

The background features a stylized design with three fish in grey outlines. Two fish are in the upper left, and one is in the lower right. They are connected by thick red lines that form a large, abstract shape resembling a stylized 'A' or a cross. Small red circles are placed at the top left and bottom right corners of the design.

ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

...and on earth, Peace

A Service of Lessons and Carols

DECEMBER 4, 2016
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804. Over the past two centuries our congregation has changed, but our mission remains the same: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to “do all the good you can, in all the ways you can.”

Attendance

Please let us know of your attendance this morning by completing the pew pad.

Newcomer Orientation

We invite you to learn about the life of our church, ways you can get involved, and how to become a member by attending Newcomer Orientation, which is held the second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday school for children age 2 through adult each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children

At Athens First United Methodist Church, we invite families to worship together. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through grade 2 most Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Financial Report

Budget for 2016 | \$2,789,339
Amount Given YTD | \$2,862,450
Goal for November | \$214,733
Amount after 3 Sundays | \$193,286

Attendance on November 27

Total Worship | 1091
8:30 a.m. | 132
9:45 a.m. | 448
11:00 a.m. | 402
Online | 109
Sunday School | 215

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The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

“On this Day, Earth Shall Ring” | PERSONENT HODIE

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Barnett Wingfield and Mrs. Blanche Quillian Wilkes by Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Wingfield.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

*CAROL

250 “Once in Royal David’s City” | IRBY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anticipation

LESSON | “IN THE BEGINNING”

JOHN 1:1-5; 9-14

THE ANTHEM

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” | Prudentius; trans. John Neale & Henry Baker

Sung by Conner Jackson & Sarah Lawing

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending
He. Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore. Oh, that
birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race.
And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore.

*CAROL

218 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” | CAROL

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Brodrick Family

ISAIAH 11:1-10

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” | VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

LESSON | “GOD’S PEOPLE ARE COMFORTED”

ISAIAH 40:1-5

THE ANTHEM

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People” | Latifah Phillips and David Wilton

Sung by Julie Caldwell

Comfort, comfort now my people. Tell of his peace with no end. Comfort, comfort those in darkness. Tell them
that God’s pardon waits for them. The Glory of the Lord now on earth is shed. In deserts far and near he will raise
what’s dead. His peace has been spoken. His word is never broken. The Kingdom of God is now here. Straight
shall, straight shall be what’s crooked, making all the rougher places plain. Let your, let your hearts be humble
befitting our God’s glory and his reign. Let the valleys rise to meet him, the hills all will bow down in praise.

Proclamation

LESSON | “EXPECTATION AND DELIVERY”

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Light of the World” | Lauren Daigle

Sung by Sarah Lawing

The world waits for a miracle. The heart longs for a little bit of hope. O come, O come Emmanuel. The child prays
for peace on earth, and she’s calling out from a sea of hurt. O come, O come Emmanuel. And can you hear the
angels singing “Glory to the light of the world.” Glory the light of the world is here! The drought breaks with the
tears of a mother. A baby’s cry is the sound of love come down. Come down, Emmanuel. He is the song for the
suffering. He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come. He has come, Emmanuel. For all who wait, for all who
hunger, for all who’ve prayed, for all who wander, behold your King. Behold Messiah, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

LESSON | “AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ANGELS”

LUKE 2:8-15

THE ANTHEM

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” | Henry Longfellow; arr. Mark Hall

Sung by Steven Jones and Thomas Jones

I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play, and mild and sweet their songs repeat of peace on earth, good will to men. And the bells are ringing, like a choir they're singing. In my heart I hear them, peace on earth, good will to men. And in despair I bowed my head. "There is no peace on earth," I said, "for hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men." Then rang the bells more loud and deep, "God is not dead, nor does he sleep! The wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will to men." Then ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day. A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, good will to men.

Acclamation

LESSON | “BLESSED ARE THEY”

MATTHEW 5:3-10

* CAROL

431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth” | WORLD PEACE

LESSON | “SEEK PEACE”

1 PETER 3:8-11

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Peace Before Us” | Seth Hendricks and Chris Good

Sung by Mark Graham

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet. Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace. Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet. Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love. Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet. Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light. Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet. Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

* THE BLESSING

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

* THE POSTLUDE

Beth Rector, organ

The Worship of God

9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Flowers

The flowers on the
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Mr. and Mrs. Middleton
Barnett Wingfield and
Mrs. Blanche Quillian
Wilkes by Mr. and Mrs.
Terrell Wingfield.

