

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. in the Fellowship Hall followed by programming from 6-7 p.m. 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."

Explore Membership

Praying about how God is calling you to be more involved in the life of SSUMC? Take the next step and vow to be a member of this faith community with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness on Easter Sunday, March 31. Talk to Pastor Kate or Emma about joining over coffee and snacks on Sunday, March 17 before worship at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Room (down from the Sanctuary).

Annual Talent Show

Calling all performers! Our Annual SSUMC Talent Show will be Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to be an act by emailing Lisa Nicholas at lisanich@gmail.com. Ticket sales will begin in March

Holy Week Worship

March 24 | Palm Sunday | Sanctuary
11 a.m. - Worship

March 28 | Maundy Thursday | Fellowship Hall
12 p.m. - Worship | 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

March 29 | Good Friday | Sanctuary
7 p.m. - Service of Tenebrae

March 31 | Easter | Sanctuary
10 a.m. - Egg Hunt | 11 a.m. - Celebration Worship
**bring flowers for the flower cross on the front lawn*

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 Shame" Make Room for Reconciliation March 10, 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*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

"Sanctuary"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends of God, believe this -God loved the world,
God loves the world, we are the beloved!

**May the truth of this great love story, shine
through our worship today, and renew our sense
of calling.**

So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and
your discouragements; come with your doubts, your
fears, and your longings;

**We come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals
God's love and mercy.**

Come, in friendship to God and to each other,
and in friendship to the world, to listen for God's
Word to us, to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling.

Let us worship Holy God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Gather Us In"

–See Insert from *The Faith We Sing* #2236

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

"Help Us Accept Each other"

–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #560

*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

Our Ears are Open!

John 3:14-22

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

"A Grateful Heart"

*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. Blair Boyd Zant

Guest Preacher

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