



**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

December 10, 2017

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Service of Lessons and Carols

December seems to become busier and more hectic each and every year. We are pulled in many different directions by various obligations and social events, sometimes to the point that we can forget the very meaning of the season we celebrate. I invite each of you to take a break from things this afternoon and come to our annual service of Lessons and Carols today at 5:00PM, presented by our Chancel Choir. Please invite a friend or neighbor to come with you. It will offer to you a few moments to focus your attention on the true meaning of the season as well as afford you the opportunity to hear some of the beautiful music of Christmas.

This service incorporates Scripture readings, anthems sung by the choir, and congregational singing. Our service is inspired by one conducted each year since 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England. It is a service that tells of the promise of the coming Messiah and the birth of Jesus Christ, and is celebrated in churches around the world. Scripture readings, familiar carols and choral anthems will help each of us to consider how, during Advent, the deep longing of our heart is met with joy in the birth of the long-expected Christ, this year and every year. A reception given by the United Methodist Women will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

- Pierce Dickens

Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Sunday, December 10, 2017

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

"The Gospel of Love" - Mark 1:1-8

9:01 & 11:00AM *REVIVE* - Rev. Scott Harris

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, December 3, 2017)

Morning Worship: 448

Sunday School: 283

8:30AM: 72

9:01AM: 101

11:00AM: 188

Revive: 87

Community Christmas Celebration: 978

(3PM: 587 6PM: 391)

Offering Received: \$29,250.00

Preserving God's House: \$7,470.00

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Leroy Pate* - November 19, 2017

In Memoriam - *June Weaver* - November 29, 2017

In Memoriam - *John Karrh* - December 5, 2017

The **Roses** on the **Altar** on December 10 are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Catherine Rose Riner* and *Reid Martin Riner* born December 5, daughter and son of *Brad & Christie Riner*.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Susan Renfrow - St. Joseph*
Marilyn Turner - Candler Rehab
Linda Arnold - Memorial
Jim Long - Hospice home care
Charles Eunice - home from hospital
Mae Doughty - recovering at the home of Frances Humphrey
Sarah Mathis - recovering from surgery
Janette Johnson - recovering at Willow Pond
Bobby Deal - Willow Pond

Ongoing: *Barbara Fox, Chuck Shiels, Amos Connell, Inman Hodges, John Poppo, Dick Armstrong, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon*

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Angel Tree

“Angel Tree” is a ministry of our church in partnership with Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners in our area. “Angel Tree” has been contacted and we have received the names of 38 children in 23 families. The “Angel Tree” is ready to have names picked up and will continue until all names are taken. Each gift should cost between \$20.00-\$25.00. Please wrap your gift and place the “Angel” sticker on the outside of the gift so we can get it to the correct child. When selecting your “Angel” please fill out the form on the table so we will know who has taken which child. Gifts are due at the church by Sunday, December 17. Volunteers will be needed to help sort and deliver packages the week of December 18-24. If you feel lead to help serve in this ministry please contact Nancy Martin 912-690-1042 (cell) or by email metterbetter500@yahoo.com, or Hilda Dutrow at 912-764-6609 Thank you in advance for considering this ministry as part of your “Christmas” celebration.

Volunteers for December 10, 2017 (Second Sunday of December)

Prayer Warriors: Tommy & Karen David

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Joyce Bohler

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Darwin Bohler

9:01 Ushers: Don Marsh, Nancy Marsh, Thad Riley

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Jim Campbell

11:00 Ushers: Clark Collins, Chris Bishop, Jake Collins, Jim Davis, Michael Mallard, Dan Snipes, Brian Thomas, Bill Thompson, Robert Benson III
(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: June Rushing

Front Door Greeters: Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

Meals on Wheels (December 12): Jimmy & Pat High



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - December 10

Middle School students will meet from 5:30PM-7:00PM and High School students will meet from 7:00PM-8:30PM in the Youth Room. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship, and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - December 11

This event is for Middle and High School students. We meet on Monday mornings on the third floor (Room 306) for breakfast (Chick-fil-A and Daylight Donuts), a devotional, and then we give students a ride to school. Arrive at 7:00AM and the cost is \$2.

