



On the first Sunday of each month, we collect canned goods to replenish our food pantry. Please bring your shelf-stable donations next Sunday, November 1. Collection containers will be in several locations around the sanctuary.

Scan this QR code to let us know if you are worshipping with us, to give online, or to view the website.



A contemporary service is held Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Pastor Jonathan Franz will be leading the worship and Will Reedy will be leading the music in today's service.

Order of Worship for Connection

The Welcome and Invitation

Gathering Song
Opening Sentence
Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Hearing from God

Songs of Praise
A Time of Prayer and Reflection

- Prayers of the People
- Song of Prayer¹
- Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Readings

- First Reading: Psalm 90
- Second Reading: Acts 2:1-12
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:11-17
- Gospel Acclamation Reprise

Sermon: *Being and Doing*

Receiving God's Grace

Offertory²
Remembering our Story: The Apostles' Creed
Sharing the Bread and the Cup: Holy Communion

The Church is Sent

Benediction

¹We invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. You may come forward to pray at the altar, sing, or sit in silent contemplation. How ever it is that you feel like connecting with God in this moment, the Lord says, "come to me."

²If you are visiting this morning, the greatest gift you could offer is to please complete one of the attendance cards on your seat. Providing us with your name and contact information will give us the gift and opportunity to connect with you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 25	Fall Festival, 5 p.m.
October 30	Holiday Handcrafts Bazaar, 9 am – 3 pm
November 26	International Thanksgiving Dinner
December 2-7	Exam Slam, Fall '26

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2026



17th year
Starkville First United Methodist Church
Holiday Handcrafts Bazaar

Friday, October 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center

Artists and Crafters
Homemade Baked Goods
Frozen Casseroles
The Sandwich Shoppe
Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Once again, delicious
Holiday Casseroles will be
available during the
**Holiday Handcrafts
Bazaar.**

**THERE WILL BE NO PRE-
ORDERS TAKEN THIS
YEAR.**

Come to the bazaar to find
your favorites including
Cornbread Dressing,
Chicken Spaghetti,
Heavenly Sweet Potato and
Pineapple Delight in sizes
small and large.

Come to our

FALL FESTIVAL

FOOD • GAMES • CRAFTS • PHOTO BOOTH

Wear Your Best Child-Friendly Costume!

October 25, 2026, 5-7 pm

TODAY!



200 West Lampkin Street
Starkville, MS 39759
www.first-umc.org
662-323-5722

First United Methodist Church

October 25, 2026

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

+Please stand as you are comfortable doing so.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Fanfare on *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Jameson

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn of Praise *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* #371

+ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed #881

+ Acclamation of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* #71

+ Greeting One Another

Song of Fellowship *It Only Takes a Spark*

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Sherman

Morning Prayer

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-12

+ Psalter Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

+ Offertory Hymn *Because He Lives* #364

Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Luther

+ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

+ Scripture Lesson Matthew 3:1-11

Sermon *Worth Fighting For* Andy Stoddard

+ Closing Hymn *Victory in Jesus* #370

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *Just a Closer Walk* Gillis/Burns



Follow this QR code to establish or renew your stewardship commitment for 2027.



The Prayer Quilt on the chancel rail today is for Karen Bateman who is recovering from a broken leg. Please stop by to tie a square knot and offer a prayer for her as she continues to heal.

Serving in Worship Today

Senior Pastor Andy Stoddard
Associate Pastor Jonathan Franz
Musicians in worship today: Peter Infanger, Elva Kaye Lance, The Brass Ensemble, The Chancel Choir
Director of Children's Ministries Miriam Harris

The brass ensemble is led by Kathy Baker and the players are: Matthew Merrill, Brixan Schlomer, Lee McNeal, Olivia Kellum, Sam Eifling, Adele Nagel, Nick Cox, Graham Oakley, Jonathan Franz, and Caleb Davis. We thank them for their participation in this morning's worship service.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN WORSHIP

The children's choir will sing for our traditional worship service on Sunday, November 1. The group will rehearse in the children's gathering room off the walking track at 9:00 am on Sunday, October 25 and in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 1. We look forward to hearing them!



Join us for a reception following the baptism of baby girl

Eileen Stewart

daughter of Blake & Kelly Stewart

Sunday, November 1, 2026

immediately after morning worship

Gathering Place Fellowship Hall

Starkville First UMC

more info: 601.507.2103

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2027 SFUMC FEEDING MINISTRIES

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SECOND SERVINGS 2027

Serve to-go plates in the church parking lot
2 people • 2nd Thurs. each month • 4:00 PM
Contact Leslie Fye at lpfye@yahoo.com

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FOR THE CASSEROLE KITCHEN MINISTRY AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ORGANIZE A MEAL FOR THE NEEDY

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH DROP OFF @ 5:30 PM

CONTACT LESLIE FYE AT LPFYE@YAHOO.COM OR 662-769-0273



► Regular Wednesday night programming continues this Wednesday. This semester we will be exploring how we experience God. Make plans to join us!



- Welcome all students! If you are visiting, thanks for stopping in! We would love for Starkville FUMC to be your church home. Make sure you connect with us by signing the Pew Pad and marking an interest in "College."
- College Sunday School is held every Sunday morning in the College Room at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for snacks, fellowship, and Sunday School!
- Did you know that this church has a dedicated college study room that is open all week long and stocked with as much caffeine as you need to make it through Organic Chemistry 2 or Physics? Check in at the church office to get an access code.
- The College Ministry invites you to join us this Sunday for lunch at Central Station Grill. Meet with Madeline after the service. We would love to have you join us!

Upcoming Events & News

Wednesday Night Meal: Join us on Wednesday for our evening events. The menu for this week will be *A Mystery!* These meals are funded by your generous donations (\$5 minimum suggested.) Please make plans to attend.

The Men's Group meets on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in the Ladies Parlor.

Please consider ordering Poinsettias in honor of or in memory of those people special to you. Order forms are in the church office. \$16 each.

Today the Church Nursery is moving from the CLC to rooms 105 & 107 in Weekday Ministries.

EXAM SLAM offers quiet study spaces, fast wi-fi, free meals and endless snacks & coffee for college students studying for exams. December 2-7, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you are a young adult and are not already plugged in to the life of the church, a new young adult group is forming and headed to lunch after church this Sunday. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Jonathan to get more information.

Sunday Attendance

9:00 Adult Sunday School – 56 Reported
10:00 Traditional Worship – 200
10:00 Contemporary Worship – 23
10:00 Digital - 88