

## Property Security Improvements

In an effort to improve the security of our facilities and protect staff, members, and property, all of our access codes have been either updated or removed. All generic codes, music, volunteer, etc, have been deactivated. Building access will now need to be coordinated through the office and scheduling for doors to be open for specific events. Please call or email the office with any access questions or requests. In addition to that, for any room use requests, reservations need to be made. Please contact the church office to reserve space for bible studies, group meetings, committee meetings, or any room use you will be utilizing at the church. Reserving the room and getting your group/event on the calendar will reserve the space. Info @carrolltonfirst.com 770-832-7069



**Our Methodist Mission:** Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
For the transformation of the world. (Matt. 28:19)  
**January 7, 2024 ● 11 a.m. ● Epiphany Sunday**

### Prayer List

**Prayers for:** Millie Jones, James (Jamie) Wood, , Leo Loftin (Teresa Davis father), Joan Nesbitt, Joan Nelson, Chris Hamil, David Perry, Ernest & Doris McClendon, Delaney Jackson, Richard Culpepper, Bob Stone, Sally Arnett, (Wil Arnett’s mother), Shirley Varney, Ted & Brenda McMillian, Laura Hutchinson (friends of Wil & Cathy Arnett), Kathleen Erickson Pardue, Leonard Wood Pardue, Jr (Robin Newman’s sister & brother in law), pray for our church and her future, Gregg Heath, Mary Jane Denny Goodson, Carmen & Jimmy Pope, Linda Aitken, Dick Phelan (Mark Parkman’s father in law), Mary Jo Brooks, Buddy Farmer (Charlotte Shackelford’s brother), June Sorrells, Shaun Maddox, Shields Upchurch, Susan Hall (Melanie’s sister-in-law), Jacqueline Roberts, Cason Poss (Paula Swinson’s nephew), Jo McGuire (Jerry Eady’s sister), Glenda Banks, Beverly Parkman, John Trawick, Kevin Ayers, George Archibald, Joe Kroll, Hal Hall, Jackie Todd, Greg Lavendar.

**Please notify the church office of any changes.**

In our first Epiphany Sunday, as we begin a new year as a new church, let us remember that the Magi obediently followed the shining star to the Christ Child. Their search for the Christ was not motivated by their own selfish desires. Rather, they were seeking the source of the Light.



**Prayer or Prejudice 1 John 4:1-7**

Some people think they are praying when they are really rearranging their prejudices. John calls on the early church to test the spirits. We need to test our own thoughts and plans in the same way.

**The Vision of First Methodist of Carrollton:**  
*A congregation in which anyone and everyone can  
**Connect with Christ ~Grow in Faith ~ and  
Serve ~ more and more fully in the Spirit of Jesus***

### Church Staff.

Call on us if we can serve you in any way! 770-832-7069

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### Transitional Steering Committee

The Administrative Council has appointed a transitional steering committee to guide our church during this transition period. The members of this team are:

Brett Carter, Cliff Harris, Amy Harris, Brett Ledbetter, Sandra Huey, Stacy Martin, Randy Sisson, Julie Sisson, Alecia Searcy, David Miceli, Andrew Mills, John Harris, Jim Reynolds, Nelson Amaya, Thompson Lewis, Paul Penland, and Wes Griffin.

# Order of Worship

January 7, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

**All: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.**

Leader: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

**All: The darkness that surrounds us is gone!**

Leader:- Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

**All: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love and His Holy Word to others.  
AMEN**

✠Proclamation Hymn #23

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

✠The Confession #730

Leigh Crews

✠Greet Friends

✠Hymn #78

*Revive Us Again*

Pastoral Prayer & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

✠Doxology #682

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:1-7

Thompson Lewis

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Prayer or Prejudice”

Dr. Joel Snider

Holy Communion

✠Hymn of Response #570

*Blessed Assurance*

✠Benediction

Dr. Joel Snider

✠Postlude

Tracy Rainwater

✠ Congregation standing as you are able

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Praise Sunday School class in honor of Dr. Joel Snider and his family as they join First Methodist in this new year of fellowship with Jesus our Lord.

Acolytes Chloe Carter, Ella Walker, Delta Russell

Ushers: Randy Sisson, Julie Sisson, Ben Gordon, Pam Gordon

Tracy Rainwater

Kim Jones

Dr. Joel Snider



Carrollton First Methodist welcomes  
Dr. Joel Snider as interim pastor!

Joel Snider is Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia, where he served from 1995-2016. Since 2017, Dr. Snider has served more than a dozen churches as interim pastor or as a Consultant with the Center for Healthy Churches. At CHC, he is team leader for the organization's work in Conflict Transformation. He says, "I love my family, believe in the church, and serve Christ." Please warmly welcome Dr. Joel Snider as our interim pastor!



## Acolyte Training

**Sunday, January 21**

Immediately following worship

In the Gathering Room

Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte, please join us for a brief training session.

## New Hymnals

Heartfelt thanks to the Harry Preston family for the generous gift of our new hymnals given in loving memory of Jackie Preston.

## New Bible Studies

**Sundays starting January 21,**

3:30 PM Room 206 “Jude Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture” A study by Jackie Hill Perry. Contact Marianna Carter for more info or if you would like to join.

**Wednesday mornings starting**

**January 17 9:00 AM Room 206**  
“1 Peter Living in Hope” A study by Jen Wilken. Contact Brooke Mobley for more info or to join



## Solid Rock Youth Events

**Today, 10 AM** Sunday school,

5:30—7PM, Board Games, Bible Study & brainstorming

**Sunday, January 14,** 10 AM Sunday school, No evening Youth

**CONNECT•GROW•SERVE** Starting **Tuesday, January 9,** Chic-fil-A, 7:15 AM, we will meet every Tuesday morning thru January



## All in One QR Code

Scan the QR code to record your attendance, send a prayer request, sign up for text messages from the church, and give online.

Network: Cfumc-guest password: Cfumc#206