

CONNECT

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Advent Majesty" – Karen Backwater
The Chancel Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What words define your four-week season of Advent this year?
We like the words Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love!
How about the word "Yearning?"
Yes, we YEARN for a Savior to appear and redeem our sinful nature!

*OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LISA LEE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Henry Family

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Meditation on 'Lo, how a Rose E'er Blooming'" – Jason Krug
The Chancel Ringers

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"The First Noel" - Traditional

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

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 3:1-6 (NRSV)

"CONCEIVING THE INCONCEIVABLE: YEARNING"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Insert)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

POSTLUDE

"Sleepers, Wake! BWV 645" – Johann Sebastian Bach

**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, DECEMBER 14, 2025

Third Sunday of 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

UWF Honoring Babies

Sunday, December 21 UWF will be honoring 2025 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.)



It's Holiday Shopping Time!

Support UWF and give great quality kitchen gifts with the RADA sale. The order link can be found on the church's website or go directly to www.radafundraising.com and search for SFUMC UWF. Use code SHIPDEAL at checkout to receive \$5 off shipping for orders over \$35.



SFUMC Soup Kitchen Opportunity

Our Soup Kitchen is hosting a shopping opportunity Dec 20 for our community friends. The missions committee is collecting the following items to be shared at this event. Items can be placed in the collection box by the office or outside the Fellowship Hall.

- *men's and women's underwear and socks
- *new or like-new men's and women's jackets
- *new or like-new blankets/throws



Wednesday into the Word

December 17 at 10AM in Room 206 Rev. Jimmy Cason concludes our Advent Study "*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*".

Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec 14
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct
4:30PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Room

Monday, Dec 15
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Dec 17
10:00AM - Bible Study, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Dec 18
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306

Friday, Dec 19
5:30PM - Children's Christmas Fun Night, 306

Saturday, Dec 20
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
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Statesboro First News

Poinsettias

Poinsettia forms are now out! If you would like to place a Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall and return it BY December 16th. Any forms returned after will NOT be included in the insert the following Sunday. Proceeds from these will go towards Backpack Buddies.



SFUMC Prayer Concerns

Susan Ragains - broken patella in 2 places following a fall
Bonnie Clark - recovering from surgery to remove lung nodule this past week
Rev. Charles Cravey - ongoing breathing issues
Janice Smith - cardiac ablation 12/16
Martha Wells - back pain
Steve Anderson - home; recovering from heart valve replacement - doing well!
Susan Campo - treatments through 1/1/26
Pete Payne (Doug Hess Uncle) - cancer treatments
Becky Holmes - recovering from 2nd surgery to remove blood clot; home now
David Stewart - (Larry Anderson's brother-in-law) cancer
Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 10 yr old granddaughter (Valen)
John Tucker - brother (David) in hospice (NC)
Jane Anderson - at home, radiation treatments complete!
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

Friday, December 19 will be our Christmas Fun Night! Pre-K through 5th grade are invited for dinner and Christmas Fun from 5:30-8PM in Room 306.

SFUMC Students

Student Sundays tonight 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

December 7, 2025: 261

9:01 AM: **50**

11:00 AM: **121**

Online: **90**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$14,047**



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.