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Please place in offering plate.

Welcome to our Traditional Service!
We're so glad you're here!

Name

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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

"We Shall Behold Him" – Dottie Rambo
Tommy McMillan, guest organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"A Mighty Fortress" - Traditional
The Chancel Choir, Lee Walker, guest director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God; sing praises to His name;
Lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds.
**O rider in the heavens, send out your mighty voice
to all the family of Christ who worship you today!**

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST -LISA LEE

*OPENING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327 (4 verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Jesus Shall Reign" – Rachel Aarons
The Chancel Choir, Lee Walker, guest director

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-14 (NRSV)

"WAITING AGAIN!?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You", UMH 130 (4 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

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

POSTLUDE

"Final (Symphony No. 1)" – Louis Vierne

*Special thanks to Lee Walker, Tommy McMillan, and all our musicians for blessing
us with their musical gifts in worship today!*



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

Ascension 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

SPECIAL “Preparing the Holy of Holies for Renewal” Service
As you have seen and heard, May 31 will be a very special service as we transition out of the Sanctuary and into the Fellowship Hall for the summer season in order to repair and renew the Holy of Holies. We *will not have a 901 service that day* - but will all gather as a group at 11am in the Sanctuary for a service you won’t want to miss!

United Women in Faith Banquet
Our United Women in Faith will hold their Spring Banquet this coming Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.



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!



Church Council Meeting
Our next Church Council Meeting will be Wednesday, May 20 at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are invited to attend.

Second Mile Giving
Second Mile Giving will benefit Magnolia Manor again this week. Use the **green** envelope for this special offering.

Wednesday into the Word

Shannon Burgess will continue her 5 week study of Max Lucado’s, *God Never Gives Up On You* on **May 20 at 10AM in Room 206**. Read Chapters 8 & 9 in preparation for the session.

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 17 9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH 10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour 11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct 4:30 PM - SFUMC Students in Youth Rm	Wednesday, May 20 10:00AM - Bible Study, 206 12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206 6:00 PM - Church Council Mtg, FH 7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste
Monday, May 18 6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH	Thursday, May 21 6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211
Tuesday, May 19 6:30 PM - UWF Spring Banquet, FH	Saturday, May 23 10:30 AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204 11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Summer Session Sundays
All Sunday School classes (& everyone else too) are invited to attend the UMC 101 Summer Sessions that Pastor mark will be facilitating. We will all meet in the Fellowship Hall at the 10 am hour for a 40 minute session from **June 7th - July 26th**. During this time, our 901 service will target to conclude by 9:45. Two of those Sundays will simply be a *snack & fellowship time (June 7th & July 5th)*. The other six sessions will allow us to creatively encounter topics about United Methodism; how did we come to be, our understanding of grace & salvation, what makes us unique, how do we understand the sacraments, etc...). Remember, **beginning June 7th , both the 9 am and 11 am worship services will be in the fellowship hall** while the main Sanctuary undergoes renovation.

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Family of Jane Anderson - in her recent passing
Beverly Walker - recent cancer surgery
Rev. Lauren West’s mother - Carla Askew - moved to 2nd hospital in Vidalia
Charles Perry - recent diagnosis of parkinsons
Season of Graduation (all levels)
Macie Miller - we celebrate the birth of Angela (Ella) Marie Miller
Burney Marsh - ongoing health issues
Dottie Johnson - general health
Anne Kolish (Rev. Paula Lytle’s Sister in PA) - health concerns
Becky Holmes - recovering from back surgery
Holt Coursey - double hernia and back pain
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 - needs back surgery
Steve Anderson – cancer treatments; in and out of hospital
Susan Campo - treatments once a month in Augusta through September
Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 11 yr old granddaughter (Valen)
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 Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia & Mexico)

Children & Student Ministry News

Students:
Remember, SFUMC Student Sundays is back today for our last meeting before summer break! See you at 4:30 in the Youth Room!



Attendance

May 10, 2026: 317	
9:01 AM: 39	11:00 AM: 134

Online: **144**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$17,018**



The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed in celebration of Pastor Mark & Mrs. Shannon’s 44th wedding anniversary!!!

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.*