



Feb. 12: Linda Dickerson
 Feb. 13: James Daugherty
 Feb. 13: Marsha Vautrot
 Feb. 16: Debbie Hamm
 Feb. 16: Sidney Mahan
 Feb. 17: Jennifer Hillhouse
 Feb. 18: John Mahan
 Feb. 18: Susan Makant

Church Lock Up

2/5-2/11 Miriam Niemira
 Charles Leonard
 2/12-2/18 Lloyd Vautrot
 Bill Munson
 2/19-2/25 Hank Chapman

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome here.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, February 11th
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, February 12th
 4:30 p.m. Claddagh Circle
 6:00 p.m. Administrative
 Council Meeting

Tuesday February 13th
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
 4:00 p.m Bible Study

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th
 12:00 Ashes at the Portico
 5:00 p.m. Soup Meal
 5:30 p.m. Ashes in the
 Sanctuary

**LIJ Kids
 Wednesday After School**

February 14th: All you need is Love!
 February 21st: No LIJ KIDS - Winter Break!
 February 28th: Letter E surprise character

Share some of Jesus' Love and invite a Friend
 to learn more about His Love.!



FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week
God of light, shine brightly. Shine! So that we can see the way to live a righteous life before you. Help us to be gracious, not rude; truthful, not dishonest; patient, not impatient; compassionate, not cruel; full of joy and not despairing. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

Our monthly mission dinner for February will be Wed, Feb. 28 at 5:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Kent Sanford who will talk to us about New Beginnings and their efforts in the community to help those who are challenged to find affordable housing. Menu and reservation sign-up will follow next week.

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Ellijay First

United Methodist Church
 75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472
 Ellijay, GA 30540

February 11, 2024 - Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is White

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: The mighty one speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. God calls to the heavens and to the earth, "Gather to me my faithful ones."

* **Prelude** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
arr. by Fred Bock

* **Call To Worship**
 "Holy, Holy, Holy" Bell Choir
arr. by Kevin McChesney

† **The Greeting**
 Leader: As we live and as God lives,
People: God will not leave us.
 Leader: When fire devours and storms blow us astray,
People: God will not leave us.
 Leader: When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,
People: God will not leave us.
 Leader: When the world changes around us,
People: God will not leave us.
 Leader: When we long to speak but find not words,
People: God will not leave us.
 Leader: When all around us is silent,
People: God will not leave us,
 Leader: When faithfulness feels beyond us,
People: God will not leave us.
 Leader: As we live and as God lives,
People: we worship the One who will not leave us.

† **The Hymn of Praise** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

† **The Affirmation of Faith** **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.

† **The Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 Hymn of Preparation**
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot/ I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"
by Mary McDonald

† The Presentation and Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Anthem "Holy Ground" *by Geron Davis*
arr. by Steve Taylor

The Scripture Mark 9:2-9 NRSV

Sermon "Tell No One?" Pastor

The Closing Hymn
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH 173

† The Benediction

† **The Choral Benediction**
"Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS 2173

The Postlude "Rejoice the Lord Is King"
arr. by James Mansfield

*Following the service, the Prayer Team is available
at both the Narthex and Altar.
They are wearing white scarves.*

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† *Congregation Standing (as able)* *UMH - United Methodist Hymnal*
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

Mark 9:2-9

The Transfiguration

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.