

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday Supper and Study

Join us tonight and for the six weeks 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.

Register today at [ssumc.org/grow!](http://ssumc.org/grow!)

### Welcome Reception

Join us on Jan. 21 following worship in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome our newest staff members who begin this month—Emma Palmer, Director of Community Connection, and Don Jones, Director of Music. Let's give them a big SSUMC welcome!

### Youth Group Resumes

Monthly youth group starts up again on Sunday, Jan. 21 from 6:30-8 p.m.! Enjoy dinner, Holy Disruptions conversations, games, and great friendships. Check out [ssumc.org/youth](http://ssumc.org/youth) for the full schedule or talk to Candace for more information, [cjohnson@ssumc.org](mailto: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!

### Ways To Give:

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



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## 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
Candace Sarrio	Liturgist
Courtney Stanley	Soloist
SSUMC Choir	

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## JANUARY 14, 2024 | 11 A.M.

Welcome to Sandy Springs United Methodist Church: a wellspring of love and hospitality. **Here we seek to build life-changing relationships, nurture spiritual growth, and foster service through impactful partnerships.**

Our mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We believe each person's faith is constantly evolving, much like the sandy spring of water upon which this church was built. While our faithfulness ebbs and flows, God's constant presence, like a wellspring, renews deepens, and sustain us. Know that whoever you are, wherever you may find yourself, you are welcome and loved here.



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## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

*"Shall we gather at the River"*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning when God created  
**A wind swept over the waters,  
A breath warmed the dark voids,  
A Spirit called forth creation.**

God gave in grace:

**Let there be light for all to see,  
Let there be water for all to splash in,  
Let there be life in the midst of death.**

Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!  
**For we, too, are beloved! Bathed in baptism.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"How Can We Name a Love"*

*–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #111*

## LISTENING

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT & PEACE

*We invite children ages 4-10 to meet Candace and  
our volunteer in the narthex before going to room  
211 for Children's Church. Children will return to  
worship for the remembrance of our baptism.*

### 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

*"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"*

*–UMH #605*

### \*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

**Our Ears are Open!**

*Mark 1:4-11*

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

*"In This Very Room"*

### \*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.**

### REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

**Response: All praise to you, Eternal God, through  
your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy  
Spirit lives and reigns forever. Glory be to God!  
Hallelujah! Amen!**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE