

**WEEKLY WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School 9:45 AM  
 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM  
 First Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:00 AM  
 Last Sunday of Month—Luncheon 12:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

2nd Wed. of Month Sawnee View Bereavement Support Group 10:30 AM

**THURSDAY**

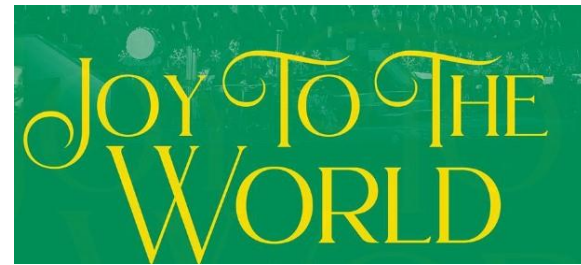
Third Thursday Lunch Fellowship  
 Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd, Cumming 1:00 PM  
 Weekly Choir Practice 6:00 PM

**SATURDAY**

Cooking Classes - 2nd Saturday of the month 10:00 AM  
 Art Classes - 3rd Saturday of the month 10:00 AM

**Prayer Requests**

	<b>Ronnie</b>	<b>Harry Basore</b>	
<b>Liliana and the Rives Family</b>	<b>David/Laura family</b>	<b>The Orticelli Family</b>	<b>The Jones Family</b>
Lou Hughes	<b>Jetti Hayes (Lou's Sister)</b>	<b>Skip (Lisa's Dad)</b>	<b>Peace in the Middle East</b>
Service Workers	Nation/Leaders	World/Leaders	Church/Leaders



**December 17, 2023**

**PIEDMONT CHURCH**

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**Pastor: Mathew Philip**  
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## Announcements

- **Food Bank:** Let's fill that bin or donate in cash! A great opportunity to be of service to our local community.
- **Books by Pastor Mathew:** *Joy in the Journey and Song in the Night*; \$10 each. Proceeds will benefit Piedmont Missions.
- **Our Mailing Address:**  
Piedmont UMC, 1170 Dahlonega Hwy Cumming, GA 30040
- **Cooking Class:** Saturday, January 13, at 10 AM in Fellowship hall.
- **Art Class** with Wayne Clements TBD
- **Third Thursday Lunch Fellowship** December 21 @1PM~ all are welcome! Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming
- **Christmas Service and Lunch:** December 24, at 11am. Special combined service with Hispanic Ministry. All are invited for lunch after service. Gifts to children will be given during lunch time.
- **Christmas Lunch** Sunday, December 24 after service.
- **Christmas Eve Service** Sunday, December 24 @5 PM. We will have combined candle light service and musical with Hispanic Ministry.
- **Disaffiliation updates:** The meeting with DS to sign documents scheduled for January, 11. We are required to complete a detailed list of items by December 21. Another list of items by December 31.  
<https://www.ngumc.org/> .

• **Thank you for your continued and faithful support in the ministries of the Church by prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.** “God Loves a Cheerful Giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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## **December 17, 2023** **Thirds Sunday of Advent - JOY**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn\*      Angels we have heard on high (238)

Opening Prayer

Greeting Time\*

Lighting of the JOY candle and Prayer for Joy

Responsive Reading\*      Psalm 126 (847)

Concerns and Blessings

The Lord's Prayer      (895)

Offertory

Doxology\*      Praise God from Whom all blessing (95)

Offertory Prayer\*

Scripture\*      Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 2:8-12

Sermon:      “Beauty for Ashes and Joy for Mourning”

Closing Hymn \*      Joy to the world (246)

Benediction\*

Postlude:

**\*Please stand if you are able**