

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Reception

Join us on following worship today in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome our newest staff members who have begun work this month—Emma Palmer, Director of Community Connection, and Don Jones, Director of Music. Let's give them a big SSUMC welcome!

Sunday Supper and Study

Join us tonight for Sunday evening connection over scripture and supper!

Pastors Kate and Kyle will lead an engaging video adult bible study from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Animate: Practices, digging into various Christian practices: Serving, Community, Worship, Food, Sacraments, and Prayer.

Children will have the opportunity to engage in age-appropriate lessons around these themes as well. Dinner will follow from 5:30-6 p.m. On this week's menu is City BBQ. Cost: \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Register today at ssumc.org/grow!

Youth Group Resumes

Monthly youth group starts up again this evening from 6:30-8 p.m.! Enjoy dinner, Holy Disruptions conversations, games, and great friendships. Check out ssumc.org/youth for the full schedule or talk to Candace for more info, cjohnson@ssumc.org.

Save the Date: Serve Sunday

11 a.m. on Feb. 4. the church will join in a brief service of Holy Communion and then engage in service projects together in the Fellowship Hall, putting our faith into action!

Save the Date: Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. we will have a pancake breakfast before worship! Make plans to join us for syrupy deliciousness!

GUESTS: We are delighted to have you worshipping with us! We invite you to connect with us by filling out a Connect Card in the back of the pew with any information you would like to share. You may drop it in the offering basket or hand it to a Staff/Connect Team member for a special visitor gift. Your presence enriches our community, and we look forward to getting to know you better!

Ways To Give:

- Offering Plates: Make a check out to the church or prepare your cash offering.
- Online: Give securely at ssumc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code.
- Text to Give: Text ssumc.org/give to 73256.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Floyd	Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau	Deacon
Candace Johnson, M.Div.	Dir. of Family Ministries
Don Jones	Dir. of Music Ministries
Emma Palmer	Dir. of Community Connection
Deaconess Jo (Elna) Sheetz	Liturgist
Courtney Stanley	Soloist
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“WELCOMING ALL” JANUARY 21, 2024

Jesus tells us to: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”
This is the CORE of our faith.

At Sandy Springs UMC we seek to live out the love of Jesus by centering ourselves in four core values: Welcoming ALL; Growing ALL; Impacting ALL; and Connecting ALL. We'll be exploring our values in worship so that we strengthen ourselves to love widely and boldly.



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GATHERING

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

"Greatest Commandment"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us bring our full selves to worship today-our joys and our concerns, our questions and our fears, our doubts and our celebrations.

God sees us, knows us, and welcomes us!

Let us be people who welcome others in the name of Jesus,

We aspire to be a church that overflows with hospitality, where everyone can encounter God's generous love.

So Let us worship Holy God, as people who seek to:

Welcome ALL; Grow ALL;

Impact ALL; and Connect ALL.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #529

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

We invite children ages 4-10 to meet our volunteers in the narthex before going to room 211 for Children's Church. Caregivers will pick them up in 211 after worship.

TESTIMONY

Julie Thwing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"As a Fire is Meant for Burning" –see insert

*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

Our Ears are Open!

Matthew 10:40-42

This is the Word of God for the People of God:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(Apostles Creed, UMH #881)

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ways to give are listed on the back of this worship guide. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Lord, Here I Am"

*DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING 2024 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations Team: Beth Erwin, Sanjay Masilamani, Ken Nicholas, Jo Scheetz, Kirsten Summer

Church Council: Jan Collins, Kelley Dopson, Meri Falciglia, Mike Hadlow, Lanie Masilamani, Virginia McCahan, Stacey Reece, Candace Sarrio, Bill Thackston, Chuck Thomason, Julie Thwing, Selena Wingate

*CLOSING HYMN

"Blest Be The Tie that Binds" –UMH #557

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE