

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!

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!! Join us that morning as we put our faith into action.

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Today, marks the first day of Lent, the beginning of a 40 day period of reflection and penance when we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. 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.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our forehead as a sign of our mortality. Ashes are a symbol that we belong to God fully: we came from God and shall return to God.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

Solo: "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
–The Faith We Sing (TFWS) #2128, v. 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)

Roll up your sleeves.

Let down your guard.

Come in from the storm.

Make yourself at home.

Pull up to the table.

Release the tension in your jaw.

Take a deep breath.

Return to God with all your heart.

May it be so.

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"
–TFWS #2128, vv. 2-3

LISTENING

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.

*SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51

–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #785
(Read responsively with sung response two)

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

REFLECTION

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

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 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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
–UMH #269

*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.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

DEPARTING TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Solo: "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
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We invite you to depart the sanctuary in
silence and reflection.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Floyd

Senior Pastor

Candace Johnson, M.Div.

Dir. of Family Ministries

Don Jones

Dir. of Music Ministries

Emma Palmer

Dir. of Community Connection

Amy King

Liturgist

Courtney Stanley

Soloist