

# 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 join a New College Student Sunday School Class at 10 am
- I would like more information on being a Sunday School teacher for children and/or youth!

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

"Marche Héroïque" – Camille Saint-Saëns

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT WITH CHILDREN

"Hosanna!" – Dr. Jackson Borges  
*The Chancel Choir*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

All of creation shouts, "Hosanna to our Lord!"  
**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!!!**  
Make a path straight for the Lord to our hearts!  
**Hosanna in the Highest!!! Hosanna in the Highest!!!**

**OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LACY KAMPPI**

### \*OPENING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" UMH 280 (5 verses)

### NEW MEMBER - ZOA CHAVIS

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"The Holy City" – Stephen Adams  
*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 21:1-11 (NRSV)

### "DO YOU KNOW WHAT HOSANNA MEANS?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord", UMH 437 (4 Verses)

### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

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

### POSTLUDE

"Kyrie Eleison ('Lord Have Mercy', from Messe Solennelle)" – Louis Vierne

*\*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 29, 2026**

Sixth 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

### Palm Sunday Luncheon & Egg Hunt TODAY!!

Join us for Palm Sunday Lunch after our 11AM service TODAY. The meal is free and meat and sides are provided. Our Easter Egg hunt will follow on the lawn or if you'd rather, we'll be packing Hygiene Kits upstairs in 306!

### Second Mile Giving

This Sunday you can still give to sponsor a Hygiene Kit! They're \$20/e and you can give using the green 2nd mile giving envelope.

### Holy Week Activities

Please see the insert for a full list of community Holy Week Activities and make special plans to join us at 6PM April 2nd for Maundy Thursday service and again on April 3rd for Good Friday service. Both are here in our Sanctuary and are a special time to commemorate the Crucifixion with anticipation of the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus!

### Easter Sunday Services

We'll be gathering for Easter Sunday services as our regular times on April 5. 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall for our Contemporary and 11:00 in the Sanctuary for our Traditional service. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend!

### Invitation To Membership

Is it time to affix your faith anchor to a firm foundation? This is a great way to start a new season! 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

There will be no Wednesday into the Word this week. Please join us for Holy Week Activities at St. Mathew Catholic Church at noon Wednesday for lunch and a message from Pastor Mark!

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, Mar 29**  
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
12:00 PM - Luncheon  
Egg Hunt & Hygiene Kit Assembly following

**Monday, Mar 30**  
12:00PM - Holy Week Lunch & Msg  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

**Tuesday, Mar 31**  
12:00PM - Holy Week Lunch & Msg

**Wednesday, Apr 1**  
12:00PM - Holy Week Lunch & Msg  
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

**Thursday, Apr 2**  
12:00PM - Holy Week Lunch & Msg  
6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

**Friday, Apr 3**  
12:00PM - Holy Week Lunch & Msg  
6:00 PM - Good Friday Service

**Saturday, Apr 4**  
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church  
Calendar  
Online

## Statesboro First News

### Join us for VBS!!!

Mark your calendars for June 8-11 from 9am - noon for rising PreK through rising 6th Grade! Use the QR code to register children **and volunteers** for Rainforest Falls and let's explore the nature of God together!



## SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Family of Charlie Millican in his recent passing  
Hughes Williamson and family in the passing of his mother, Mary Brown Williamson  
Lawrence Lundy - recovering from cataract procedure  
Dottie Johnson - general health  
Melissa Linde-Powers - daughter (Megan) and SiL (Tyler) - move to Oregon.  
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 - recovering from back surgery  
Holt Coursey - double hernia and back pain  
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)  
Community servants who put themselves at risk (police and firefighters)  
World Peace (specifically Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia & Mexico)

## Children & Student Ministry News

**Children:** *Upcoming Confirmation Session topics:*  
What are the Sacraments all about? (today)

*Confirmation Sunday April 19!*

**Students:** Remember, **NO** SFUMC Student Sundays tonight or next week! We'll flock together @ Wesley Foundation on April 12!

## Attendance

March 22, 2026: 234

9:01 AM: 38

11:00 AM: 126

Online: 70

## Offering

Offering Received: \$18,191



Altar flowers are placed in loving memory of John Rushing by Suzanne & Lawrence Lundy and the Rushing Family.

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.