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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

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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'm interested in teaching
High School Sunday School!

☐ 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
"Méditation" – Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT
"We Have Come to Worship the Lord" -- Charles Yanerella
The Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
We come to worship God with awe and gratitude.
Thank you Lord Jesus for your perfect sacrificial love!
Your expression of the Father's love is a blinding bright light.
Help us shine your light in this often dimly lit world.

***OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - ELIZABETH LIPPINCOTT**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH 173

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" – Dr. Jackson Borges
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
JOHN 13:34-35 (NRSV)

"LOVE LIKE ME!"
REV. MARK BURGESS

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love " (insert)

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

POSTLUDE
"Carillon du Longpont, Op. 31, No. 21 " – Louis Vierne

**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 28, 2025

Fifteenth 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!



Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will be concluding his study on the first 11 Chapters of Genesis Wednesday, **October 1 at 10am in Room 206.**

There will be **no WITW on October 8**, but come back on **October 15th** when Shannon Burgess will begin her study *John, The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton.



Church Calendar

Sunday, Sept 28
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 29
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Tuesday, Sept 30
6:30 PM - SPRC Meeting, Lion's Den

Wednesday, Oct 1
10:00AM - Bible Study, 206
6:00PM - Wednesday Night Study, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste
Thursday, Oct 2
3:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Welcome Ctr
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306
6:30PM - Emmaus Mtg, 204
6:30PM - Scout Mtg, FH

Saturday, Oct 3
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Wednesday Night Study!
For nearly 2,000 years some have called him the father of all heresies while others call him the most slandered church hero in antiquity. His one remaining book has been so severely edited that we can't tell what's him and what's the beliefs of people who used his memory to support their heresies. We do know that he was a brilliant academic, made much of the literature of antiquity available to the Greek speaking world, & invented Christian Theology as an academic discipline. His life story was a wild ride which begins with him wanting to join his father in martyrdom, but his mother hid his clothes to prevent him from going out in public. Ancient hero of the faith or villain? Come to **Room 206 Wednesday, Oct 1 at 6 pm** and find out!

SFUMC Prayer Concerns

Bonnie Grist and family in the recent passing of her husband, Fred
Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 10 yr old granddaughter (Valen)
John Tucker - hip pain & brother (David) in intensive care (NC)
Jane Anderson - home from hospital on oxygen concentrator, radiation treatments
Martha Wells - severe back pain
Daryl Harrison - recent skin cancer procedure
Richard Howard - recovering at home
David Ewing - recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
Joyce Bohler - recovering from knee replacement surgery at Encompass rehab
Susan Campo - home with ongoing health issues
Julie Winskie - undergoing chemo and radiation for brain cancer
Burney Marsh - severe back pain; upcoming back surgery Oct 8
Carol Elliot (Marcus Toole's Sister) - now undergoing radiation treatments
MaryAnn Lisenbee – knee replacement Sept 29
Steve Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) – ongoing cancer- on dialysis; heart valve issue
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 21, 2025: 261	
9:01 AM: 37	11:00 AM: 139
Online: 85	
Offering	
Offering Received: \$66,658	



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.