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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
- ☐ _____

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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'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
"Lead, Kindly Light" – Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT
"Humble Yourselves Before the Lord" -- Hal H. Hopson
The Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Lord Jesus, your generosity on the cross makes us pause.
How can we possibly fully honor your sacrificial giving?
Lord Jesus, your care for the underprivileged is not "of this world".
Bring us together as one, all sharing in your ministry to the world.

***OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - BILL THOMPSON**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" UMH 325

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 885) AND *GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
"The Lord is My Light" – Frances Allitsen
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
ACTS 4:32-37 (NRSV)

"CARING IS SHARING"
REV. MARK BURGESS

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light " UMH 206

***BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG**
"This Little Light of Mine" UMH 585

POSTLUDE
"Fiat Lux ('Let There Be Light')" – Théodore Dubois

**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.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

Get Your Pumpkins Here!

On **Sunday, October 5th**, a semitruck with **800** pumpkins will arrive at our church. We are partnering with Habitat for Humanity Bulloch County on their pumpkin fundraiser throughout the month of October. 100% of proceeds from sales will go to Habitat for Humanity Bulloch County. We need your participation in this SFUMC Missions project and have 2 ways you can help!

1. Come to our south field at **2 pm** On Sunday **October 5** to unload the pumpkins from the truck. We have volunteers coming from many places beyond the church. Come be with us!
2. Volunteer to help man the pumpkin patch. All transactions are electronic (no cash or checks.) We have set up 2 hour service slots and need at least 2 people at the patch while it is open. There will be a tent, table & chairs for you. Customers will use wagons we provide to hunt for pumpkins and take to their cars.

You will not be loading pumpkins!

Sign up for a specific day and time slot with this QR code!



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Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will be continuing his study on the first 11 Chapters of Genesis Wednesday, **September 24 at 10am in Room 206.**



Church Calendar

Sunday, Sept 21
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, Sept 22
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Sept 24
10:00AM - Bible Study, 206
6:00PM - Wednesday Night Study, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste
Thursday, Sept 25
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:00PM - Wesley Foundation Board Mtg
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306

Saturday, Sept 27
9:00 AM - Kairos Training
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Wednesday Night Study!

Chosen as Bishop of Lugdunum, now Lyon, this week's hero wrote his best-known work "*Against Heresies*" around 180 as a refutation of gnosticism, in particular that of Valentinus. To counter the doctrines of the gnostic sects claiming secret wisdom, he offered three pillars of orthodoxy: the scriptures, the tradition said to be handed down from the apostles, and the teaching of the apostles' successors. He is the earliest surviving witness to regard all four of the now-canonical gospels as essential. Come to **Room 206 Wednesday, Sept 24 at 6 pm** and find out more about him!

SFUMC Prayer Concerns

Family of Rev. Terry DeLoach in his recent passing
John Tucker - hip pain & brother in intensive care (NC)
Jane Anderson - home from hospital on oxygen concentrator
Martha Wells - severe back pain
Daryl Harrison - recent skin cancer procedure
Richard Howard - recovering at home
David Ewing - shoulder replacement surgery Sept 22
Joyce Bohler - recovering from knee replacement surgery
Susan Campo - home with ongoing health issues
Julie Winskie - undergoing chemo and radiation for brain cancer
Burney Marsh - severe back pain; upcoming back surgery
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-in hospital on dialysis
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) -- ongoing cancer related immune treatment
A mild hurricane season
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia

Children & Student Ministry News



See this week's newsletter for more information and contact Mrs. Haley to sign up!

Attendance

September 14, 2025: 277	
9:01 AM: 35	11:00 AM: 147

Online: 95

Offering

Offering Received: \$9,757



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.