

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

"Humbly, Lord, We Worship You ('Adoro te Devote)" – Rebecca Groom te Velde

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" – Traditional
The Chancel Choir

*OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - VICKI THOMPSON

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH 139

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" – Mark Hayes
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 5:1-12 (NRSV)

"The GREATEST SERMON Ever Preached!"

REV. MARK BURGESS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(altar offerings to benefit ACTS)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Be Thou My Vision", UMH 451

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Where He Leads Me" UMH 338 (refrain only)

POSTLUDE

"Tocatta on 'All for Jesus'" – Malcolm Archer

**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



STATESBORO FIRST

United Methodist Church



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
Scouting 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

Leadership Conference

Live2Lead is a leadership & personal growth event hosted live and recorded. It's an annual leadership gathering developed by the Maxwell Leadership Organization. Trainers and coaches involved are invited to buy a license to host Live2Lead in their community. Our event will be hosted by Dr. William Amponsah and Pastor Mark here in our Fellowship Hall on **February 16** from **8:30am-1pm**. Stay tuned for more details on sign up here and in our newsletter!

LIVE2LEAD

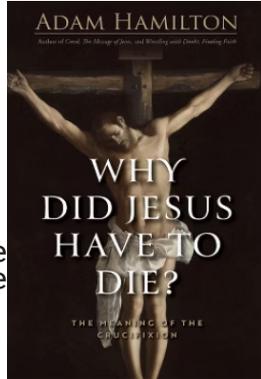
Invitation To Membership

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 begin Adam Hamilton's *Why Did Jesus Have To Die?* on Wednesday, **February 25th, from 10 am - 11:30 am in room 206.**

Books are available in the church office for \$10. We hope you'll join us! There will be no WITW 2/11 or 2/18.



Church Calendar

Sunday, Feb 8
 9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
 10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
 11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct
 4:30 PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

Monday, Feb 9
 10:00AM - UWF Gen Mtg, 306
 12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
 6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Tuesday, Feb 10
 12:00PM - Helping Hands Lunch, FH

Wednesday, Feb 11
 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Feb 12
 6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
 6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Saturday, Feb 14
 10:30AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204
 11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
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 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.



SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

- Arnold Stephens & Family - in recent loss of his uncle, Lowman Stephens
- Natalie Neville - heart rhythm issues (tests)
- Martha Wells - recovering from bile duct procedures at home
- Norman Wells - moved to Tuscaloosa under son's care
- Becky Holmes - home recovering from multiple back surgeries
- MaryAnn Lisenbee - knee replacement 2/11
- Our Faith Family in Process of Moving to Willow Pond Cottages:
 - Martha Wells, Karen Gunnels, John & Martha Ray
- Bobbie Coursey - scheduled abdominal surgery 2/3 to remove scar tissue
- Holt Coursey - double hernia - will repair after Bobbie recovers
- Michelle Woods - hospitalized St. Joseph Savannah with Leukemia
- Anna Riley - expectant Mommy due February 20, 2026
- Macie Miller - expectant Mommy due May 5, 2026
- Shelby Haskins - expectant Mommy due May 31, 2026
- Israa Margocs - expectant Mommy (Michele Rugar-Smith's Daughter-in-law) due June 30
- Susan Ragains - healing in splint from broken knee cap
- Rev. Charles Cravey - Watchman procedure & cardiac ablation 2/24 @ St. Joseph's
- 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

Children:

Confirmation Invite! Any child 5th grade and older may join us! Sessions will be during the 10am Sunday School hour and begin Sunday, Feb 22. Reach out to Mrs. Haley to sign up!

Students:

Remember Student Sundays are back tonight. Join us at 4:30 in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor!

Attendance

January 25, 2026: 278

9:01 AM: 42

11:00 AM: 119

Online: 117

Offering

Offering Received: **\$8,058**



The flowers in the Narthex are placed in honor of Kathryn Burton Olliff's birthday by Claire & Ben Bowen.

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.