

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

- ☐ I would like to hear details about serving on a homebound Holy Communion team.

- ☐ 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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – Traditional
Dr. Michael Braz, pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" – Traditional
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God calls the creation toward unity as one people.
But unity seems so distant from us in this polarized world!
Almighty God overcomes the world with justice and love as one.
Lord, may your "God Love" pour forth from heaven into our hearts!

*OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LISA LEE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH 103

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

TIM AND MACIE MILLER JOINING

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Abide With Me" – arr., Malcolm Archer
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

1ST CORINTHIANS 13:1-7 (NRSV)

"What the World Needs Now..."

REV. MARK BURGESS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Lead On, O King Eternal", UMH 580

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely, Freely" UMH 389 (refrain only)

POSTLUDE

"Festive Trumpet Tune" – David German

Special thanks to Dr. Michael Braz for blessing us with his musical gifts in worship this morning!



STATESBORO FIRST
United Methodist Church



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

Human Relations Sunday



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

Join Us In The Parade!



Come walk with us as we gather with Pittman Park UMC, Brannen Chapel UMC and the Wesley Foundation tomorrow - **January 19** in the MLK, Jr. Day Parade. Meet at the church at **10am!** Parade begins at 11.

Invitation To Membership

Here in 2026, we are excited to have people 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 continue teaching on the Book of Joshua Wednesday, **January 21, from 10 am - 11:30 am in room 206.** Bring a Bible and come!

Church Calendar

Sunday, Jan 18
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct

Monday, Jan 19
PRESCHOOL & CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED FOR MLK, JR DAY
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Jan 21
10:00AM - Bible Study, 206
5:30 PM - Missions Comm Mtg, LD
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Jan 22
3:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Welcome Ctr
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Saturday, Jan 24
10:30AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Statesboro First News

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.com.



SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

The Family of Willie Coleman in her recent passing
Dr. Jackson Borges - healing from shoulder surgery
Natalie Neville: back pain; nerve ablation last Friday (1/16)
Martha Wells - at EGRMC with GI issues
MaryAnn Lisenbee - knee replacement 2/12
Our Faith Family in Process of Moving to Willow Pond Cottages:
Martha Wells, Karen Gunnels, John & Martha Ray
Bobbie & Holt Coursey - health concerns
Michelle Woods - hospitalized St. Joseph Savannah with Leukemia
Israa Margocs - expectant Mommy (Michele Rupar-Smith's Daughter-in-law) due June 30
Anna Riley - expectant Mommy due February 20, 2026
Shelby Haskins - expectant Mommy due May 31, 2026
Macie Miller - expectant Mommy due May 5, 2026
Susan Ragains - healing in splint from broken knee cap
Bonnie Clark - margins good from surgery
Rev. Charles Cravey - ongoing breathing issues
Steve Anderson – cancer treatments; in and out of hospital
Susan Campo - treatments every other week in Augusta to April 1
Pete Payne (Doug Hess Uncle) - cancer treatments
Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 10 yr old granddaughter (Valen)
Jane Anderson - breathing issues; in and out of hospital
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) – ongoing cancer related immune treatment
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)
Community servants who put themselves at risk (police and firefighters)
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia, & Venezuela
All those impacted by recent violence and attacks

Children & Student Ministry News

VBS Dates!

Mark your calendar for VBS this summer June 8-11! Note this is a different week than we normally have VBS and we hope you'll make plans to join us. Stay tuned for this year's theme!

Students:

Remember there is no SFUMC Student Sundays this week! We'll be back next week on the 25th and will begin with a Starbucks Run at 4:30!

Attendance

January 11, 2026: 280	
9:01 AM: 42	11:00 AM: 142
Online: 96	

Offering

Offering Received: \$36,952



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.