

First Methodist Church of Swainsboro

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

PreludeMy Heart Ever FaithfulJ. S. Bach / Lani Smith

Call to Worship( From Psalm 91 & Matthew 21 )

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

Jesus said, “ The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. “

We come to worship the one who is our rock and salvation.

Come, let us lift our voices to the Lord, our Creator and Redeemer.

Alleluia! We rejoice in His steadfast Love!

\*Opening HymnHow Firm a Foundation46

\*Affirmation of FaithThe Apostles’ Creed691

\*Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

\*Gathering ChorusThis Is the Day( On Screen )

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s PrayerRev. Grant Abernathy

\*Morning HymnGreat Is Thy Faithfulness44

Offering and Prayer

Anthem

\*Doxology

Children’s MomentMelinda Hall

ScriptureHebrews 11:1-3 & 12:1-3

Sermon“ When Anxiety Attacks - Turn Around “  
Rev. R. Grant Abernathy

Holy Communion730

\*Invitation HymnMy Faith Has Found a Resting Place135

Benediction

PostludeTrust in the Lord with All Your Heart  
Wendall P. Loveless

Please stand as you are able. \*\*Our chancel rail is open for prayer.

Nursery: 11:00 a.m. Sky Ware  
September Altar Guild: Angelia Sconyers  
Ushers: Carson Cross, Chesley Flanders, Zac Frye, Tyler Hendley, Cliff Smith  
Acolytes: Tucker Morris and Brandt Wheeler

Our lovely flowers this morning are given by  
Ms. Beverly Johnson in honor of her family.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Cherry Curry, Linda Dekle, Nancy Flanders, Marilyn Freese, Melinda Hall’s family, Jerry Hooks, David Kettles, Bonnie Lanier, Gail Lewis, Gary Mason. Bob Neil, George Smith, Richard Smith, Pat Tiller , Sally Willingham , Chuck Wofford

Extended Church Family:

Georgia Kate Anderson, Cal Avery, Tracy Avery, Brandi Brown, Lee Canady, Larry Canady, Marie Canady ( Melissa Canady step-mother ), Lynn Chance, Sam Daniels, Brandon Dickens (Cathy McDaniel’s nephew), Kenny Doss, Deborah Duckworth, Jean Hunnicutt DuPree, Kevin Edenfield, Lawson Edenfield, Wanda Ellison, Teresa Ely family, Ruby Fagler, Martha Flanders, Judy Garrett (Kelli Torpy’s Mother), Elizabeth Gilmer, Jimmy Gowen (Dean Gowen’s father), Maralyn Graham, Judy Hart, Phyllis Hutcheson (Karol Key’s mother), Clay Johnson, Claire Kennedy, Fay Key, Cleve Kinard ( Tony Waters brother ), Billy Lively, 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, Mike Morris, Belins Muniz, Eliza Noles, Tim Palmer, Marty Payne (Teresa Mason’s brother), Bobby & Kay Peacock, Clark & Bonnie Petersen (Kathy Palmer’s sister & brother-in-law), Charles Ragsdale, Richard Reddish, Dale Reeves, Chandler Rogers, Doris Lewis Small, Bonnie Rose Smith, LaRose Tapley, Wes Terry, Courtenay Terwilliger, 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, Dot West, Margaret White, April Whitehead ( Lynn Taylor’s Daughter-in-law ), Sara Wilkes (George Smith niece), Gregg Wolff

This Week’s Scripture Verses

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3: 4b-14  
Matthew 21: 33-46

This Week's Schedule  
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Early Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
5:30 p.m. - Youth Fellowship  
5:30 p.m. - "ROOTED GROUP"

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

6:00 p.m. - FAMILY ACTIVITIES  
& FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 8, 2026

7:00 p.m. - "FIELDS OF FAITH"  
Rountree Stadium - E. C. I.  
FELLOWSHIP of CHRISTIAN  
ATHLETES

Friday, October 9, 2026

6:00 p.m. - PACKING for LAZARUS  
PROJECT

Saturday, October 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. - LAZARUS FOOD  
PROJECT  
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

ADVANCE NURSERY SCHEDULE:  
10/11 - Tabitha Flanders

F. Y. I.

Our total Gedeon offering  
was \$1243.00. Thanks for  
donating to such a great  
Ministry.

"FALL FESTIVAL"  
4:00 p.m. - Sunday,  
October 24th, at the  
Citizens Bank Clubhouse

George & Teresa Smith  
Gabriel House  
Room 204  
4599 Worrall Way  
Jacksonville, Fl. 32224

The Thrift Shop is needing  
personal items again for the  
women who shop on  
Saturdays. Items such as  
deodorant, soap, shampoo,  
toothpaste, etc. These items  
may be placed in the box  
under the stained glass  
window outside the church  
office.

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Last Sunday's Attendance

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| 9:00 a.m. - Early Service    | 16 |
| 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School   | 35 |
| 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service | 64 |
| 5:30 p.m. - "ROOTED GROUP"   | 15 |
| Total Worship                | 95 |

Last Sunday's Gifts

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Budget        | \$ 10008.00  |
| Received for Budget  | \$ 5860.00   |
| Amount over (Under)  | \$ 4148.00   |
| YTD Budget           | \$ 391752.00 |
| YTD Rec'd for Budget | \$ 331870.62 |
| Amount over (Under)  | \$ 59881.38  |
| Received for Budget  | \$ 5860.00   |
| Designated Giving    | \$ 2385.00   |
|                      | \$ 8245.00   |

Ginny Smith  
School Supply Fund  
(to date) \$ 3540.00



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ANXIETY  
ATTACKS  
TURN  
AROUND

Hebrews 11:1-3 & 12:1-3



Rev. R. Grant Abernathy, Pastor  
Connie Peebles, Music Director  
Melinda Hall, Children & Youth Director  
Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

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