

~Worship Leaders~

2025 & 2026 Lay Leaders
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The Rev. Mark Burgess
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Dr. Jackson Borges
Organist & Minister of Music, Statesboro First United Methodist Church

The Chancel Choir, Statesboro FUMC

Jason Klein-Mendoza, Organist

The University Singers of Georgia Southern University
Dr. Shannon Jeffries, Professor of Choral Studies

Honoring our 2025 Year-To-Date New Professing Members

Lawrence & Suzanne Lundy

Susan Campo

Byrdie Johnson

Harper Kamppi

Kolton Salter

George & Adrianna Khairi

Charles DePouli

Sophia Hill

Robert & Jenna Ellis

Steve & Beverly Walker

Andrew and Anna Riley

Caroline Blount

Tyler Harm

Allen & Angela Freeman

Sandra Kate Ellington

Alyssa Weldon

Ryan Holecek

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

November 30 - Lessons & Carols - Only 11AM Service this day

December 5 - Alumnae Chapter of SAI Music Event, 6PM Sanctuary

December 7 - GS Choral Dept Holiday Concert, 3PM & 6PM Sanctuary

December 10 - Helping Hands Senior Luncheon, 12PM Fellowship Hall

December 14 - Children's Choir performs at 11AM Service

December 19 - Christmas Fun Night (Ages PreK-5th grade), 5:30-8PM Room 306

December 21 - SFUMC Youth Christmas Party, 4:30PM Mrs. Haley's House

December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service, 4PM Sanctuary

December 24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7PM Sanctuary

December 24-25 - Church Office Closed

December 28 - Prayers & Carols - Only 11AM Service this day

January 4 - return to 9:01 and 11AM worship service flow



A Service of Rededication in Celebration of 65 Years! November 16, 2025

Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Prelude - Flourish for an Occasion – Sir William Henry Harris (1883-1973),
Benedictus, Op. 59, No. 9 – Max Reger (1873-1916)
Mr. Klein-Mendoza
Spirit Fantasy – Carl W. Heywood (b. 1941),
Meditation on “Finlandia” (“Be Still My Soul”) – Brenda Portman (b. 1980)
Dr. Borges

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship – Lay Liturgist & Congregation (the congregation’s part is in bold)
The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Processional Hymn – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, #57

Declaration of Purpose
*Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is the day of rejoicing. We have come together to rededicate this Sanctuary of **Statesboro First United Methodist Church**. Let us open our hearts and minds to receive God’s Word with faith. May our blessed communion, born of one baptism and nurtured at one table of the Lord, become one temple of the Holy Spirit as we gather in love.*

Choir Anthem – “Bless This House” – Helen Taylor & May H. Brahe arr., Jospeh Martin

Presentation of the Sanctuary
We present this Sanctuary to be rededicated for the worship of God and the service of all people.

Dedication of the Sanctuary
Dear friends, rejoice that God so moved the hearts of people that this house has been built for praise and prayer. Let us now renew its consecration for service and celebrate its holy use. O Eternal God, mighty in power and of incomprehensible majesty, whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, you have promised your special presence whenever two or three are assembled in your name to offer praise and prayer. By the power of your Holy Spirit renew the consecration of this house of your worship. Bless us and sanctify what we do here, that this place may be holy for us and a house of prayer for all people. Guide and empower in this place by the same Spirit the proclamation of your Word and the celebration of your Sacraments, the pouring out of prayer and the singing of your praise, professions of faith and testimonies to your grace, the joining of men and women in marriage and the celebration of death and resurrection. Save us from that failure of vision which would confine our worship within these walls, but send us out from here to be your servants in the world, sharing the blessings of Christ with the world He came to redeem. Now, O God, sanctify this place, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the dominion, and you are exalted as head above all.

Hymn – The Church’s One Foundation, #545

Consecration of the Pulpit
*Eternal God, we thank you that Christ your Living Word speaks to us through the Words of Holy Scripture, written of old by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit and proclaimed today by the anointing of the same Spirit. When your Word is read and preached from this pulpit, purify the lives and lips of those who speak here, that your Word alone may be proclaimed, and your Word alone may be heard and obeyed. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** God’s Word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path. We renew the consecration of this pulpit in the name of the Holy and Triune God. **Amen.***

Old Testament Lesson – 1 Kings 8:22-30

Anthem – Locus Iste – Anton Bruckner

New Testament Lesson – Hebrews 10:19-25

Hymn – Lord, You Give the Great Commission, #584

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon Scripture - Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan

Consecration of the Baptismal Font
Most gracious God, we thank you that through the waters of baptism you have given us new life, adopted us as our children, and made us members of your Church. When we pour the water of baptism, making and renewing our covenant vows, pour out your Spirit and give new birth; wash away sin and clothe your people in righteousness; that, dying and being raised with Christ, we may walk in new and abundant life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. We renew the consecration of this font in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Consecration of the Lord’s Table
Lord God, we thank you that when we gather at the Lord’s table the living Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup; and we are renewed as his body, whose life is in his blood. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, refresh all those who partake at this holy table. Feed the hunger of our hearts with the bread of heaven, and quench our deepest thirst with the cup of salvation. Strengthen us for your service in the world, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” We renew the consecration of this table in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Invitation and Offering – “I Was Glad” – Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
The Chancel Choir of SFUMC and University Singers of Georgia Southern University

The Doxology - #95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Recessional Hymn – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, #577

Sending Forth

Postlude – Improvisation - Jason Klein-Mendoza