

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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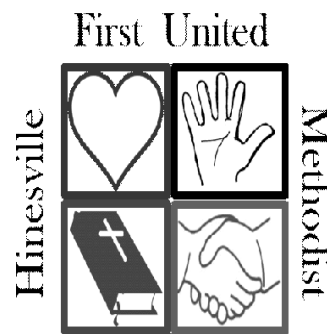
Our mission is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ through the transformational pillars of loving, sharing, teaching, and practicing.

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1st Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2015
Where God's Grace Transforms You!

HERE'S WHERE WE'RE GOING...

Sunday, December 27

"Lost Child"

Luke 2 : 41 - 52

Their faces used to appear on milk cartons, and posters as well. Now there are websites devoted to such faces, and occasionally, billboards.

Behind the stories of those faces are the unending heartbreaks that happen each day for parents, where nothing is resolved for weeks or months or years -- no news, no sightings, no progress in the investigations. They are trapped in their endless nightmares of grief, loss, paralysis.

While these lost children disappear, used and trafficked by adults, or are murdered, and while each child matters to God, few children actually become lost. Some 10,000 children in the United States disappeared in 2014. There are many other ways that children become lost, however -- lost in autism, lost by a family's neglect or coldness, lost because the vastness of the world overwhelms them. If you can find the film **Room**, you will see the most magnificent portrait of a boy who is overwhelmed by the vastness of a world, after having spent his first five years trapped in a small room with his imprisoned mother. She fights for his survival, both in that small room, and after their escape into the room of the world, feeling the gawking, misunderstanding eyes of a public who has no clue about them.

The child Jesus goes missing for three days. He's sitting with the religious teachers, debating the fine points of Torah law. His parents are frantic to find him, and they do. Have we lost this child?

Christmas Day is over, and it's back to our routines. Do you want to find this lost child as well? He will be in church this Sunday. Don't lose him in the busyness of your post-Christmas Life! ~Dale

8:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Our Praise

Rejoice
We Three Kings
The First Noel v. 3 & 5

Our Giving of God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory Hymn

What Child is This

Bring your offerings to the altar as we thank God through music.

*Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

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Our Message

"Lost Child"

Rev. Thornton

** Please stand if you are able.*

UMH: Red United Methodist Hymnal CH: Green Celebration Hymnal
Only the red hymnal (UMH) is available in the pews.

11 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ring of the Hour

1st Impressions

Rev. Corbit & Ushers

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Congregation

Greet those around you with "The peace of Christ be with you."

*Fellowship Chorus

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

Prelude

Musicians

Please assume an attitude of worship and reverence.

Please register your attendance on the pew pads located in the book holder.

Call to Worship

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Corbit

Responsive Reading

Psalm 148

UMH 861
Jason Floyd

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 71

*Our Praise

Angels from the Realms of Glory v. 1&4
Go, Tell It on the Mountain v. 1&3

UMH 220
UMH 251

*Our Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Children's Sermon

Craig Stafford

Children's Church

Zimmie Christensen

Children ages 5 to 10 years old are invited to Children's Church

Our Prayers

Rev. Thornton

Call To Prayer

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly v. 1&2
The altar is open for prayer

UMH 229

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Thornton

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

*Our Giving of God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

*The Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

*The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

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Our Message

Lost Child

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*Our Invitation

Precious Name v. 1&4

UMH 536

*Benediction

Rev. Thornton

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-4 pm
Closed on Friday-Sunday

SUNDAY, December 27

8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

MONDAY, December 28

10:00 am Bulletin Deadline
6:00 pm Kirk Heal Center Mtg (Ollie Darsey)

TUESDAY, December 29

6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Selected Rooms)

WEDNESDAY, December 30

THURSDAY, December 31

FRIDAY, January 1 Office Closed

SATURDAY, January 2

SUNDAY, January 3

8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Group



FLOWERS

Placed to the Glory of God and in memory of
Cliff Mackrill by his family.

