



1/18 - Myron Segraves  
1/24 - Keegan McCurdy



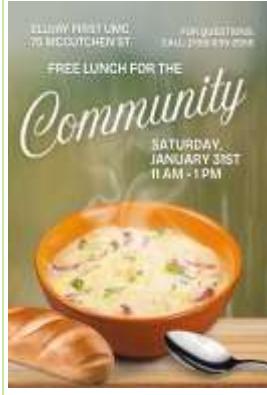
### Church Lock-up Schedule:

1/18 - 1/24 Bill Munson  
1/25 - 1/31 Hank Chapman  
2/01 - 2/07 Charlie Cobb  
2/08 - 2/14 Barry Griffin



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### Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, the weak, sick, & hungry, ourselves. Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks  
Names highlighted in **bold** are new additions or changes to the Prayer List.

#### General

Juston Davis

#### Health

Brent Badinski  
Charles Benner  
Kevin Brett  
Mark Brown  
Joan Compton  
Brenda Eisanhart  
Sharon Fletcher  
Betty Jo Hanes  
Ruth Hix  
Millie Kelley  
Missy Kepley  
Vincent Marino  
Alyse Munson  
Lynn Perry  
Wanda Sandels  
Ann Shearon  
Dan Weaver  
Clyde White  
Bobbie Wilson

#### Surgery Recuperating

Suzy Ganz  
Tony Ganz  
Bill McKinney  
Katherine Meyer  
Bill Munson  
Frank Richardson

#### Shut-In

Peter Adams  
Ernette Calhoun  
Earline Copley  
Jim Hagopian  
Mack Hipp  
Johnny Johnson  
Margie Pyren  
Myron Seagraves  
Paul Stanhope  
Robert Westmoreland

#### Caregiver

Nell Bater  
Cherie Dice  
Scott Goldston  
Carolyn Hipp  
Pat Johnson  
Julie Kepley  
Susan Marino  
Peggy Richardson  
Lorraine Segraves  
Joan Stanhope  
Sherry Weaver

#### Deaths

Family of Marlene Brown  
Family of Robert Hillhouse  
Family of DeWayne Lineback  
Family of Angie Pierce

#### Hospice

Doug Bater  
Shirley Goldston  
Ed Jeffery  
Rudi Lanhardt

*Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks. Please fill free to complete and drop in the offering plate if you have a request.*



**Ellijay First  
United Methodist Church  
Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor**

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### January 2026 at Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Monday, Jan 19 - Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
Tuesday, Jan 20 - Joyful Noon Circle, Fellowship Hall Noon  
Thursday, Jan 22 - Book Club, Fellowship Hall 2:00pm  
Saturday, Jan 31 - GRASP Mission Team Community Lunch Fellowship Hall from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm or until the food runs out.

### Our Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Helping Hands Sunday School 8:45 am	Mon - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry (1st & 3rd Mon) 9:00 am -12:00 pm
Worship Service 10:00 am	Altars Study Group 11:00 am
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Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Wed - LJ Kids 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Thur - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
	Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

### Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm

**Rev. Dr. Mike Shearon, Pastor, [Mike.Shearon@georgiaumc.net](mailto:Mike.Shearon@georgiaumc.net)**

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**Gabrielle Cornett...Pianist & Organist**

**Sarah Thorne ....Director of Music...[music@ellijayfirstumc.org](mailto:music@ellijayfirstumc.org)**

**Marianne Evans ....Children's Ministries and Preschool....[children@ellijayfirstumc.org](mailto:children@ellijayfirstumc.org)**

**Joseph Lowery.... Youth Director.....[youth@ellijayfirstumc.org](mailto:youth@ellijayfirstumc.org)**

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**Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator**

**Debbi Westcott....Communications.....[communications@ellijayfirstumc.org](mailto:communications@ellijayfirstumc.org)**

**Finance office....Giving statements/Accounts.....[finance@ellijayfirstumc.org](mailto:finance@ellijayfirstumc.org)**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026  
10:00 am Worship Service**

# Sunday Worship Service

January 18, 2026

## The Chiming of the Hour

**The Prelude:** arr by Mary McDonald  
"Rock of Ages"

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation**  
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

**Call To Worship** "Jesus, Name Above All Names"  
by Naida Hearn

**† The Greeting**  
Can you hear God's call?  
**Christ's voice is heard far and near.**  
Can you discern God's Word?  
**Christ calls on and all.**  
God speaks of light and life.  
**Christ loves the mighty and the small.**  
The Spirit breathes joy and compassion.  
**We are called into fellowship together.**

**† The Hymn of Praise** UMH 57  
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs 1-5

**† 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.

## Children's Sermon

**Pastoral & Congregational Prayer** Rev. Dr. Shearon

**The Lord's Prayer** UMH 895

**†The Hymn of Preparation** UMH 181  
"Ye Servants of God"

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music** arr by Larry Shackley  
"The Power of the Cross"

**†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

**Choir Anthem** by Besig and Price  
"Lord, Can You Hear Us Praying"

**† The Scripture Reading** 1 Samuel 17:32-37

**The Sermon**  
"Seeing What David Saw"

**†The Closing Hymn** UMH 578  
"God of Love and God of Power"

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.*

**†The Pastoral Benediction**

**†The Postlude** "Trumpet Tune" arr by Purcell and Carter

*Prayer team members are available after the service.  
They will be wearing white shawls.*

† - Stand as you are able

1 Samuel 17:32-37

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

<sup>35</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

<sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

<sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."



The word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!

## You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.