

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Study

Looking for connection this Lenten season? Join the Traveler's Class on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room as they read and discuss "Freeing Jesus" by Diana Butler Bass. Learn more at ssumc.org/grow.

Wellspring Wednesdays

Wednesday evenings are back for the season of Lent now as Wellspring Wednesdays! Join the church for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by programming from 6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall starting Wednesday, Feb. 21. Sign up weekly by Monday at ssumc.org/wellspringwednesday. Adults are \$10 each, children are \$5 each, but don't let cost be a barrier to coming. Children's programming will be led by Candace Johnson and adult programming will be led by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, who returns from the Candler Foundry to teach a course called "How the Bible Actually Works."

Upcoming SERVE Sunday

Join us on Sunday, March 3 for our second SERVE Sunday of the year! We will have a short communion service at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by more serving opportunities. The Community Assistance Center will be training us on how to do survey phone calls for the people they have previously assisted. Additionally, there will be backpack buddies packing, Easter basket assembly for homebound, and more!!

Altar Flowers

Want to honor or remember someone special? Consider sponsoring the Altar Flowers on Sundays! Here's how:

- Visit ssumc.org/altarflowers and complete the form
- Call Jan in the Church office at 404-255-1181, ext. 201.
- Sign up on the Altar Flower Calendar located in the Copier Room.

The cost is \$100/Sunday and there may only be one reservation per Sunday. Following worship, flowers are given to members of the community in need.

GUESTS:

We are glad 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.



Special Lenten Offering: Rise Against Hunger

On Saturday, April 13, we will once again be hosting a meal-packing event in the Fellowship Hall for Rise Against Hunger, packing thousands of meals to feed people all around the world. We make a volunteer and financial commitment to host this event. This year, our special Lenten offering is going towards providing the food we will pack. Thank you for your generosity this season to help feed those who are hungry. Register to join us and donate at ssumc.org/serve.

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"Let Go of Temptation" Make Room for Trust February 18, 2024

Lent is the season when we spend six weeks journeying with Jesus toward the cross, and ultimately toward resurrection. It's the time followers of Jesus seek to let go of all the things that keep us from centering our lives in God. As we do so, we fill up with love, hope, and abundance, so that we are ready for new life on the other side.

Join us this Lent as we work to Let It Go! and make room for God.



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GATHERING

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Bass.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

"Sanctuary"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went into the city to heal.

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

But Jesus also went to the wilderness.

Today, as we begin Lent, we enter
the wilderness too.

As we do so, we know we are not alone.

We go together.

And there is nowhere we can go that
God does not walk with us.

We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #103

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. Children will return to the Sanctuary for Communion

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

"Trust and Obey" –UMH #467

*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

Our Ears are Open!

Luke 4:1-13

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

"Softly and Tenderly"

–W.L. Thompson; Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*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.**

*HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert from *The Faith We Sing* #2257)

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Chuck Thomason

Liturgist

Courtney Stanley

Soloist

SSUMC Choir