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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'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

"Theme & Variations on 'When in Our Music God is Glorified'" – Michael Burkhardt
Theme – Trio – Pastoral

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, My Soul, Thy Hearts Prepare" -- Clarence Dickinson
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People, shout to the Lord with unending PRAISE!
We praise our God who was, is, and always will be!
Let us come to our Lord on our knees in humility
Lord, help us repent from our self-centered pride!

***OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LAURA MARSH**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH 158

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" – David Schwoebel
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

LUKE 18:9-14 (NRSV)

"WHICH WAY DO YOU PRAY?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH 419

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

POSTLUDE

"Final (from 'Theme & Variations on 'When in Our Music God is Glorified')" – Michael Burkhardt

**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, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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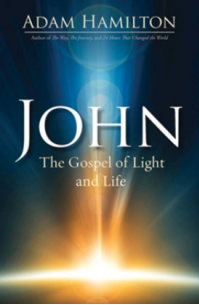
All Saints Sunday
Join us next **Sunday, Nov 2** as we gather to remember and give thanks for the lives of the saints who have gone before us, and to be encouraged by their faith and love. All family members are especially invited to attend.

Birthday Celebration!!!
This year marks the **65th birthday** of our beautiful church, and what wonders of renewal and refreshment have we been watching God work through us! We will have a weekend of celebration to commemorate our birthday as well as the total restoration of our sanctuary pipe organ. **Friday, Nov 14 at 6pm** is our Silent Movie Night, a new and favorite tradition here at SFUMC. **Saturday, Nov 15 at 6pm** will be a solo organ concert titled “Masterworks for Organ” played by our own Dr. Jackson Borges. Closing out this festive weekend on **Sunday, Nov 16 at 11am** will be our Service of (Re)Dedication. Our fabulous Chancel Choir will be joined by the Southern Chorale of Georgia Southern University and special guest organist Jason Klein-Mendoza. Following the *single service* on November 16 will be our **church-wide fellowship meal** in the fellowship hall. Our 2025 new members will be our special honored guests! The church will provide seared prime rib, so please bring your favorite covered dish side or dessert. Spread the word and invite folks to our special Rededication weekend!

Wednesday into the Word



Shannon Burgess continues her 6 week study *John, The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton. That's Wednesday, **October 29 at 10AM in Room 206**. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.



Church Calendar

Sunday, Oct 26 9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH 10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour 11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct 4:30PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Room	Wednesday, Oct 29 10:00AM - Bible Study, 206 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste
Monday, Oct 27 12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206 6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH	Thursday, Oct 30 6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305 6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306
	Saturday, Nov 1 11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Estimate of Giving
EOG cards are placed around our worship and gathering spaces and the locked treasure chests will be on the prayer rail for many weeks to come. One small card goes in one treasure chest. The big middle card goes into a different treasure chest. It does not matter which goes in which. Also, feel free to come any time during the week and place your cards in the treasure chests.

SFUMC Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends of Janette Johnson in her recent passing
Rev. Charles Cravey -severe back pain
Pastor Mark - shoulder pain
Rayburn Jones - (Kevin Cook’s birth father) in Huntsville CCU
Steve Anderson – heart valve replacement 10/28 @ MCG
Susan Campo - infusion treatments (needs pain relief from bone fracture)
Pat Howard - recovering from procedure last week; needs pain relief
Burney Marsh - recovering from back surgery (doing well!)
Allen Burrell (Bill & Vicki Thompson’s Brother-in-law) - colon cancer
Ken Smith - breathing issues
Pete Payne (Doug Hess Uncle) - cancer treatments
Becky Holmes - severe back pain
Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 10 yr old granddaughter (Valen)
John Tucker - brother (David) in intensive care (NC)
Jane Anderson - ongoing radiation treatments; in hospital
Julie Winskie - undergoing chemo and radiation for brain cancer
MaryAnn Lisenbee – recovering from knee replacement
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson’s son) – ongoing cancer related immune treatment
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia

Children & Student Ministry News



Many thanks to all the Harvest Festival volunteers and candy buyers! We couldn’t have done this huge community event without you!

Love,
SFUMC Children’s Ministries



**student
sundays**

6TH-12TH GRADERS
3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM
4:30 TO 6PM
GAMES, SNACKS, SMALL GROUPS

join us for fun!

Attendance

October 19, 2025: 220	
9:01 AM: 34	11:00 AM: 103
Online: 83	

Offering

Offering Received: \$5914



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.*