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Please place in offering plate.

Welcome to our Traditional Service!
We're so glad you're here!

Name

Phone

Email

Please Check One:

- ☐ Here for the first time
- ☐ Returning Guest
- ☐ Regular Attendee
- ☐ Member
- ☐ _____

PRAYER

Share a Prayer Concern or Celebration

☐ Pastor Only ☐ Share w/Others

- ☐ Sign me up for the newsletter.
- ☐ I'd like a name tag!
- ☐ I'd like to meet with a Pastor.
Be sure to include your name
and contact information!
- ☐ I'd like to learn more about...

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

11:00 AM Traditional Service

PRELUDE

"Pastorale (Sonata No. 1 in d, Op. 42)" – Félix-Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"I'm Thankful" -- Dr. Charles E. Cravey
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We cannot have a Kingdom of Heaven on earth without a Heavenly KING.
Lord Jesus is our Redeemer, our Savior, and our KING!
So you do have a King then?

Yes! Jesus Christ is our KING! Jesus is LORD of lords and KING of kings!

***OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - HUGHES WILLIAMSON**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Gather Together" UMH 131

2026 GENEROSITY JOURNEY UPDATE

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" – Harry Rowe Shelley
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

MATTHEW 25:31-46 (NRSV)

"Bad Day to be GOAT!"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Now Thank We All Our God" UMH 102

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 79" – J.S. Bach, arr., Virgil Fox

**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, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Feast of Christ the King; last Sunday before Advent



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

Lessons and Carols

The Advent Season is upon us! Next Sunday, **November 30** we will have an *11am service only* as we worship with Lessons and Carols. Come join us as we prepare our hearts for the season.

December 7 Concert

In the afternoon and evening following our Advent Week 2 services at 9:01 and 11, the Georgia Southern Choral Department will perform a Holiday Concert at **3PM & 6PM** in our Sanctuary. Make plans to attend - we know you'll be blessed!

Helping Hands Luncheon

Helping Hands is hosting their Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, **December 10 at 12PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Natalie Neville or to the church office by *Thursday, December 4*. We hope you'll come and bring a friend!

Children's Choir Performance

In addition to our Advent Week 3 message, the Children's Choir will perform at the **11am** service on Sunday, **December 14**. If you need information on rehearsal days and times, see Mrs. Haley! You don't want to miss this!

UWF Honoring Babies

Sunday, December 21 will be Advent Week 4 and our UWF will be honoring babies. If you would like to honor a baby born this year with a gift to missions, please fill out the form located in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall and return it to the church office by *December 15th*, along with \$5 in cash or a check made out to UWF. (UWF will cover the cost for church members.)

Wednesday into the Word

There will be **no WITW this Wednesday**, November 26, but make plans to join us again beginning next Wednesday, **December 3 at 10AM in Room 206** when Rev. Jimmy Cason begins our Advent Study *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*. Books are available in the church office for \$15.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Nov 23
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct

PRESCHOOL CLOSED ALL WEEK FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK!

Monday, Nov 24
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Thursday, Nov 27
HAPPY THANGSGIVING!
Church Office Closed
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Friday, Nov 28
Church Office Closed

Saturday, Nov 29
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Statesboro First News

Angel Tree



Our church has the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Angel Tree Ministry program again this year. This ministry provides Christmas gifts to children of incarcerated parents/caregivers. The Angel Tree is located outside the church office. Our church's mission is to provide two gifts per child. Please follow the instructions provided on the table next to the Angel Tree. If you have any questions, please contact Alecia Wiggins at (912) 541-2791.



SFUMC Prayer Concerns

Bonnie Clark - health concerns
Rand Ressler and family - in recent passing of his mother (Connie Ressler)
Betty Hodges - has been in hospital; tranferred to Encompass in Savannah for PT
Rev. Charles Cravey -severe back pain
Martha Wells - back pain
Steve Anderson – home; recovering from heart valve replacement - doing well!
Susan Campo - chemo treatments end at Thanksgiving
Bill & Vicki Thompson - in recent passing of Allen Burrell (Brother-in-law)
Pete Payne (Doug Hess Uncle) - cancer treatments
Becky Holmes - back surgery Nov 24
Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 10 yr old granddaughter (Valen)
John Tucker - brother (David) in hospice (NC)
Jane Anderson - ongoing radiation treatments; back home
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

Children's Ministry

Don't miss **Nov. 30** - "What is Advent" lesson and wreath making! Then, Wednesday **Dec 3** and **Dec 10** we'll be practicing for Children's Choir at 6PM in the Sanctuary. Pre-K through 5th grade. Don't need to sign up - just come join the fun!



SFUMC Students

No Student Sundays tonight, but come back next week at 4:30 in the Youth Room!

And, mark your calendars for our Student Christmas Party **December 21 at 4:30** at Mrs. Haley's house! RSVP to her - you don't want to miss the cookie decorating contest, Christmas trivia, El Somb taco bar and white elephant gift exchange! (\$15 limit)



Attendance

November 16, 2025: 415	
9:01 AM: n/a	11:00 AM: 247

Online: 168

Offering

Offering Received: **\$29,058**



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.*