

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday Supper and Study

Join us tonight for Sunday evening connection over scripture and supper! Pastors Kate and Kyle are leading 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 Mellow Mushroom. Cost: \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Register today at [ssumc.org/grow!](http://ssumc.org/grow!)

### Save the Date: Serve Sunday

Join us on Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we live into our value of "Impacting ALL". We will share in a service of Holy Communion, then extend Jesus' welcome outward as we pack food for Lake Forest Elementary School families, assemble care packages for SSUMC homebound members, and create valentines for them and teachers and staff at the school. Our friends from Solidarity Food Pantry will serve alongside us, offer a blessing, and then host us for a taco lunch. All are welcome!

### 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!

### Save the Date: Ash Wednesday

The start of the Lent is on Feb. 14. Worship will be at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lent is the church season before Easter when we spend six weeks journeying with Jesus toward the cross, and ultimately toward resurrection. It's a time when 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.

**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](http://ssumc.org/give), or by scanning the QR code.
- Text to Give: Text [ssumc.org/give](http://ssumc.org/give) to 73256.



### Altar Flowers

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

- Visit [ssumc.org/altarflowers](http://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 given to members of the community in need of cheer and to let them know their Church family is thinking of them.

### Mailing Address

PO Box 720139 • Sandy Springs, GA 30358

### Street Address

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## "GROWING ALL" JANUARY 28, 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 embraces people's  
spiritual journeys. No one has it all figured out,  
but we value learning and growing together in  
Jesus Christ.**

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

**Welcome ALL; Grow ALL;**

**Impact ALL; and Connect ALL.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #140*

## 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

*Lanie Masilamani*

### 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

*"Blessed Assurance" –UMH #369*

### \*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

**Our Ears are Open!**

*Jeremiah 29:13-14*

*Romans 12:1-3*

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

*"10,000 Reasons"*

### \*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

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Be Thou My Vision" –UMH #451*

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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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

Tommy Tillman

Liturgist

Courtney Stanley

Soloist

SSUMC Choir