

# 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

- I would like to join a New College Student Sunday School Class at 10 am
- I would like info on being a children/youth Sunday School teacher!
- I would like to know about joining an Usher rotation 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

"Easter Hymn" – arr., Roland Martin

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

"The Lord is Risen!" – Hal H. Hopson  
*The Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers, Max Ezell, soloist*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

He is Risen!  
**He is Risen Indeed!**  
He is Risen!  
**He is Risen Indeed!**

### OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LAURA MARSH

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302 (6 verses)

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"A Jubilant Song" – Allen Pote  
*The Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Brass Quintet and Timpani*

### \*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

JOHN 20:1-18 (NRSV)

### "HE IS RISEN!"

REV. MARK BURGESS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection", UMH 303 (3 Verses)

### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Hallelujah! (from 'Messiah')" - Georg Frideric Händel

### POSTLUDE

"Toccata (Symphony No. 5)" – Charles-Marie Widor  
*Special Thanks to Roman Franklin, Sam Arp, Daniel Whitman-Agan, Nathan DuVall, Michael Brown, Jarrett Thompson, the Chancel Ringers, and the Chancel Choir for blessing us with their musical gifts today!*

*\*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

# Happy Easter!

# He is Risen!



## SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

Easter 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

## We Need Servant Hearts

If you have been wanting to find a place to serve Jesus in His church, we are in need of several willing servant hearts for our growing church. There are three immediate opportunities listed on our connect card. Simply mark the appropriate circles and place the connect card in the offering plate later in the service.

## 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](mailto:adminassist@statesborofirst).

## Name Tags

If you are new to worshipping with us, we purchase name tags for every regular worshipper who wishes to have one. They are free to you. Please BEAUTIFULLY PRINT your first and last name on the Connect Card and check the box requesting a nametag.

## Invitation To Membership

Is it time to affix your faith anchor to a firm foundation? Simply email Pastor mark at [mark@statesborofirst.com](mailto: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.

## Helping Hands Luncheon

Mark your calendars for our spring Senior Luncheon Thursday, April 23 at 12:00 in our Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office at 912-764-7589.

# Wednesday into the Word

Wednesday into the Word is back this week! Join us **Wednesday, April 8** as Pastor Mark continues Adam Hamilton's six session DVD study, *Why Did Jesus Have To Die?* in **room 206** at **10:00am**. This study will conclude next Wednesday, April 15.

# Church Calendar

**Sunday, Apr 5**  
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct

**Monday, Apr 6**  
2:00PM - Willow Pond Communion  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

**Wednesday, Apr 8**  
10:00 AM - Bible Study, 206  
12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206

**Thursday, Apr 9**  
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

**Saturday, Apr 4**  
10:30 AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204  
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church  
Calendar  
Online

# Statesboro First News

## Choral Scholar Concert - Let's get Max to Austria!

Join us April 19 at 3pm for a very special concert! One of our alto choral scholars, Max Ezell, has been selected for the American Institute of Musical Studies Summer Program in Graz, Austria and she needs our help! Max will be performing a fundraiser recital to help her get to Austria. Her recital will feature a wide variety of works with something for everyone.

## Childrens' Worship Dismissal and Pick Up

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.

# SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

- Tanis Mobley - complications from a fall (Dawn Mallard's Mother)
- Dottie Johnson - general health
- Melissa Linde-Powers - daughter (Megan) and SiL (Tyler) - move to Oregon.
- 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 - was in hospital again this week (COPD)
- 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:** *Confirmation Sunday, April 19!*

## 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!

## Students:

Remember, **NO** SFUMC Student Sundays this week! We'll flock together @ Wesley Foundation next Sunday, April 12!



# Attendance

March 29, 2026: 307

9:01 AM: 43

11:00 AM: 185

Online: 79

# Offering

Offering Received: \$19,128



Altar flowers are placed in loving memory of Earl Dabbs, Sr. by the Dabbs 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.