

**First Methodist Church of Swainsboro**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 19, 2026**

**Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      Glory Be to God                      J. S. Bach

**Call to Worship**

The Lord is risen !

**The Lord is risen indeed !**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**We have an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.**

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**Invocation**

**\*Opening Hymn**                      Blessed Assurance                      MH 369

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

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Passing of the Peace**

**\*Gathering Chorus**                      This Is the Day                      MH 657

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**                      Melinda Hall

**\*Morning Hymn**                      I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord                      MH 540

**Offering and Prayer**

**Offertory**                      Improvisation on " Balm in Gilead "                      arr. Joseph M. Martin

**\*Doxology**

**Children's Moment**                      Melinda Hall

**Anthem**

**\*Scripture**                      Luke 24:13-35

**Sermon**                      " Topic of conversation. "                      Rev. David Unkles

**\*\*Invitation Hymn**                      Open My Eyes, That I May See                      MH 454

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude**                      Lord, You Gave the Great Commission                      Cyril V. Taylor

\* Please stand as you are able.

\*\*Our chancel rail is open for prayer.

*Nursery: 11:00 a.m. Leah Frye*

*March Altar Guild: Cassie Hart*

*Ushers: Smith Edenfield, Chesley Flanders, Tyler Hendley, Richard McNeely, Jansen Ware*

**Congratulations ! Tyler, Alie and Bishop Hendley wish to announce the birth of their daughter and sister. Mercer James Hendley was born April 13th. She and the family are doing well.**

**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, 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), 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), Bob Mitchell, Sandy Moody, Judy Moore, Emma Moran, Mike Morris, Belins Muniz, 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), 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, Melody Smith Waters, Lamar Way, Margaret White, Sara Wilkes (George Smith niece), Gregg Wolff, Vicki Youmans

**This Week's Scripture Verses**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 ( MH 837 )

I Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

**This Week's Schedule  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 19, 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**  
 5:30 p.m. - **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**  
 6:00 p.m. - Evening Service with  
 Dr. Dwight Watt

**Monday, April 20, 2026**

5:15 p.m. - **55 and Alive**  
**"LOW COUNTRY BOIL" at the  
 Foskey's - Bus Departs**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

6:00 p.m. - Trustees Meeting -  
 N. B. Classroom

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

12:00 p.m. - **MISSIONS  
 COMMITTEE MEETING -  
 Social Hall**

5:30 p.m. - "PRAYER TIME" for  
 our Church - Social Hall

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

6:00 p.m. - Methodist Men  
**"FISH FRY" - Citizens Bank  
 Clubhouse**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

9:00 a.m. - **SUMMERTOWN  
 FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
 (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)**

**ADVANCE NURSERY SCHEDULE**  
**04/26 - Mollie Smith**  
**05/03 - Fay Flanders**

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 your mobile device.



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**CONFIRMATION  
 CLASS  
 (CATECHESIS)**

**Question of the Week**

**WHAT DOES THE  
 HOLY SPIRIT DO ?**

**Sunday, April 26th, will be  
 "YOUTH SUNDAY"  
 during the Worship Hour  
 at 11:00 a.m.**

**May 26th thru 28th,  
 "VACATION BIBLE  
 SCHOOL" will be a  
 morning program mark  
 your calendars and please  
 volunteer to help**

**GRADUATION IS  
 APPROACHING, IF  
 YOU HAVE ANY  
 HIGH SCHOOL OR  
 COLLEGE  
 GRADUATES IN  
 YOUR FAMILY  
 PLEASE NOTIFY  
 THE CHURCH  
 OFFICE**

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**Last Sunday's Attendance**

9:00 a.m. - Early Service	19
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School	35
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service	61
6:00 p.m. - Evening Service	11
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>91</b>

**Last Sunday's Gifts**

Weekly Budget	\$ 10088.00
Received for Budget	\$ 8790.00
Amount over (Under)	\$ 1298.00
YTD Budget	\$ 151320.00
YTD Rec'd for budget	\$ 137665.00
Amount over (Under)	\$ 13655.00
Received for Budget	\$ 8790.00
Designated Giving	\$ 1518.02
	\$ 10308.02
<b>EASTER OFFERING</b>	<b>\$ 4730.00</b>
<i>(to date)</i>	

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



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**Journeying  
 with Jesus**  
 Luke 24:13-34

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