

# 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

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" – Dr. Jackson Borges

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" – Traditional  
*The Chancel Choir*

### OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - HUGHES WILLIAMSON

### \*OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

### \*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### \*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

(Second Mile donation invited for ACTS)

"God So Loved the World (from 'The Crucifixion')" – Sir John Stainer  
*The Chancel Choir*

### \*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR MARK "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 4:1-11 (NRSV)

### "TEMPTED BY LIES"

REV. MARK BURGESS

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations", UMH 569

### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

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

### POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" – Ashley Grote

\*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.



**STATESBORO FIRST**  
United Methodist Church

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026**

Second Sunday of Lent



### Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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## Statesboro First News

### Church Pictorial Directory is Here!

Our faith family directory is now available **free** to everyone who shared their picture with us! There are a limited number so we ask that only people with pictures in the directory take one during March. After that, the remaining directories are available for \$10.

### Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly Donation Wagons

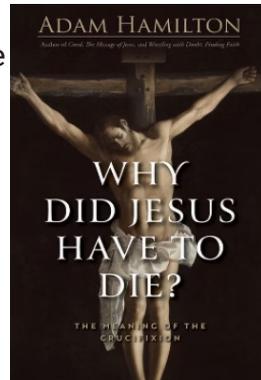
Thank you for all the donations of peanut butter and grape jelly to support our food insecurity ministries! The red wagons are in the Sanctuary Narthex and Fellowship Hall every Sunday. Remember, only plastic containers (no glass.)

### ACTS Second Mile Giving on Holy Communion Sundays

It is our tradition to make a second mile offering to Area Churches Together in Service (ACTS.) You can do so by using the green second mile envelope in the pews. Simply check the ACTS circle on the outside of the envelope and then place in the plate during the offering. ACTS is the ministry several local churches use to provide evaluated financial assistance to those in need in our community.

## Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will continue Adam Hamilton's six session DVD study, *Why Did Jesus Have To Die?* this Wednesday, **March 4th, from 10 am - 11:30 am in room 206.** We hope you'll join us!



## Church Calendar

**Sunday, Mar 1**  
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
10:00 AM - Confirmation #2, 206  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
4:30 PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

**Wednesday, Mar 4**  
10:00AM - Bible Study, 206  
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206  
6:00 PM - Trustees Mtg, Lion's Den  
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music St

**Thursday, Mar 5**  
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211  
6:30 PM - Emmaus Mtg, 204  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

**Saturday, Mar 7**  
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church  
Calendar  
Online

## Statesboro First News

### Email Weekly Newsletter / Physical News Post

Remember to go to our website to sign up for our newsletter. We also now provide a physical posting of critical church information on the "NEWS POST" in the gathering area. You will find committee roles, Church Mtg Minutes, and Finance Mtg minutes posted there in a timely manner to keep you fully informed on key decisions in our church.

## SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Marilyn Turner - recent passing of her Mother Barbara Martin  
Debbie Palmer - knee replacement surgery 2-26  
Mary Sue Hodges - home hospice  
Anna Riley - expectant Mommy past her due date  
Bonnie Clark - waiting on final PET scan results to determine maintenance care  
Anne Kolish (Rev. Paula Lytle's Sister in PA) - health concerns  
Martha Wells - severe back pain  
Pat High - severe back pain  
Becky Holmes - ongoing back physical therapy at home  
MaryAnn Lisenbee - recovering from knee replacement at home  
Holt Coursey - double hernia - will repair after Bobbie recovers from her surgery  
Michelle Woods - hospitalized St. Joseph Savannah with Leukemia  
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  
Rev. Charles Cravey - recovering at home from watchman procedure & cardiac ablation  
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 - Metter swing bed for breathing difficulty PT  
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) - ongoing cancer related immune treatment  
Everyone serving in a USA military uniform  
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)  
Community servants who put themselves at risk (police and firefighters)  
World Peace (specifically Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia & Mexico)

## Children & Student Ministry News

### Children:

We need Easter candy and eggs for our Palm Sunday Egg Hunt! No pre-filled eggs, please!

*Upcoming Confirmation Session topics:*  
Why is Grace Important? (today)  
Confirmation Retreat - Epworth (3/8)  
Why is Talking to God Important? (3/15)

### Students:

Remember, SFUMC Student Sundays tonight! We'll see you at 4:30 in the Youth Room!

## Attendance

February 22, 2026: 250

9:01 AM: 34

11:00 AM: 139

Online: 77

## Offering

Offering Received: **\$9,902**



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.