Youth Christmas Party- December 13

We will be celebrating from 6:00PM-8:00PM in the Youth Room. It will be a night full of games, prizes, food, and worship! Students should bring a gift to swap (\$10max) and a dessert/snack to share. We will provide chicken fingers and drinks. Encourage your student to come!

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Thank You Decorators!

We wanted to thank everyone for how beautiful the church looks after decorating for Christmas. We appreciate each one that came to help! Arnold Stephens, Dennis Kea, Charles Eunice, John and Martha Ray, Warren and Roxella Ball, Ricky and Beth Turner, Earl Dabbs, Olin and Cynthia Lovett, Janice Smith, Bailey Williams, Jewel Dabbs, Natalie Neville, Carol Ruffo, Bonnie Clark, Bill and Marilynn Sellers, Bonnie Grist, and Joyce Lovett.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, December 10

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
5:00PM - Lessons & Carols, Sanct.
5:30PM - MS Surge, YR
6:00PM - UMW Reception, FH
7:00PM - HS Surge, YR

Monday, December 11

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Staff Parish Mtg, Lib.
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, December 12

10:00AM - Preschool Christmas Program, FH
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, December 13

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
5:15PM - Kids JAM, 200 & Choir
5:30PM - Wednesday Night, All
6:00PM - Youth Christmas Party, YR
6:30PM - Children's Christmas Program, FH
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, December 14

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by the Jaycees



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Elizabeth Lippincott

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Jenny Coulter
11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Patty Johnson

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

We are wrapping up the fall season of Wednesday Night Ministry and will take a break during the Christmas season, before resuming in January. Please be sure to join us for one more family meal this Wednesday, December 13, and enjoy a special program shared by the children.

Children's Christmas Program December 13, 6:30PM

The Kids JAM children's choir will present a Christmas musical, *Jesus Means Christmas to Me*, in the Fellowship Hall following dinner this Wednesday. Please come support the children, and share in our Christmas spirit.

Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

The children's Sunday school classes will celebrate the Christmas season with a special gathering during Sunday school hour this morning! Please meet in your classroom, and then walk with your class to Room 306 for the festivities. We will sing Christmas carols, and have refreshments and a special presentation! All children should be picked up from their Sunday school classrooms, following the party.

Christmas Eve Nativity

There will be a family service in the Sanctuary at 4:00PM on Christmas Eve. We invite children to participate in the live nativity and singing, as part of this service. Costumes are provided. Please let our Children's Ministry team know if your child would like to participate (sakins@statesborofirst.com or jhendrix@statesborofirst.com).

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Christmas Wrapping

Calling Santa's Helpers! Grab your scissors and join us at Bealls Outlet at the Statesboro Mall, December 16 from 10AM-5PM. We need tissue paper, boxes and your smiling face! Please let Nora Ford know you're coming (687-6169).

Wednesday Night Menu - December 13 - 5:30PM

RJ's: Ham, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli Casserole, Rolls

Meals are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for kids 12 and under

\$2.00 for pizza plate (kids only)

Drinks and desserts are included with all meals.

Families of five or more (parents and children) pay a maximum of \$24.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. James C. Kasen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is coming soon.

Love is on the way.

But Christ is already here.

And love is all around us.

We wait for the fullness of God's kingdom.

Yet love is already here.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #213 *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

***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.**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

11:00AM: JEFF & TRACEY GRAHAM, GRACELYN

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)

ELIZABETH LIPPINCOTT

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

How Great Our Joy!

arr. John Rutter

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM JIM CAMPBELL

OFFERTORY

The Holly and the Ivy

arr. James Biery

***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 #240 *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:1-8

MESSAGE

"The Gospel of Love"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #217 *"Away In a Manger"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Glory to God in the Highest

John Menzies MacFarlane

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Paul Laubengayer

**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.