SPECIAL FRIENDS OF THE WEEK

Marilyn Sauls
205 Floyd Street
Hinesville, GA 31313

FUTURE EVENTS



Trustees: Mon., Jan. 4, 5:30 pm
Church Office Closed: Mon., Jan 18
Worship Committee: Mon., Jan. 18, 5:30 pm
NOW Committees: Mon., Jan. 25, 5pm
Church Council: Mon., Jan. 25, 6 pm

Remember Choir meets every Wednesday
at 6:30 pm. All are invited to come
and make a joyful noise!

Please remember that the deadline for
bulletin information is 10 am Monday

A Record of Our Faithfulness: December 20, 2015

Sunday School 83
8:30 am Worship: 38
11:00 am Worship 133

Stewardship

Budget Needs Each Week: \$7,862.13
Received 12-20-15: \$6,893.17
Received to Date: \$403,914.15
Building Fund to Date: \$846,062.82

Sunday Servants for December 27, 2015

Ushers: Clifford Johnson,
Capt., Matt Cardella, Pete
Clark, Bob Dasher, Bobby
Ryon
1st Impressions:
(8:30) Ann Bean
(11:00) Lynda Hall
Acolyte:
Michael Rowan

Altar Steward:
Judy Anderson
Prayer Warrior:
Joey Brown
Greeters: Ginger Clark,
W. L. & Lynda Hall



CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Carl & Kuniko Varnedoe, Inez Reddish, Bobby
& Lynn Sikes, Carol Downs, Lee Bevins, Jim
Sachau, Kathy Miller, Dorothy Wood,
Josephine Gibson, Rev. Robert Bean, Linda
Ratcliffe, Marilyn Sauls, Ernest & Margaret
Green, Tina Thompson, Andy Phillips, Dalpha
Cox, Carroll Floyd, Sue Nutting, Martha Eller,
Beverly Young, Edwen Valentine, Ann Powers,
Patty Edwards, Mary Moss, Sue Shope, Loren
Stains, Guy Campbell Joann Clark, Doris
Phillips

DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

We are praying for deployed military personnel
from Ft. Stewart/Hunter AAF including Joshua
Wood, Dylan Thomas, Justin Bornemann,
Phillip Lukens.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SCHEDULE

W.O.W

WOW: Worship Our Way, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
every Wednesday night.

- * There will be NO Youth on Sunday,
December 27th.
- * There will be NO WOW on Wednesday,
December 30th.
- * Sunday, January 3rd: Youth Group with
Brittany Burton from 5-6 pm.
- * Wednesday, January 6th: WOW from
6:30-7:30 pm Game Night, bring a snack
or drinks.
- * Sunday, January 10th: Youth Scavenger
Hunt/Bonfire. Meet in the church
parking lot at 3 pm.

PASTOR DALE IS AVAILABLE

Pastor Dale is available to you whenever he is
needed. Please store his number in your
phone so that you will always have it with
you. 912-409-5272

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Safe Sanctuary approved volunteers are
needed for youth. You don't have to teach,
just be there as a volunteer. Please contact
Brittany if you can help out.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-1: Brenda Smith
- 1-4: John Cardella
- 1-6: Justin Bornemann, Rick Malick,
- Michael Rowan, II
- 1-7: Susan Martin
- 1-10: Jeremy Corwin
- 1-13: Martin Causer
- 1-20: Amberley Lumbattis
- 1-22: Brooke Standard
- 1-23: Kaylyn Dickey
- 1-24: Ellen Seiders
- 1-26: Ryleigh Long, Abigail Rowan
- 1-28: Bobby Ryon
- 1-29: Kelly Wiggins

COLOR ENVELOPE SUNDAY

The next Color Envelope Sunday is Sunday,
January 17. All church members are invited to
participate in making paved parking and a new
social hall a reality through your sacrificial gifts.

CWM PECAN SALES

The CWM is holding a pecan sale. Halves and
pieces are \$11 for 16 oz. All of the chocolate
covered and cinnamon pecans have already been
sold. Pecans are being sold outside the church
office.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

All end of the year contributions should be
postmarked by December 31 in order to go on your
2015 statement.

