

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

"Awake, O Sleeper" – arr., Dr. Jackson Borges

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"Abide with Me" – Traditional
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths, we cry out to You, O Lord!
Hear our confessions as we repent of our wrong doing!
Who could stand if you were not a forgiving God?
May the forgiving Spirit of the Lord cleanse us!

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - VICKI THOMPSON

*OPENING HYMN

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57 (7 verses)

NEW MEMBER – CASEY NELSON

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" – Marty Wheeler Burnett
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

THE DEATH OF LAZARUS BASED ON JOHN 11:1-57

"THE PERSPECTIVE OF THOMAS"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", UMH 384

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

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

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in c, BWV 537b" – 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.



STATESBORO FIRST
United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

Fifth 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.

Missions Outreach Opportunity

As we continue seeking meaningful ways to support our soup kitchen friends, we recognize the importance of helping them maintain dignity through basic personal care. Our Missions Committee invites you to join us in creating hygiene kits for men, women, and children. You may sponsor a kit for \$20 and/or help pack the kits on March 29, with the first sets being shared during our Easter Basket Giveaway on April 3rd. With your help, we hope to assemble 144 adult kits and 72 children’s kits.

Second Mile Giving

This Sunday we are again focusing on hygiene kits! It’s \$20 to sponsor a kit - sponsor as many as you like using the green 2nd mile giving envelope.

Easter Lily Order Forms

Order forms are in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10/ lily & payment can be placed in the offering basket/plate along with form. They don’t have to be kept together. Please write legibly so that we can get correct spelling of names in the April 5 bulletin.

Palm Sunday Luncheon & Egg Hunt

Make plans to join us for Palm Sunday Lunch after our 11AM service. The meal is free and meat and sides are provided. If you are able, bring a small dessert to share - if not, please come share the meal with us anyway! The Easter Egg hunt will follow!

Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will continue Adam Hamilton’s six session DVD study, *Why Did Jesus Have To Die?* this Wednesday, **March 25th, from 10 am - 11:30 am in room 206.** We hope you’ll join us!

Church Calendar

Sunday, Mar 22

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 23

6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Mar 25

10:00AM - Bible Study, 206
12:00PM- Prayer Meeting, 206
6:00PM - Church Council, FH
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Mar 26

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

Saturday, Mar 28

11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Statesboro First News

One Georgia Conference Meeting

All are invited to an update about North Georgia Conference & South Georgia Conference potentially combining to make a “One Georgia” Conference. Our meeting is at Brannen Chapel UMC (few blocks from our church) **today** at 2 pm. Pastor mark & other key SFUMC leadership will be in attendance. All interested church laity are invited.

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Hughes Williamson and family in the passing of his mother, Mary Brown Williamson
Family of Mary Sue Hodges in her recent passing
Family of Pat Howard in her recent passing
Dottie Johnson - general health
Nora Ford - heart stent procedure on Tuesday (3-24)
Charlie Millican (Darwin Bohler’s BiL) - now at Ogeechee Hospice Rm 203
Melissa Linde-Powers - daughter (Megan) and SiL (Tyler) - move to Oregon.
College Spring Break Mission Trips (Annalee Marsh, Erin Wiggins)
Debbie Palmer - at home recovering from knee replacement
Riley Family - welcomed Theodore Alexander Riley (9 lbs, 6 oz) Mommy & baby doing well
Anne Kolish (Rev. Paula Lytle’s Sister in PA) - health concerns
Martha Wells - severe back pain
Becky Holmes - ongoing back physical therapy at home
MaryAnn Lisenbee - recovering from knee replacement at home
Holt Coursey - double hernia and back pain
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 with ongoing breathing issues
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)

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 Reading the Bible so Hard? (today)
- What is Unique about the UMC? (3/29 10am)
- What are Sacraments? (3/29 4:30pm)

Students:

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

Attendance

March 15, 2026: 226

9:01 AM: 37

11:00 AM: 113

Online: 76

Offering

Offering Received: **\$17,457**



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.*