



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 14, 2024

Baptism of the Lord Sunday



Welcome, Associate Pastor **Melissa Kime-Hall**

*Meet Melissa
Sunday, January 14 at a
reception in Grand Hall
at 12 pm*

Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall has served churches in the North Georgia Conference for ten years. Her pastoral ministry began at Midway UMC in Griffin, GA where she served for three years. From there, she served Mt. Zion – Ellenwood, Tillman Memorial UMC, First UMC of Smyrna, and Roswell UMC. Most recently, she has served as the Associate Pastor at Covington First UMC. She also works with the North Georgia Conference Fresh Expressions Team and is the Central South District Lead Cultivator. Melissa is a life-long Methodist having grown-up at Calhoun First UMC. Upon graduating from Calhoun HS, she continued her education at Reinhardt College and the University of Georgia. She graduated with a B.S.Ed. in English Education and a M.Ed. in Reading Education. She worked in education for 15 years before answering the call to full-time ministry. She attended Candler School of Theology at Emory and graduated with her MDiv in 2015. She was ordained as an elder in 2020. Melissa is married to the Rev. Thomas Hall who serves as the pastor of Crossroad UMC in Conyers, GA. They have been married for three years. They have three children, Knox (24) and Kat (19) Mobley, and Zach Hall (27). Zach and his wife, Linsey, are expecting their first child in April 2024. Outside of church, Melissa enjoys hiking, trying new restaurants, traveling, reading, and cheering on her favorite teams. She is an especially avid fan of UGA football and Atlanta Brave baseball. She also enjoys studying the less mentioned characters of the Bible and is especially fond of the daughters of Zelophehad (Numbers 27). Her favorite, more well known, story from the Bible is Elijah in the wilderness. She admires the strength of these people in adverse situations. Melissa also enjoys a good cup of coffee, meeting people, and exploring communities. For a fun story, ask her about her wedding day in 2020. It was everything that she and Thomas did not expect! Melissa is excited to serve at Oak Grove and looks forward to meeting the congregation in January!



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8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling W Thompson

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, o sinner, come home.*

*Call to Worship (8:30) Dr. Amy Morgan

Bless us, Lord, this day with vision.

(11:00) Dr. McBrayer

May this place be a sacred place,

A sharing space,

Where earth and heaven meet.

*Hymn **All Who Hunger** **TFWS 2126**

*(At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the last stanza of this Hymn. Children will return to the service on the final hymn. **If you are new to Oak Grove, please come with your child to the gathering area at the front and someone will assist you in getting your child checked in.)***

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881) (8:30) Dr. Morgan

(11:00) Dr. McBrayer

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.

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Dr. McBrayer

Anthem (11:00) Come Build a Church K Medema
Chancel Choir

God of creation, Maker of all things. We gather in this place to pray. We do invite you come now among us; Come and build your church today. Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone. We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone. Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a church of flesh and blood. Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God. Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar. Let us know the awe and wonder, that we've only glimpsed before. Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep. Let us know this great awakening. For so long we've been asleep. Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds. Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of hatred down. Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends. Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends. Guide our feet in peaceful pathways. Teach us peace of heart and mind; peace with God and all God's children; till we leave our wars behind. Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night; like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Ryan Shimabukuro

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

*Hymn **Come and Find the Quiet Center** **TFWS 2128**

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McBrayer

**Our God when the world outside is cold, you warm our hearts and inspire our dreams.
Help us to share the warmth of your love with all those who struggle to find their way.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Allegro from *Sonata in D Major*
Richard Rembert, cello and Leanne Herrmann, piano

GP Telemann

*Doxology

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

Dr. McBrayer

Oliver James, Finn Alexander, and Anderson Grace Shull
children of Emily and Anthony Shull

Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall

Congregational Pledge

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Oliver, Finn,
and Anderson, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

God Claims You

TFWS 2249

**Oliver, Oliver God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.**

Oliver, Oliver God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Finn, Finn God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Finn, Finn God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Anderson, Anderson God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Anderson, Anderson God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

*Gospel Testament Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Kime-Hall

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Sermon

**Why Church?
...Become a Village**

Rev. Kime-Hall

*Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)

*Benediction

(8:30) Rev. Kime-Hall, (11:00) Dr. McBrayer

Postlude

God the Omnipotent from *What Wondrous Love*
Richard Rembert, cello and Leanne Herrmann, piano

AF Lvov, arr. K Kaiser

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

Welcome to Music Notes 2024! Sorry to have missed last week. This week, we continue our series "Why Church" by considering how we enter the church...how we become a village...and we get to hear from Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall for the first time. What an exciting day!

I'm not sure how Melissa is going to approach this, so I stepped out on my own. In my mind, the first step to entry is the call of Christ, an invitation to "All Who Hunger" to come to this place together. To "find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead." When we answer the call, we find a family of folks who are hearing the same call (a "church of flesh and bone...a sweet connection, turning strangers into friends"). A tie that binds indeed! Listen for the way the hymns progress from call and invitation to building a community of faith based in love that walks the journey of life together.

*Congregation stand as able. **UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing**

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Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship

ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.

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