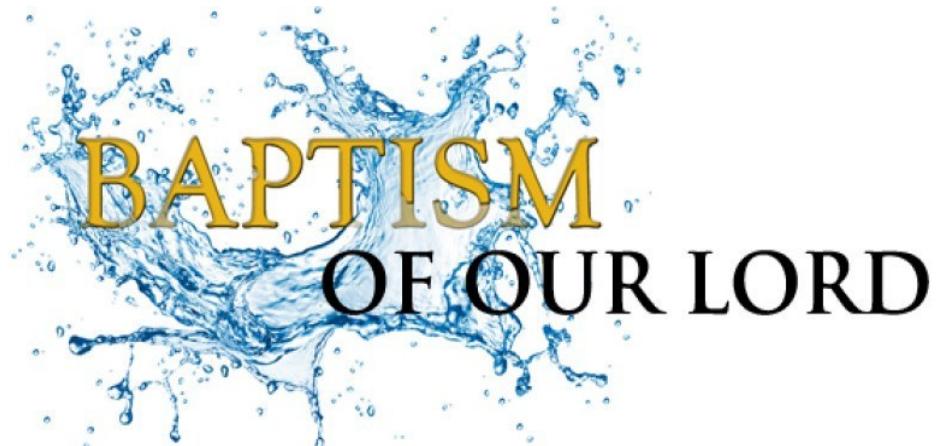


# **Wesley Way**

## **United Methodist Church**

### **McDonough, Georgia**



**January 11th, 2026**

**Baptism of The Lord**

WESLEY WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
150 John Wesley Way McDonough, GA 30252 770-898-3023

[www.wesleyway.org](http://www.wesleyway.org)

# *Welcome to Wesley Way United Methodist Church*

It is a blessing to worship in the Wesley Way congregation every Sunday! Whether this is your first visit or you're a charter member, I hope this is a meaningful time of worship for you and I hope you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit during today's service. Wesley Way offers two worship opportunities. The participatory, reflective service meets at 9:00am and the traditional service at 10:30am. Both services meet in the sanctuary.

If you would like me or any of the staff to contact you, please call or email the office at 770-898-3023 or [office@wesleyway.org](mailto:office@wesleyway.org). May God bless us all as we worship together this morning!

Pastor Michelle Strall

## **Wesley Way Church Staff**

Alisa Cline	Office Manager & Preschool Director
Judy Hogg	Financial Secretary
Kevin Lemelin	Director of Youth Ministries
Reed Lukat	Director of Music Ministries
Verna Ikner	Accompanist
Jana Zahn	Nursery Staff
Rev. Michelle Strall	Senior Pastor

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm (*check calendar of events for changes*)

Office Phone: 770-898-3023

Email: [office@wesleyway.org](mailto:office@wesleyway.org)

Pastor Michelle's Email: [pastor@wesleyway.org](mailto:pastor@wesleyway.org)

Church website: [www.wesleyway.org](http://www.wesleyway.org), N.GA Conference website: [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org)

Church Shipping Address: 150 John Wesley Way McDonough, GA 30252

# *Morning Worship Celebration*

January 11th, 9:00 AM

\*Please stand as able

## **WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP**

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

\*Song of Praise

Scripture Memorization

*“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them  
that they should always pray and not give up.”*

***Luke 18:1 NIV***

## **WE WORSHIP IN GOD’S WORD**

Scripture

Luke 3:1-6, 15-17, 21-22

Sermon

“By Water and the Spirit”

Rev. Michelle Strall

Celebration of Baptism

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG**

Time of Prayer

\*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

# *Morning Worship Celebration*

January 11th, 10:30 AM

\*Please stand as able

*Nursery is available for children under two years in room 113. Don't forget to check in on Facebook while you are here at Wesley Way! (WIFI password: wwumcguest)  
Please sign the attendance card located in your chair.*

## **WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP**

*Hymn of Praise	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	#189
*Affirmation of Faith		Donna Leoni
*Gloria Patri		
Welcome, Announcements & Prayer (please fill out pew pad located in your row)		Reed Lukat

