



STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR
SCOTT HARRIS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

November 20, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

Fellowship Hall:
9:01AM & 11:00AM

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

HEART PRINCIPLES

Many of you have asked for a copy of the Heart Principle that I used in last Sunday's sermon. I believe it to be a helpful way of communicating with others. If you missed last week's sermon, you can access past sermons from our website, www.statesborofirst.com/media, or by visiting our church facebook page.

-Jimmy Cason

- H** - Hear me and understand me.
- E** - Even if you disagree; don't make me wrong.
- A** - Acknowledge the greatness within me.
- R** - Remember to look for my loving intentions.
- T** - Tell me the truth with compassion.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT

We will decorate the church for Advent today, November 20. Olin Lovett, Ricky Turner, Buck Ford, Rawls Neville, their team, and perhaps you will put up the Chrismon tree in the Sanctuary and the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to serve the church and connect with people who may attend a different service. Decorating will begin at 2:00PM.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00PM, several churches in the area will gather together for a Community Thanksgiving Service to be held at the Averitt Center. It will be a great time to come together as the Body of Christ to offer our thanksgiving to the Lord. If you are looking for an extra benefit, you can come at 6:00PM and do your Shopping by Lantern Light at the Farmer's Market.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, none of our ministries will meet Wednesday night. We pray a blessing on you and your family and pray for safe travels on all those who may be traveling.

Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"House United: Communicating from a Position of Humility" - Philippians 2:3-11; 4:8

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Scott Harris

"House United: Communicating from a Position of Humility" - Philippians 2:3-11; 4:8

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 13, 2016)

Morning Worship: 536

Sunday School: 286

8:30AM: 59

9:01AM: 160

11:00AM: 219

Revive: 98

Offering Received: \$19,558.00

Preserving God's House: \$2,620.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Ongoing: Bobby Deal, Rev. Paula Lytle, Kathy Richardson Jones, Art Doughty, June Weaver, Janice Davis, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Diane Deloach, Jimmy Hood, John Gould, Jim Long, Bob Counce, Bryan Rountree, Harold Newton, Amos Connell, Leroy Pate, Betty Hodges (Bett Hodges's daughter)

The **flowers** in the **Tower Room** on November 20 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of C. Olin Smith by *his family*.

Our church family is getting stronger every day through support, prayers, visits, cards, and food. To God be the glory!- Connie Hodges

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Christmas Bundles Soup Kitchen - December 10

Thank you to all who have placed items for the Christmas bundles in the crates under the stairs off the Gathering Area. Please consider sharing unused items such as hygiene products, charity gifts, new or slightly used children's books, etc. that you don't want or need if you haven't already done so. The Bundles Bunch has started assembling and wrapping the Christmas gifts and you are welcome to join us Sunday afternoons from 2:00PM-4:00PM at 1102 Cherokee Court. We are also likely to work some Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. For more information contact Sara Melford, saramelford@gmail.com.

Honoring Babies

December 18 will be our day to honor babies for 2016. The UMW donates \$5 to missions for each baby born to church members. If you have a grandchild, niece, nephew or friend born this year whose parents are non-members and you would like to honor them with a gift to missions, then please pick up a form from the Gathering Area, fill it out and return it with \$5 to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate. Please submit all requests by December 12. Should you have any questions, contact Jerry Singletary at 912-682-2950 or by email: jerrysing12@gmail.com.

Dayspring Emmaus Gathering

The Dayspring Emmaus Gathering will be at Statesboro First United Methodist Church December 3, at 6:00PM Saturday night. The evening begins with covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall, followed by music, Fourth Day speaker, and communion in the Sanctuary. A nursery will be available. Our church has not hosted a Gathering in a few years so we want a big crowd of SFUMC folks in attendance. We have had over 200 church members participate in Walks to Emmaus, but anyone is invited and welcome to attend a Gathering.

Volunteers for November 20, 2016 (Third Sunday of November)

Prayer Warriors: Clark & Jane Deloach

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Betty Hodges

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

9:01 Ushers: Lynda Akins, Ed Akins, Kasey Harrison, Jason Parker

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Thompson

11:00 Ushers: Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing, Fred Shearouse

(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: Anne Allen

Front Door Greeters: Peggie Herrington, Pam Smith, Nita Waters

Meals on Wheels (November 22): Inman & Mary Sue Hodges



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - November 20

Middle and High School students will meet from 6:00PM – 7:30PM in the youth room. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship and a message. Bring \$2 for dinner.