THE PRELUDE

“What Child is This?” | Bulla

Brandon Craswell, trumpet

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” | arr. John Erickson

Isaiah Feken, soloist

Remember, O Lord, the people of this world
divided into many nations, religions, and tongues.
Deliver us from every evil that stands in the way of your saving purpose,
**and fulfill the promise of peace on earth among those with whom you
are well pleased.**

From the curse of war and the human sin that causes war,
from pride that turns its back on you,
and from unbelief that will not bow to you,
from groundless suspicions and fears that stand in the way of
reconciliation,
from words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred;
from everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling your
promise of peace,
grant us your peace, O Lord.

Lord of Israel, and God of all the nations:
we pray for your children across the whole earth,
of every land and race, that they may be strong to do your will.
We pray especially for the church in the world,
for all who in any way work or pray to further the cause of peace and
goodwill,
for those who declare themselves enemies, that at last we may find
reconciliation,
**hurry the day when people shall live together in peace;
for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.**

Praise & Thanksgiving

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” | VENI EMMANUEL

verses 1-4

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

9:45 a.m. The Kiefer Family

11:00 a.m. Austin Suggs

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“All flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

Sung:

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease.**

**For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Anticipation

THE SCRIPTURE

JOHN 1:1-14

THE ANTHEM

“The Word Was God” | Rosephanye Powell

Sung by the Wesleyan Youth Choir; Mimi Ackleh, accompanist

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made, that have been made. Nothing was made, He has not made. All things were made by Him.

THE SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 11:1-2, 6-12

THE ANTHEM

“The Dream Isaiah Saw” | Glen Rudolph

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Isaiah Feken, soloist; Brandon Craswell, Anderson Romero, and Ed Bush, trumpet; Thomas Minor, trombone; David Stone, Euphonium; Peter Riggs, horn; Wesley Sumpter and Taylor Lents, percussion

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay, leopards will join with the lambs as they play, wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, blood will not darken the earth that God made. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw. Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the violence concealed deep in the heart and in systems of gain, ripe for the judgement the Lord will ordain. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice, purifying law. Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent, all of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

THE SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 40:1-5

THE ANTHEM

“Comfort, Comfort” | arr. John Ferguson

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Becky Neal, piccolo; Ivan Hernandez and Greg Hamilton, clarinet

“Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!” so says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever! For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way! Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him! Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain! Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign! For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

The Proclamation

*THE HYMN

238 “Angels We Have Heard on High” | GLORIA

verses 1 and 2

THE SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 9:2-6

THE ANTHEM

“Sing Noel” | arr. Vicki Turner Courtney

Sung by the Celebrate and Octane Choirs; Mimi Ackleh, accompanist

Sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel. Sing we all noel! Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room. And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and
heav'n and nature sing!

*THE HYMN

238 “Angels We Have Heard on High” | GLORIA

verses 3 and 4

THE SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-15

THE ANTHEM

“Ding Dong Merrily on High” | arr. Ken Berg

Sung by the Lyric and Celebrate Choirs; Janis Maxwell, accompanist

Ding, dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing. Ding, dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel's singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and “io,io,io” by priest and
people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may you
beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

The Acclamation

THE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Make Me an Instrument” | Craig Courtney

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with Rachael Fischer and Lucas Scalamogna, violin; Rebecca Floyd, viola;
Ana Abrantes, cello*

This anthem has been placed in the choir library to the Glory of God and in memory of
Charles Braucher, Sr. by the Early Book Study group.

Make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there
is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be
understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we
are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

*THE HYMN

431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth” | WORLD PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE

1 PETER 3:8-12

THE ANTHEM

“Hope for Resolution” | Caldwell and Ivory

Sung by the Combined Choir; Matthew Everhart, soprano saxophone

Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending
He. Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore. O that birth
forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race. And
the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore! O ye heights of heaven,
adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing. Powers, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King. Let
no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

Thula Sizwe

Ungabokala

Ujehova Wakho Uzokunqobela

Inkululeko

Sizoyithola

Ujehova Wakho Uzokunqobela

Nation, do not cry.

Jehovah will protect us.

We will attain freedom.

Jehovah will protect us.

Sending Forth

*THE BLESSING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.


