

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

PRELUDE

"Prelude: What Was Heard on Christmas Night" – Augusta Holmes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ was born! God acted! God came to us!
We celebrate "God with us" – our Emmanuel!
Yes, but how ARE YOU going to respond to this good news?
With all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind!

***OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - MARILYN BRUCE**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Three Kings" UMH 254

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"The Three Kings" – Peter Cornelius
Paul Nielsen, soloist

***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 2:1-12 (NRSV)

"What Three Gifts Can You Bring to HIM?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain", UMH #251

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely, Freely" UMH 389 (refrain only)

POSTLUDE

"As with Gladness Men of Old" – Dix, Kocher, and Monk

*Special thanks to Paul Nielsen and Dr. Michael Braz for blessing us with
their musical gifts in worship today!*

**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, JANUARY 4, 2026

Feast of the Epiphany



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

Final Call for Directory Photos
This is your last call to have photos added to the next printed directory. We are going to submit to the printer this Wednesday, January 7 and want everyone included, so please submit photos to adminassist@statesborofirst.com by **no later than Tuesday, the 6th!**

YOUR PHOTO HERE

Alexa,
TAKE DOWN THE
CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS



We Need Your Help
If you are available between 2PM & 4PM this afternoon, come back and help us take down the Christmas decorations from the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Invitation to Membership

Here in 2026, we already have 8 people from 5 families indicating a desire to join what God is doing through SFUMC – how about you? Is it time to affix your faith anchor to a firm foundation? This is a great way to start a new year! Simply email Pastor mark at mark@statesborofirst.com or call him at 404-502-7678. He will make himself available to you to answer all your inquiring membership questions before you decide to join. Be at peace.



Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will begin teaching on the Book of Joshua beginning Wednesday, **January 14, at 10 am - 11:30 am in room 206**. Bring a Bible and come!

Church Calendar

Sunday, Jan 4
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct
Monday, Jan 5
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
2:00PM - Willow Pond Communion
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Thursday, Jan 8
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306
Saturday, Jan 10
10:30AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Statesboro First News

Who's Ready To Take a Trip?!
If travel is on your "To Do" list for 2026, this is for you! Jimmy Cason and his wife, Susan, invite you to travel with them to England or Alaska next year. Bishop Robin Dease is leading a Wesley Heritage Tour to England March 11th-19th with an optional trip to Ireland March 19th-23rd. If that's too soon, there is a cruise and land tour of Alaska coming up July 9th-20th. Information for both trips including costs and departures are available in the Gathering Area or contact Jimmy at 912-536-2918 or jsacason@aol.com for more information.

Newsletter
Be sure you are signed up for our weekly newsletter. It typically goes out at 5PM on Thursdays, and contains more detail on items listed in the bulletin as well as other things going on in the life of our church. You can sign up from the website by simply scrolling to the bottom where you'll see the sign up link, or contact the church office via email at adminassist@statesborofirst.

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Pam Childs & Family - in passing of her brother in SC
Nora Wiggins - missed Peru mission trip with flu; be in prayer for the group that is there
Carrie Binns & Family - in the passing of her Aunt
Shelby Haskins - expectant Mommy due May 31, 2026
Macie Miller - expectant Mommy due May 5, 2026
Susan Ragains - broken patella in 2 places following a fall
Bonnie Clark - recovering from lung surgery at home
Rev. Charles Cravey - ongoing breathing issues
Steve Anderson – in the hospital with breathing issues
Susan Campo - treatments every other week in Augusta to April 1
Pete Payne (Doug Hess Uncle) - cancer treatments
Becky Holmes - improving after third back surgery
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
All those impacted by recent violence and attacks.

Children & Student Ministry News

SFUMC Students
A reminder that there will be no Student Sunday this week, Jan 4. We'll pick back up next Sunday!



Attendance

December 28, 2025: 180	
9:01 AM: n/a	11:00 AM: 96
Online: 84	

Offering
Offering Received: **\$37,407**



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.