

First Methodist Church of Swainsboro

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

Have you found Jesus yet?

Prelude Unto Us Is Brought Salvation J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O Lord, open thou my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
Adapted from Psalm 51

Invocation

***Opening Hymn** I Know Whom I Have Believed MH 714

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed MH 881

***Gloria Patri**

Passing of the Peace

***Gathering Chorus** Into My Heart On Screen

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

***Morning Hymn** Freely, Freely MH 389

Offering and Prayer

Anthem

***Doxology**

Children's Moment Melinda Hall

***Scripture** John 3:1-17

Sermon " You can't, but He can " Rev. David Unkles
(And why we must understand this.)

Holy Communion MH 12

****Invitation Hymn** Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross MH 301

***Benediction**

Postlude Christ Is the World's Light arr. Richard Storrs Willis

* Please stand as you are able.

**Our chancel rail is open for prayer.

Nursery: 11:00 a.m. Renae McNeely

February Altar Guild: Alie & Kala

Ushers: Chance Flanders, Peyton Fyre, Justin Morris, Phil Tatum, Eric Wheeler

Acolytes: Aubrey and Avery Frye

***Our beautiful flowers today are given by
Teah, Kala and Alie in honor and
appreciation of our Chancel Choir.***

***The church extends its condolences to Ms. Kim Hooks and her
family in the passing of her mother Ms. Georganne Hairr.
Please know that our love and prayers are with you.***

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

John Allen Bailey, Linda Baker, Ada Lee Correll,
Cherry Curry, Linda Dekle, Nancy Flanders, Marilyn
Freese, Butch Frye, Petite Garrett, Jerry Hooks,
David Kettles, Bonnie Lanier, Gail Lewis, Gary
Mason. Bob Neil, George Smith, Sue Stockholm,
Richard Smith, Pat Tiller

Extended Church Family:

Georgia Kate Anderson, Tracy Avery, Brandi Brown,
Lee Canady, Larry Canady, Marie Canady (Melissa
Canady step-mother), Randy Carter, Lynn Chance,
Cindy Claxton, Keri Grimm Claxton, Sam Daniels,
Jim Derden (John Derden's brother), Brandon
Dickens (Cathy McDaniel's nephew), Kenny Doss,
Deborah Duckworth, Jean Hunnicutt DuPree, Kevin
Edenfield, Wanda Ellison, Teresa Ely, Ruby Fagler,
Martha Flanders, Judy Garrett (Kelli Torpy's
Mother), Jimmy Gowen (Dean Gowen's father),
Maralyn Graham, Tom Graves (Carolyn Derden's
brother) , Georganne Hairr family, Judy Hart, Phyllis
Hutcheson (Karol Key's mother), Clay Johnson, Fay
Key, Cleve Kinard (Tony Waters brother), Aubrey
Long (Nancy Lisenby's niece), Brit Marchman
(George Smith's son-in-law), Gloria Mason, Ken
McGee (Sharon Edenfield's father), Shirley McNeely,
Bob Mitchell, Sandy Moody, Judy Moore, Emma
Moran, Mike Morris, Belins Muniz, Joy Nasworthy,
Joan Neil (Bob Neil's Mother), Eliza Noles, Tim
Palmer, Marty Payne (Teresa Mason's brother),
Bobby & Kay Peacock, Clark & Bonnie Petersen
(Kathy Palmer's sister & brother-in-law), Charles
Price family, Gayle Rainwater, Chandler Rogers,
Doris Lewis Small, Wes Terry, John Terwilliger, Julie
Todd, Gail Thompson, Kal Thompson, Roy
Thompson, Connie Thurman, Heather Townsend,
Shirley Underwood, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Ashley
Walling, Lamar Way, Margaret White, Sara Wilkes
(George Smith niece), Gregg Wolff, Vicki Youmans

This Week's Scripture Verses

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121 (MH 844)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

**This Week's Schedule
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Sunday, March 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Early Service
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
**3:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class -
 in Youth Room**
**5:30 p.m. - YOUTH
 FELLOWSHIP**
 6:00 p. m. - **NO** Evening Service

Monday, March 2, 2026

6:00 p. m. - **S. P. R. C. Meeting in
 N. B. Classroom.**

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

6:00 p.m. - **" FAMILY
 ACTIVITIES "**
 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, March 6, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

ADVANCE NURSERY SCHEDULE:

03/08 - Whitney Wheeler
 03/15 - Chelsie Morris
 03/22 - Sky Ware
 03/29 - Tabitha Flanders

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**CONFIRMATION
 CLASS
 (CATECHESIS)**

**Question of the Week
 " WHO IS GOD ? "**

**Saturday, March 14th,
 8:00 a.m. Methodist Men
 will have a churchwide
 work day.**

**Sunday, March 15th, is
 S. M. W. Sunday and the
 annual Candle Burning
 Sunday.**

**Sunday, March 29th,
 " PALM SUNDAY " the
 Youth will present a
 Shadow Play in the Social
 Hall. This will be a
 continuation of the story
 from last Easter.**

**Wednesday, April 1st,
 5:30 p.m. will be the
 annual Easter Egg Hunt
 and Picnic at the
 Citizens Bank Clubhouse.**

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Last Sunday's Attendance

10:00 a.m. Sunday School	37
9:00 a.m. Early Service	18
11:00 a.m. Worship Service	66
6:00 p.m. Evening Service	10
Total Worship	94

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 10088.00
Received for Budget	\$ 7966.00
Amount over (Under)	\$ 2122.00
YTD Budget	\$ 70616.00
YTD Rec'd for budget	\$ 60620.00
Amount over (Under)	\$ 9996.00
Received for Budget	\$ 7966.00
Designated Giving	\$ 220.36
	\$ 8186.36

**If you would like your giving
 statement printed and mailed
 please contact the church office.**



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Pathway to the Kingdom

John 3:1-17

Rev. David Unkles, Pastor
 Connie Peebles, Music Director
 Melinda Hall, Children & Youth Director
 Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant