UNDER THE DOME

JASPER FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrating 200 years of sharing Jesus in Jasper and Walker County

November 18, 2026 / Volume 25, Issue 46

Children's Night Out/ Christmas Program Practice
December 11th
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sunday, December 13th
Hospitality Time
8:30 am

Children's Christmas Program
9:00 am

Christmas Cantata
11:00 am

Gingerbread House Build Competition
December 16th
5:15 pm to 7:00 pm

Give Online

Your gifts make ministry possible. Scan the QR code to give securely online.

In-Person Attendance

November 15, 2026 262
November 8, 2026 292

General Fund Giving

Last Week $12,140.00
YTD $1,026,315.06

Includes online giving as of November 17, 2026

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

Poinsettias are a cherished part of the Advent and Christmas seasons, a symbol of love, joy, hope, and the light of Christ. Their star-shaped leaves remind us of the Star of Bethlehem. We invite our church family to place poinsettias in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones. They will be displayed throughout the Christmas season as a reminder of those who have shaped our lives and our faith.

Each poinsettia is **$22.00**. Payment may be made by cash or check. Please return this form and payment by **Friday, December 11, 2026** to the church office, place it in the donation boxes beside the church office or in the Fellowship Hall, or mail it to the church office.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of poinsettias _____ × $22.00 = Total $ _____

☐ In memory of ☐ In honor of

_____

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Given by _____

Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check #_____

Please make checks payable to Jasper First Methodist Church and note "Poinsettia" in the memo line.

Wednesday Night Announcements

November 25, 2026: There will be no Wednesday Night Life activities in observance of Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, love, and time with family and friends!

Celebration Service

November 22, 2026
8:30 a.m. Service

The Scripture Readings* 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Acts 19:1-10 NIV

Sermon Pastor James Johnson

Order of Worship

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Call to Worship* Grant Jarvis, Liturgist

When Paul met the believers in Ephesus, he asked,
"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

Today, that question is for us.

They knew how to repent,
but they did not know the power of the Holy Spirit.

We do not want to settle for less than all God has for us.

So we open our hearts and ask boldly.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill this place. Fill us.
We are ready, now!

Announcements Eli Matthews, Youth Minister

Altar Flowers

The Thanksgiving altar table arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eva Hester Oates, William Orval Hester, and Billy Oates by Eva's sons DeWayne, Tim, Myron, and Mark Hester.

Prelude "Thanksgiving Prayer" G. Martin

Processional Hymn* "Now Thank We All Our God" 102

Pastoral Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Passing of the Peace*

Hymn* "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" 694

Offering Our Prayers to God

Preparation for Prayer

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory "How Great Thou Art" A. L. Page
Handbell Ensemble

Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Apostles' Creed* 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living 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* 70

The Epistle Reading* 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 NIV

The Children's Message Dismissal to Children's Church with Shannon Day, Children's Minister

Anthem "A Thanksgiving Garden" J. Martin

The New Testament Lesson Acts 19:1-10 NIV

The Word of God
And we believe it.

Sermon Rev. James C. Johnson, Jr.

Hymn of Invitation* "We Gather Together" 131

Benediction*

Choral Benediction*

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land!

Postlude* "Harvest Fanfare" G. Martin

* Please Stand as able
**universal

Ushers – *Jeff Ferrell, Marcus O'Mary, Scott Thornley, & Shane Weber*
Acolytes – *Anderson Franklin & Ayden Gilbert-Morris*
Liturgist – *Grant Jarvis*
Greeters – *Lola O'Mary & Cherie Woodard*

Celebration Service

November 29, 2026
8:30 a.m. Service

Advent Candle Lighting: Week 1 – Hope Family

Isaiah 64:1-3

We begin our Advent journey in darkness and expectation.
The prophets remind us that God is faithful to promises made long ago.
Today we light the first candle of Hope, a sign of God's promise
and our confident waiting.

(The Hope candle is lit.)

Come, Lord Jesus. Teach us to wait in hope. Amen.

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Order of Worship

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The Passing of the Peace*

Hymn* "What Child Is This" 219

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God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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Hymn of Invitation* "The First Noel" 245

Benediction*

Choral Benediction*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Postlude* "All Glory Be to God on High" J. G. Walther

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Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday,
November 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.

First Methodist Church
JASPER, ALABAMA

"Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances"
1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Thanksgiving

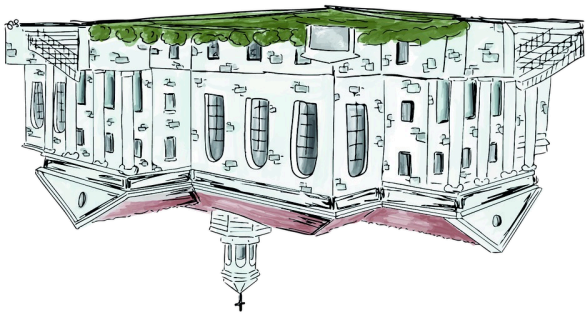
"Give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is good;
his love endures
forever."
Psalm 107:1

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS
Closing at noon
Wednesday, Nov. 25.
Closed Thursday &
Friday, Nov. 26–27.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

First Methodist Women Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 7 · 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. · Tickets $20
Speaker: Jan McCarver · For tickets, contact Deb Hudson, (205) 300-2702



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