We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

THE POSTLUDE

“Fantasia on ‘O Come O Come Emmanuel’” | Clarke

The Steeple



*My soul doth
magnify the Lord,*

*and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Saviour*

Magnificat
J.S. BACH

Sunday, December 11 | 7:00 p.m.

sung by the Sanctuary Choir with orchestra
also featuring Gerald Finzi's *In Terra Pax* sung by the Chamber Ensemble

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Catherine Scarborough and her family in the loss of her mother, Catherine Still, on November 21.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Weatherly and Riner Gay on the birth of their daughter, Ellison Sheppard, on November 21.

Lessons and Carols | Today

In 1880, E.W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Touro, England, composed a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve. It is our custom to celebrate the tradition of Lessons and Carols on the second Sunday of Advent. This year's Lessons and Carols services center around the theme "And on Earth, Peace." We hope you enjoy this special service and timely message as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ.



The Advent Wreath | Peace

The advent wreath is a tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a circle of various evergreens, signifying continuous life, the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four colored candles represent hope, peace, joy, and love, and the center candle represents the birth of Christ. Today we light the first two candles for hope and peace.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, December 7, is Dawg Gone Good BBQ. Join us for a BBQ pork sandwich, mac and cheese, and an additional side. Advance dinner orders are required. Order your meal online or by calling the church office by Tuesday at noon. Take-out boxes will be available. You and your family, friends, and/or small group are invited and encouraged to eat and spend time together in Hancock Hall. For more information, contact Beth. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your meal. Volunteers eat free. Register to volunteer online.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals

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Come Together for Prayer

You are invited to join in a brief time of prayer for healing at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 11. Rev. Dee Shelnutt will lead us as we pray for Chuck and for all who are in need of healing. If you are unable to attend, you can pray wherever you are, whenever you can! If you would like to write a prayer in advance for Chuck, please bring it with you in a Christmas card. You are welcome to mail a Christmas card with a prayer to Chuck's home.

Chuck & Penny Hodges | 640 St. Ives Dr. Athens, Ga 30606.

Volunteer with The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army needs our help! Now through December 15, every weekday the Salvation Army will need volunteers at the old Goodwill on Atlanta Hwy in shifts from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 12:00-2:00 p.m., and 2:00-4:00 p.m. This Christmas, they hope to provide Christmas for 1600 children and our help is needed with sorting and bagging Angel Tree gifts in the warehouse! Contact Louise Brockinton if you would like to serve.

Louise Brockinton | loubsweet@aol.com | 706-395-6199

Baby Recognition Sunday

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of babies born into our church family during the last year. Please join us on Sunday, December 11 at our 11:00 a.m. worship service as we welcome these sweet babies into our church family. Families are invited to a reception in Hancock Hall at 10:15 a.m., prior to the worship service.

April Allen | april@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Join Our Church Staff

We are now accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Assistant position that will begin in January 2017. Work hours are 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word, and experience with database and registration software and Adobe InDesign is preferred. Excellent written communication skills are required.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/employment

Christmas Community Meal

Please consider serving at this special Christmas meal on Thursday, December 15, in Hancock Hall. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to cook, set up, serve the meal, host, and clean up. Donations of cooked hams are also needed. This is truly a time for our church body to come together in love to serve our community, and we hope you will come and be a part! Please register online to volunteer or contact Betsy or Mary Claire for more information.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/christmascommunitymeal
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Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org
706-543-1442

Serving This Holiday Season

Christmas Community Meal | Thursday, December 15

Mobile Food Pantry | Saturday, December 17

Red Cross Blood Drive | Thursday, December 22

Benevolence Gift Cards | Anytime

Help with the unexpected benevolence requests by giving gift cards to Walmart or Target (any amount would be much appreciated).

Learn More | athensfirstumc.org/missions

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

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Youth Christmas Lock-In

ONE Student Ministries is hosting a Christmas Lock-in for students in grades 7-12 on December 16-17. The activities at the lock-in will include Christmas caroling, dinner, fellowship, games, Chapel time, and movies. We hope that this lock-in will be a great time for our youth to strengthen their relationships with one another through

Christian fellowship and fun! Please visit our webpage for more information and to register. Registration will close on Sunday, December 11, at 11:55 p.m.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/christmaslockin

Josh Miles | josh@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Red Cross Blood Drive

Join us Thursday, December 22, to give the gift of life by giving blood! As the holidays are a time where blood is most needed, our church is happy to host a Blood Drive to help people receive much needed blood this season! The Red Cross will be in Hancock Hall from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve | Service Times

We will offer three Christmas Eve services this year. Our 4:00 p.m. service will be led by the Children's Music Ministry. Our 7:00 p.m. service will be led by the Wesleyan Youth Choir. Our 11:00 p.m. service will include Communion and music from the Sanctuary Choir. All three services will include candlelight. We hope you and your family will make plans to worship with us on Christmas Eve and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Connect & Grow Groups

Connect & Grow Groups are small groups of people who meet weekly at church or in homes for fellowship and prayer and to share about what God is doing in their lives. These groups are open to all and will be restarting in January. Registration will be coming soon.

Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Small Group Opportunities | 2017

New small group Bible studies are coming this January. Look for registration soon. New studies will include:

- Financial Peace
- Disciple Fast Track Old Testament
- Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life
- Women's Study | Beth Moore's *Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy*
- Women's Study | *Israel's Mission* by Ray Vander Laan
- Men's Study | Restoring an Attitude of Worship
- What We Need is Here
- Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived it
- Making Sense of the Bible

This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | MATTHEW 3:5-12

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
- 9:00 a.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 9:45 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING
Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR
Youth Sunday School: First Word YOUTH AREA
Elementary Sunday School: Holy Ground CHAPEL
Kindergarten Sunday School: City on a Hill ROOM 311 & 313
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
- 12:00 p.m. **Student-Adult Leadership Team Meeting** ROOM 124
Tijuana Mission Trip Meeting ROOM 222
- 1:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
- 2:00 p.m. **Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 3:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 1** ROOM 100
- 3:45 p.m. **Agapé Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148
Youth Worship Team Rehearsal ROOM 119
- 4:30 p.m. **Carillons Ringers** ROOM 150
Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148
Route 56 Open Road + Octane ROOM 120
- 4:45 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 229
Awaiting the Already ROOM 222
- 5:30 p.m. **Alleluia Ringers** ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. **Encounter** ROOM 119
- 6:15 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 222

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 | ISAIAH 35:1-10

- 11:30 a.m. **UMW Christmas Luncheon** HANCOCK HALL
- 6:30 p.m. **GriefShare | Monday Group** ROOM 100
- 7:00 p.m. **Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | MATTHEW 11:7-11

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 8:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study Leaders Council**
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl** PANERA BREAD
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | JAMES 5:7-10

- 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222
10:00 a.m. **GriefShare | Wednesday Group** ROOM 100
11:30 a.m. **Preschool Christmas Program** SANCTUARY
3:00 p.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
4:30 p.m. **Celebrate Worship Arts | Grades 3-4** ROOM 301
Dance HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
Lyric Choir | Grades 1-2 ROOM 151
Hospitality Room Hangout HOSPITALITY ROOM
Prayer Shawl ROOM 200
4:45 p.m. **Early Book Group** ROOM 247
5:00 p.m. **Route 56: GPS** ROOM 120
Wednesday Night Meal HANCOCK HALL
5:10 p.m. **Celebrate Choir | Grades 3 & 4** ROOM 301
5:15 p.m. **Cherub Choir | Age 3** ROOM 314 & 324
Sonshine Choir | Age 4 ROOM 325
Joy Choir | Kindergarten ROOM 320
5:20 p.m. **Lyric Worship Arts | Grades 1 & 2** ROOM 301 & 148
5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters** ROOM 100
6:00 p.m. **Connect Group (Young Married)** ROOM 229
Engage Bible Study YOUTH AREA
6:15 p.m. **Kids Music and Arts Christmas Dance Recital** HANCOCK HALL
6:30 p.m. **Awaiting the Already** ROOM 222
Connect & Grow Group ROOM 224
6:45 p.m. **Sacred Space** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY
7:30 p.m. **Youth Worship Team Rehearsal** ROOM 119
Children's Basketball GYM
8:00 p.m. **Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal** ROOM 148

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 | LUKE 1:47-55

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
9:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study** HANCOCK HALL
11:30 a.m. **Preschool Christmas Program** SANCTUARY
5:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
6:30 p.m. **Girl Scouts Meeting**
7:00 p.m. **Connect Group (Young Adult)** ROOM 222

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 | PSALM 146:5-10

- 11:30 a.m. **Tuck Christmas Party** HANCOCK HALL
12:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224
4:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
5:00 p.m. **District Scouting Lock-in** YOUTH AREA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 | MATTHEW 11:2-6

- 8:00 a.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM

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