

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

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" – arr., Sandra Eithun
The Chancel Ringers, Lee Walker, director

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary
Praise Him in His mighty Heavens!
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with flute and harp!

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - HUGHES WILLIAMSON

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH 400 (3 verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER - VICKI THOMPSON

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"I've Got the Joy" – arr., Valerie Stephenson
The Chancel Ringers, Lee Walker, director

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH MRS. LACY "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

JOHN 20: 24-29 (ESV)

"DO YOU NEED TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT?"

REV. ALBERT WILLIAMS, III

*CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us", UMH 381 (3 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

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

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" – Eugène Gigout

Special thanks to our very own Chancel Ringers for blessing us with their 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.



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STATESBORO FIRST
United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

*Through us God will:
Reach People
Touch Souls
Change Hearts
Launch Disciples*



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Statesboro First News

Service Member Prayer Wall

Our church is creating a military wall for all our current service men and women in uniform. If you have a family member or good friend currently in the service, would you please send us a picture of them (preferably in uniform,) their name and rank, military branch, and relationship to you. We hope our wall grows over time as we are honoring those who are serving our country.



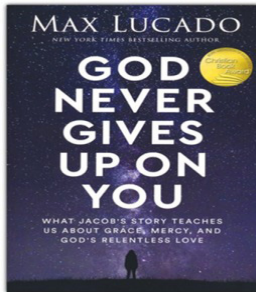
Newsletter

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.com.

Invitation To Membership

Is it time to affix your faith anchor to a firm foundation? 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



Shannon Burgess will begin a 5 week study of Max Lucado's, *God Never Gives Up On You* on **April 29 at 10AM in Room 206**. Books are available in the church office for \$10. Read Chapters 1-3 in preparation for the first session.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Apr 26
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct

Monday, Apr 27
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Tuesday, Apr 28
5:30 PM - SPRC Mtg, Lion's Den

Wednesday, Apr 29
10:00AM - Bible Study, 206
12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206
6:00PM - Trustees Mtg, Lion's Den
7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

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

Saturday, May 2
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Statesboro First News

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.

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.

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

- Beverly Walker - recent cancer diagnosis - testing
- Lawrence Lundy - recovering from second cataract procedure
- Tanis Mobley - back at home
- 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
- 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 Rupar-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 at-home care (advanced 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:
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 today! Come back next week at 4:30 in the Youth Room!

Attendance

April 19, 2026: 289

9:01 AM: 46

11:00 AM: 157

Online: 86

Offering

Offering Received: \$7424



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.