

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

"How Great Thou Art" – arr., Fred Bock

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LISA LEE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our redeemer lives!
Let the redeemed say so!
Jesus brings us out darkness into God's light!
We thank the Lord for God's steadfast love!

*OPENING HYMN

"Rise Up, Ye Saints of God" UMH 576 (4 verses)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – Traditional

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

Psalms 107: 1-9, 43 (NRSV)

"IT'S A REVERSAL, REVERSAL!"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451 (3 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"On Eagle's Wings" UMH 143

POSTLUDE

"Gigue, BWV 817" – Johann Sebastian Bach

**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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

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.



Thank You!

Our Soup Kitchen survived and THRIVED throughout July and August thanks to YOU! Our regular pool of volunteers are back after the summer, but we always welcome groups and individuals as you are able. Thanks, again, for your sustaining service!

Invitation to Sunday School



As we are entering this Fall season and coming out of our summer Sunday School series, there's never been a better time to join a Sunday School class! Everyone is a little "new" to it after the break, so you'll fit right in! If you are unsure where to start to find a class, contact Shannon Burgess. She has visited them all and will help you with the right fit!

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 by selecting the circle on the attached Connect Card, or contact the church office via email at adminassist@statesborofirst.com.

Coming Home Revival - Three Churches, One City

Brannen Chapel UMC, Pittman Park UMC, and Statesboro First UMC are coordinating three evening services September 29th, 30th, and October 1st. SFUMC is hosting Tuesday, September 29th. Family Fellowship kicks off at 5:30 with service beginning at 6:30. Power Camp for children PreK-5th grade begins at service time. For full details visit www.statesbororevival.com.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Aug 30
9:00 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour, FH
10:00 AM - COLLEGE Bible Study, 206
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, FH
2:00 PM - Disciple 1, 206
4:30 PM - SFUMC Student Sundays
6:00 PM - BYX Chapter Mtg, FH

Monday, Aug 31
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Sept 2
12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Sept 3
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211
6:30 PM - Emmaus Meeting, 204
6:30 PM - Scout Committee Mtg, FH

Saturday, Sept 5
11:00AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Photo of the Day

Good thing we didn't need the bus last week for our photo scavenger hunt! We'd have been one seat short! Thankful for our SFUMC students & looking forward to a big crowd for El Sombrero for dinner tonight!



SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

World Peace (specifically Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia)
Columbia & Venezuela Earthquake victims & survivors
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)
Family of Steve Anderson in his recent passing
Grace Collins - Beverly Walker's mother at Southern Manor
Susannah George's father - general health
Bonnie Spiers - broken foot
Sheila Nielsen - general health
Susan McGlamery - general health
Alyssa DePouli - expectant mommy - due January 2027
Ginny Hughes's brother Max - general health
Max Manack - pancreatic cancer
Burney Marsh - needs back relief
Rev. Charles Cravey - needs pain relief from recent back surgeries
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) - last 3 month scan showed no cancer!
Beverly Walker - ONE more chemo treatment to go!
Susan Campo - treatments once a month in Augusta through September

Children & Student Ministry News

Children:

Do you have a second grader in your life? See Mrs. Haley to sign them up for Bible Presentation Sunday on Sept. 20!



Students:

Catered El Som dinner and Amazon gift card drawing this evening at Student Sundays! New time pick up time - 6:30pm!



Attendance

August 23, 2026: 259

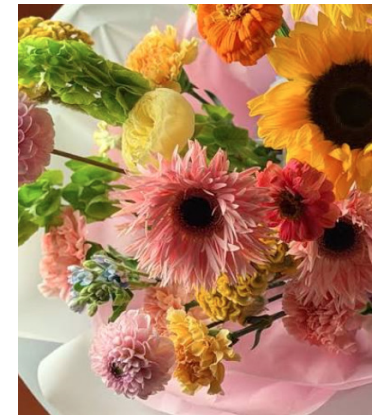
9:01 AM: **49**

11:00 AM: **131**

Online: **79**

Offering

Offering Received: **13,703**



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 **give** 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.