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Welcome to worship at Statesboro First.
We're so glad you're here! We care about you.

Name

Service

I am a...

- ☐ 901
- ☐ 11:00 AM
- ☐ _____
- ☐ First time visitor
- ☐ Guest
- ☐ Regular Attendee
- ☐ Member
- ☐ _____

Phone

Email

Connect Cards help us respond to your visit,
whether you are visiting or join us regularly!

PRAYER

Share a Prayer Concern or Celebration
Let us know if we can share it with others!

☐ I am interested in teaching
Sunday School!
Please contact me.

☐ I'd like to meet with a Pastor.
Include your name and email/phone so we can
reach out to schedule a meeting or phone call.

I'd like to learn more about...

- ☐ Church
Membership
- ☐ Serving
Opportunities
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Groups/Classes

11:00 AM Traditional Service

PRELUDE

"Introduction-Choral & Menuet Gothique (from 'Suite Gothique') – Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"Be Joyful in the Lord" – Hal H. Hopson
The Chancel Choir, Lee & Debbie Walker, handbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be the Church of Divinity
Praise be to God's movement through God's Church!
But often times, we show up as the Church of Humanity!
Forgive us Lord, for those times we fall short!

***OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LISA LEE**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Morning has Broken" UMH 145

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 881) AND *GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"With a Voice of Singing" – Martin Shaw
The Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR MARK "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (*Children dismissed to Worship*)

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 3:17 - 4:1 (NRSV)

"THE CALL UPON HUMANITY TO BECOME THE CHURCH OF DIVINITY"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic", UMH 717

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely Freely" UMH 389

POSTLUDE

"Toccata (from Suite Gothique) – Léon Boëllmann

**Congregation standing if able during this portion of the service.*

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.



STATESBORO FIRST

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

*Through us God will:
Reach People
Touch Souls
Change Hearts
Launch Disciples*



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Church Council Meeting
We will be having a Church Council Meeting tomorrow, Monday **August 18 at 6:30PM** in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome to attend!

Membership Invitation
Is it time for you to “drop anchor” in a faith family? How about Statesboro First United Methodist Church? Just connect with Pastor mark by email or text and he will take it from there!

Mission Opportunity
Your Missions Team is coordinating a Flood Bucket event in August. The Missions team is buying all the supplies for 50 buckets (including the buckets!) We are giving the church two opportunities to participate.

1. If you wish to sponsor a flood bucket, you can do so by writing a check to SFUMC (Note Missions Flood Bucket in memo section.) The cost to sponsor a flood bucket is \$100 each. Those funds will go 100% back into our Missions Fund as second mile giving.
2. Come to our FREE “Build a Bucket” event on **Sunday, Sept 14 at 3PM**. All the buckets and all the supplies will be staged in our Fellowship Hall. Come build a bucket and participate as an individual or entire family.

SNAP Ministry
If you wish to become part of our “Special Need All Pray” Ministry text group, simply text your name to Pastor Mark at 404-502-7678.

Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will be continuing his 4 week study on the first 11 Chapters of Genesis. We have a great group attending, so bring your Bible and join the conversation Wednesday, **August 20 at 10am in Room 206**.



Church Calendar

Sunday, Aug 17
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct
4:00 PM - AA Meeting, 211
4:30 PM- SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

Monday, Aug 18
10:00 AM - Dreta Sharpe Cir, 306
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
6:30PM - Church Council Mtg, FH

Wednesday, Aug 20
10:00 AM - Bible Study, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste
Thursday, Aug 21
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306

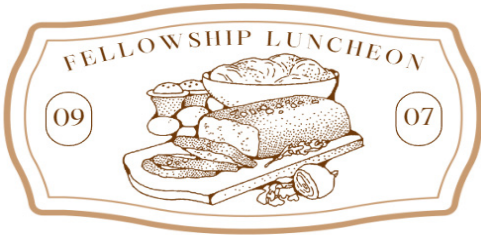
Saturday, Aug 23
10:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Church Fellowship Luncheon
Make plans to join us for our next Fellowship Luncheon following the 11AM service on Sunday, **September 7**. The church will provide meats, so bring your favorite side, salad or sweet and let’s enjoy a time of gathering together.



SFUMC Prayer Concerns

College students and faculty returning to classes
Family of Joe McGlamery in his recent passing
Family of Ray Haskins in his recent passing
Bobbie & Holt Coursey’s grandson in-law (Marshall) - recovering from roof fall
Richard Howard - recovering at home
Elizabeth Cowart - at home recovering from surgery
Harper Kamppi - recovering from surgery - broken arm
Hilda Dutrow - general health concerns
David Ewing - shoulder replacement surgery Sept 22
Joyce Bohler - knee replacement Sept 18
Mary Ann Lisenbee - knee replacement Sept 30
Susan Campo - home with ongoing health issues
Julie Winskie - undergoing chemo and radiation for brain cancer
Burney Marsh - severe back pain; upcoming procedure to install pain limiter
Rev. Terry DeLoach - general health (back at home)
Carol Elliot (Marcus Toole’s Sister) - now undergoing radiation treatments
Becky Renfroe – stroke recovery - at home with care
Steve Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson’s son) – ongoing cancer related Chemo treatment
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson’s son) – ongoing cancer related immune treatment
Texas flood victims, families and all affected
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia
Our Organ refurbishment project beginning soon

Children & Student Ministry News

SFUMC Student Sundays
All 6th-12th graders are invited to play games, eat snacks, hear a lesson, break into small groups, & grow in Christ’s love together! The fun starts in the *youth room at 4:30 and ends at 6!*



We are still in need of Sunday School teachers for all ages - elementary through high school. Contact Haley Herrington or check the circle on your Connect Card for more information.

Attendance

| August 10, 2025: 255 | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 9:01 AM: 40 | 11:00 AM: 122 |
| Online: 93 | |

Offering

Offering Received: **\$8,625**



If you wish to purchase flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a life event, contact our church office at (912) 764-7589.

Prefer to complete your connect card electronically? Simply scan this QR code to be automatically directed!



Nursery & Kids’ Worship

KIDS’ WORSHIP: *Pre-K - 5th Grade*
Children are dismissed during the service and escorted to Room 306 on the 3rd floor. Parents can pick their children up in room 306 after the service, or, following the 9:01 service, children are brought downstairs to their Sunday School classes.

NURSERY: *infants, toddlers, and other children under the age of 4 in room 110 across from the Fellowship Hall.*