

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

Ash Wednesday This Week

The start of the Lent is this Wednesday, 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.

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."

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.



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 given to members of the community in need of cheer and to let them know their Church family is thinking of them.

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"CONNECTING ALL"

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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 and in loving memory of Rev. Bruce Donnelly by the staff and congregation of SSUMC.

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 connect with God and outward toward others:

We aspire to be a church where life-changing relationships ground us, sustain us, and demonstrate God's love toward one another.

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

Welcome ALL; Grow ALL;

Impact ALL; and Connect ALL.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God Is Here"

–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #600

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

Lisa Nicholas

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

"Here I Am, Lord" –UMH #593

*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

Our Ears are Open!

Luke 9:28-36

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

"Standing On The Promises"

–R. Kelso Carter; Arr: Mark Hayes

*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

"They'll Know We are Christians By our Love"

–The Faith We Sing #2223 (see insert)

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

Tommy Tillman

Liturgist

Courtney Stanley

Soloist

SSUMC Choir