## **WE WORSHIP WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Children's Moment	Rev. Michelle Strall
<i>(Children ages 4 years– 5th grade are invited to come up front for a special message from Pastor Michelle. Then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in room 125. Parents may pick up their children in room 125 immediately after the service.)</i>	

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Offertory Prayer	Donna Leoni
Offertory	Verna Ikner
*Doxology	Verna Ikner

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG**

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

*(Lord's Prayer will be shown on the screen)*

\*Anthem

*This I Know*

Chancel Choir

\*Greet One Another

\*Hymn of Preparation

*This Is Spirit's Entry Now*

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## **WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD**

Scripture

Luke 3:1-6, 15-17, 21-22

Sermon

“By Water and the Spirit”

Rev. Michelle Strall

Celebration of Baptism

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Praise

*Wonderful Words of Life*

#600

\*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

*(After the spoken benediction, please join in the song printed below.)*

*May the Lord, the God of Heaven be with you throughout your days*

*Fill your life with grace and gladness guide you in His Heavenly ways.*

*Fill your life with grace and gladness, keep you in His love divine*

*Give you all the joy of Jesus and His life throughout all time.*

*-By permission of Dr. C.R. Hill, Jr.*

Postlude

Verna Ikner



## **Prayer List:**

Judy Bailey	Mandy Lake
Ruby Bastian	The Marshall Family
Melissa Bell	Beth Mason
Emily Binkowski	Charlene Mills
Liz Bond	Kim Mitchell
Dave Bowmaster	Morgan Mitchell
The Bowmaster Family	Jennifer Moore
The Family of Bill Burch	Bill Murdoch
Burma Campbell	Evan Payne
Brian Cathers	Glenn Phillips
Kelly Conrad	Randy Prater
Jerry Day	Denise Richardson
John Demitrus	Teresa Robinson
Tommy Dunn	Ben Sallies
Dianne Elkins	Larissa Scott
Jeanette & Jim Elliott	Diane St.Clair
The Evans Family	Jim Thompson
Danny & Barbara Exum	Stuart Updike
Marlene Gasses	Pat White
Wayne & Dianne Gillem	Esther Williams
Kathy Going	Becky Woodward
Lesa Goyeau	Durwood Youngblood
Judy Hogg	Rev. Paul Zahn
Linda & Chuck Jarrell	
Angel Jones	
Peggy King	

## **Altar Flowers:**

N/A

## **This Morning's Servers:**

### Greeters

9:00am—

10:30am— Sharon Anderson

Jeanette Moore

### Ushers

Scott Mayo

Kim McDonald

Andy Pike

Matt Settle

### Liturgist

Donna Leoni

### Sexton

Wes Arnold



## **Stewardship**

Your contributions to Wesley Way UMC are not only vital to our mission, they are much appreciated!

### **Monthly Budget Needs for 2026: \$36,040**

01/04: \$3,085

December Giving: \$29,324

December Expenses: \$32,511

## **Birthdays**

01/07

Nelson Fonville

01/08

Shelia Mason

01/11

Kristin Skakun

Leila White

01/14

Jeff Bird

01/15

Richard Krytus



## **Read the Bible in a Year**

Many of you took a journey this year reading through the entire Bible. We want to recognize your commitment to God's word. Please contact the church office by January 12 ([office@wesleyway.org](mailto:office@wesleyway.org)) so that we may recognize you in worship on January 18th.

*(For those who didn't, maybe you would like to set this as a personal goal for 2026? Send your name in to receive information about working on this in 2026!)*

## **Church Admin. Planning**

### **Day-Jan. 17**

All Administrative Council members are invited to a day of planning on **January 17, 9-12pm**. If you are a Team Guide or the member of a Team, a member of the Administrative Council at-large, or a staff member, we humbly request you join us for this time of planning for 2026 and beyond. We need your voice in this conversation. Other church members are also welcome to attend as we vision and plan with God for this new year.

## **Thank you all Church Leaders!**

A large thank you to all our church leaders in 2025! The ways you serve Christ through Wesley Way UMC is a huge blessing. Thank you. Some of you will rotate off teams, while new leaders are stepping up. We look forward to what God will do with our church in 2026. Thank you for saying "yes" to God!!

## **Community Connections**

Help us support Calvary Refuge by donating new white towels and washcloths thru the month of January. These items will provide comfort and dignity to those in need. Please deposit your items into the wooden box labeled "community connections" in the lobby.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

## Youth Ministry

Kevin Lemelin

[youthministry@wesleyway.org](mailto:youthministry@wesleyway.org)

## High School Retreat

The high school youth had a wonderful retreat in Helen over the recent break. It was a great weekend; We had meaningful fellowship and devotion time, ate a lot of good food (these youth can cook) and had fun playing games together. Thank you to Andy, Claire and Tabitha for chaperoning this trip and for loving on these youth. God is good!

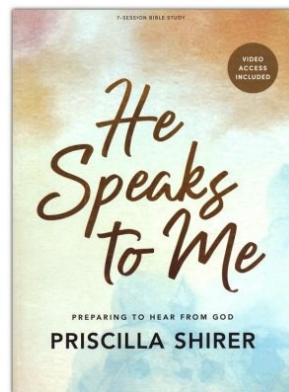


## Wednesday Night Adult

### Bible Study

Beginning, Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm

Join us for our next Bible study! In this 7-session video-based study, Priscilla Shirer uses the account of God speaking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3 to show how God speaks to Christians and how we can discern His voice and position ourselves to respond.



## **Weekday Revelation Bible Study**

Join us this winter for Adult study as we take a look into the book of Revelation. This study will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am for 1 hour for 13 weeks. Books will be ordered soon (\$15). Sign up in the Lobby or email the church office @ [office@wesleyway.org](mailto:office@wesleyway.org)

## **Audio Visual Help Needed**

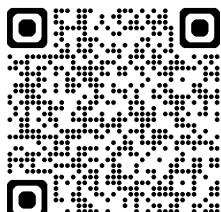
We need help in our sound booth preparing and running the weekly slides for worship.

It doesn't take a lot of time and is a great way to serve for 10:30 worship. See Pastor Michelle or Tim Strall to learn more.

## **Liturgist Help Needed**

Each Sunday laity help lead worship through the leading of the Apostles' Creed and the offering prayer. We need your help!

You can sign up to serve regularly each month or pick a few Sundays per quarter where you can help lead. Sign up is located on the table in the Lobby or use the QR code below.



## **Spiritual Walks in Nature**

This past Fall, we began a journey of 4 seasonal gatherings in nature. During these times, we will seek to meet with God, learn about our faith and discover how to walk with God while in his creation. Our next gathering is January 25, 1pm at Heritage Park. We will meet there at the children's playground parking lot closest to the garden. No registration is required. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. If you attended the first gathering, bring your notebook. New participants will be provided a notebook.

To learn more, see Pastor Michelle.

### Upcoming Walks:

--Spring--

#### **April 26, 1pm**

Alexander Park-West

110 Jonesboro Road,

McDonough, GA 30253

--Summer--

#### **June 14, 1:30pm**

Panola Mountain State Park, Stockbridge

*Carpooler's should meet at the church at 1pm*

## *Ministry Gatherings This Week*

### **Sunday, January 11th**

9:00am      Reflective Service  
9:30am      Sunday School  
10:30am      Traditional Service  
11:30am      UMW Exec. Board Mtg.  
5:00pm      UMYF

### **Thursday, January 15th**

6:00pm      SPR Mtg.

### **Monday, January 12th**

9:00am      Preschool Resumes

### **Saturday, January 17th**

9:00am      Admin Planning Day

### **Tuesday, January 13th**

12:30pm      UMW Daytime Circle Mtg.  
6:00pm      Trustees Mtg.

### **Sunday, January 18th**

9:00am      Reflective Service  
9:30am      Sunday School  
10:30am      Traditional Service  
5:00pm      UMYF

### **Wednesday, January 14th**

5:30pm      Supper  
6:30pm      Kids for Christ  
(K-5th grade- rm.125)  
6:15pm      Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm      Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm      Choir Practice

### **Coming Soon**

01/19– Church Office Closed in observance of  
MLK Day  
01/25– Spiritual Walk– 1:00pm @ Heritage  
Park  
01/26– Finance Mtg.– 6:00pm  
01/26– Admin Mtg.– 7:00pm