

# 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  
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# 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

"Chorale and Toccata on 'Rejoice, the Lord is King'" – Albert L. Travis

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHORAL INTROIT

"And Can It Be that I Should Gain" – Traditional  
*The Chancel Choir*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, let us sing to the Lord  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation**  
O Come, let us worship and bow down  
**For the Lord is our God and we are the people of God's pasture.**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" UMH 715

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

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

#### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"O God Beyond All Praising" – Gustav Holst, arr., Hal Hopson  
*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

JOHN 4:1-42 (NRSV)

#### "DO YOU THIRST FOR LIVING WATER?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", UMH 127

#### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

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

#### POSTLUDE

"Fantasia in g, BWV 542a" – Johann Sebastian Bach  
*\*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, MARCH 8, 2026**

Third 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.

### Second Mile Giving

This Sunday we are focusing on UMCOR, so all those offerings can be placed in the green 2nd Mile Giving envelope in the pew back. UMCOR is the global humanitarian relief organization of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster relief, recovery, refugee/migrant support, and sustainable development, assisting communities when they cannot recover on their own.

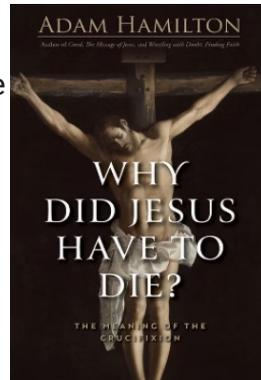
### Be Aware

It has come to our attention that there have been several emails and at least one text sent this week impersonating Pastor Mark and asking for funds or gift cards for various groups. Please be aware that these are scams. Pastor Mark will never be "too busy with meetings" to talk to you nor will he ask for gift card numbers or for you to do a funds transfer via text or email.

## Wednesday into the Word



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



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, Mar 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, Mar 9

10:00 AM - UWF Gen Mtg, 306  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, Mar 11

10:00AM - Bible Study, 206  
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206  
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

### Thursday, Mar 12

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

### Saturday, Mar 14

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



Church  
Calendar  
Online

## Statesboro First News

### Connect Card

Our Hospitality Team strives to make personal contact with any visitors or returning guests during worship. We also like to follow up with a call or email after as sometimes we may not be able to have an in-person greeting on Sunday. If you are a first time or even returning guest, please share your name and contact info on the connect card tear off to the right and place it in the offering plate.

We're so glad you're here!

## SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Charlie Millican (Darwin Bohler's BiL) - 98 yr old resident of Willow Pond fell and broke hip, has shingles, UTI, surgery 3/2  
Debbie Palmer - at home recovering from knee replacement  
Mary Sue Hodges - home hospice  
Riley Family - welcomed Theodore Alexander Riley (9 lbs, 6 oz) Mommy & baby doing well  
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 - at home recovering from back surgery  
Becky Holmes - ongoing back physical therapy at home  
MaryAnn Lisenbee - recovering from knee replacement at home  
Holt Coursey - double hernia  
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 - (cardiac procedures went well) - needs back surgery  
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 - home from Metter swing bed stay  
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 prefilled eggs, please!

*Upcoming Confirmation Session topics:*  
Confirmation Retreat - Epworth (today)  
Why is Talking to God Important? (3/15)  
Why is Reading the Bible so Hard? (3/22)

### Students:

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

## Attendance

March 1, 2026: 279

9:01 AM: 41

11:00 AM: 169

Online: 69

## Offering

Offering Received: \$15,327



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.