

# 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

"Fanfare for Easter" – Walter L. Pelz

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you show us the path of renewed life.  
**In Your presence there is fullness of joy!**  
We keep the Lord always before us.  
**We say to the Lord, "You are our Savior!"**

**OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - VICKI THOMPSON**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"O Worship the King" UMH 73 (6 verses)

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

#### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" – Mark Hayes  
*Taylor Sutterfield, soloist*

#### \*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

JOHN 20:19-22 (NRSV)

#### "TAG! YOU'RE IT!"

REV. MARK BURGESS

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness", UMH 140 (3 Verses)

#### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH 322 (refrain only)

### POSTLUDE

"Tuba Flourish" – Graham Twist

*Special thanks to Taylor Sutterfield for blessing us with her musical gifts in worship 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.



**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

Preschool Celebration 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 is an insert in this bulletin, so simply mark the appropriate squares, include your name and contact info and place 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

Pastor Mark will conclude Adam Hamilton's, *Why Did Jesus Have To Die?* in **room 206 at 10:00am this Wednesday, April 15.** There will be **no WITW** the following Wednesday, **April 22**, but make plans to join Shannon Burgess as she begins Max Lucado's, *God Never Gives Up On You* on **April 29.**

# Church Calendar

**Sunday, Apr 12**  
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
4:00 PM - Blessing of the Pets  
4:30 PM - SFUMC Students @ Wesley

**Thursday, Apr 16**  
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

**Saturday, Apr 18**  
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH  
3:00PM - Ted Babbitt Concert, Sanct.

**Monday, Apr 13**  
10:00AM - UWF General Mtg, 306  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

**Wednesday, Apr 15**  
10:00 AM - Bible Study, 206  
12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206  
7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste



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

Family of Buck Ford in his recent passing  
Family of Brian McGlamery in his recent passing  
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 11 yr old granddaughter (Valen)  
Jane Anderson - under care team at home (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 next week - 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, SFUMC Student Sundays are back this week! We'll flock together @ Wesley Foundation this afternoon!

# Attendance

April 5, 2026: 482

9:01 AM: 83

11:00 AM: 240

Online: 159

# Offering

Offering Received: \$29,308



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.