Thanksgiving Break

There is no Breakfast Club or Small Groups this week due to the Thanksgiving Break.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, November 20

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.
9:01AM - 901 Service, FH
10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.
11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
5:30PM - MS Sunday Night Surge, YR
7:00PM - HS Sunday Night Surge, YR

Monday, November 21

2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, November 22

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

Wednesday, November 23

Church Office Closed
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

Thursday, November 24

Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen

Upcoming Special Events

We are excited about the hope Advent brings! Below are some dates of upcoming events. We hope you will invite somebody and join us as we embrace the joy, peace, and hope of Christ this Advent Season. A list of upcoming events can also be found in our app. Visit www.statesborofirst.com/app for links to download our church app to your phone.

Sunday, December 4

11:00AM - Confirmation Sunday
3:00PM & 6:00PM - Community Christmas Celebration

Wednesday, December 7

6:00PM - Children Caroling - Lodge at Bethany

Sunday, December 11

8:30 & 11:00AM - Chancel Ringers
5:00PM - Lessons & Carols
6:00PM - UMW Christmas Reception
6:00PM - Youth Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 13

10:00AM - Preschool Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 14

6:30PM - Children's Kids Jam Musical

Sunday, December 18

10:00AM - Children Caroling - Willow Pond

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

We are having three candlelight services. Childcare will be available at 4 & 5:30PM.
4:00PM - Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)
5:30PM - Christmas Eve (Fellowship Hall)
6:30PM - Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas

11:00AM - Christmas Morning Traditional Service in the Sanctuary (No 8:30, 9:01 or Revive)

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Year's Day

11:00AM - New Year's Day Traditional Service in the Sanctuary (No 8:30, 9:01 or Revive)



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Mari Hopkins

Kids Worship:

9:01: Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Jodie Hendrix, Heather Whitlock

Children's Ministries News

Thanksgiving Break

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not meet next Wednesday, November 23, for Kids JAM or Children's Ministry activities.

Please mark your calendar for the following additional Kids JAM rehearsals:

Sunday, November 27 - Speakers only 3:00PM-4:00PM

All 1st-5th Graders 4:00PM-5:00PM

Sunday, December 11 - Both groups (Pre-K/Kindergarten & 1st-5th) 1:00PM-3:00PM

Those who stay after worship for the rehearsal will be provided lunch in Room 306.

Children's Ministry Christmas Calendar

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30PM – Christmas Caroling at The Lodge at Bethany

Sunday, December 11, 10:00AM – Happy Birthday Jesus celebration!

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30PM – Kids JAM Christmas program

Sunday, December 18, 10:00AM – Christmas Caroling at Willow Pond

Saturday, December 24 – Children's Christmas Eve Nativity

Props for Children's Christmas Musical

If you have any of the following items around your home, please consider lending them to the Children's Ministry for the children's christmas program on the evening of December 14. They will be used on or around the stage in the Fellowship Hall for display. Please contact Children's Choir Coordinator, Ashley Wren (ashwren@yahoo.com).

- Old-timey camera (with stand if possible)
- Large metal type star with lights that can be plugged in
- Several old-timey suitcases, satchels, etc.
- Barrell
- Set of blacksmith tools (to fit on maybe a blacksmith's belt)
- Old-timey train ticket puncher
- 4-5 bales of hay
- Old-timey metal buckets

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Michael Burkhardt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalter #742 *Psalm 5*

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed #881 Hymnal

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn #71

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

PROCLAIMING THE VISION

Why does Statesboro First United Methodist Church exist?

To glorify God and love others through worship, study, and service.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

MARI HOPKINS

(Following the Children's Moment, children in Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to Kids Worship in Room 306.)

ANTHEM (11:00am Service)

Sing To the Lord of Harvest

arr. Healey Willan

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BETTY HODGES; 11:00AM BILL THOMPSON

OFFERTORY

Fanfare on ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #131 *We Gather Together*

*SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:3-11; 4:8

MESSAGE

"House United: Communicating from a Position of Humility"

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #536 *Precious Name*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Matthew H. Corl

*Congregation standing if able during this portion of the service.

Please ensure your cell phone is silenced during the service.

A **children's bulletin** with Bible puzzles and activities is available in the Gathering Area on the first floor and also in the back of the Sanctuary's balcony on the second floor.



The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system.

Please ask an usher for a receiver.

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