has given us: His  
Son, salvation, the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures just to name a  
few.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . .No. 234  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*

OFFERTORY PRAYER . . . . .Rev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Chorale Prelude on In Dulci Jubilo - J. Michael Bach*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER . . . . .Rev. Vernon

HYMN OF REFLECTION . . . . .No. 219  
*What Child Is This*

SPECIAL MUSIC . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Gesu Bambina - Yon*

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD . . . . .Rev. Vernon

**This is God's Word. I believe I am who He says I am,  
I have what He says I have and I can do what He says I can do.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . .Luke 1:26-38

SERMON . . . .Why Christmas Matters the Rest of the Year . . . .Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . .No. 246  
*Joy to the World*

\*BENEDICTION . . . . .Rev. Vernon

+POSTLUDE . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Angels From the Realms of Glory - R. E. Smith*

+After the Benediction, you are dismissed  
or feel free to remain in the sanctuary and enjoy the Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able.

**SINNER'S PRAYER**

**DEAR JESUS,**

I believe You are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins 2000 years ago. I confess that I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. Come into my heart and be my Savior and make me into the kind of person You want me to be.

**Amen**

This is just one example of a prayer that someone could pray to become Christian. For the prayer to be effective it needs to be an honest expression of someone's heart.

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**BE GOOD STEWARDS:**

When you leave the sanctuary on Sunday morning, please take a minute to replace the hymnal and/or Bible in the rack. Also, please take your used tissue and bulletin with you upon departing.

Thanks for your assistance as we do not have custodians coming in after Sunday services.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE PADS:**

Please sign in each Sunday. Visitors, if you would like to be on the Weekly Bulletin mailing list, please indicate that as well.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS  
WILL RESUME IN JANUARY**

Please make your reservations for the meal by calling the church, sending a text to 229-403-0428, email to [adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net](mailto:adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net) or filling out the form below.

Let us know if your child or children would prefer a hotdog.

If you do not have a permanent reservations, then reservations must be made by Monday noon in order that food can be purchased.

**Week Jan. 15** \_\_\_\_\_ **Permanent** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ 6.00/person

No. children (3-11) \_\_\_\_\_ @ 3.50 /person

**Directory**

- Sam Vernon . . . . .Pastor
- Ruth Sims . . . . .Adm. Assistant
- Adrienne Harrison . .Children's Director
- Kelsey West . . . . .Youth Director
- Jeremy Moore . . . . .Music Director
- Ed Self . . . . .Organist
- Brian and Stacey Morgan  
. . . .Contemporary Worship Leaders
- Ashlei Steele . . . .Preschool Director
- Church Office . . . . .229-377-3051
- Emergency Numbers .229-377-1017  
229-403-0428  
912-230-6627

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use the following address:

**adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net**

E-MAILS ADDRESS/CELL PHONE NUMBERS: Contact with church members is very important. Please turn in email addresses and cell phone numbers especially if you no longer use a land line for your telephone. Thanks

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Thanks ever so much!*