

UNIFIED WORSHIP (ROOTS MUSIC)

20th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

(Chancel Bells)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

In the Sweet By and By

BABY BAPTISIM

God Claims You

Children are dismissed for children’s church, which is located in the Children’s Ministry Building (Ages 3 through 1st grade only)

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Come, Jesus, Come

OFFERTORY

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

(Chancel Bells)

*DOXOLOGY

Ain’t No Grave

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*THE WRITTEN WORD

Mark 14:3-9

THE SPOKEN WORD

"Break a Vase!"

Rev. Scott Stanfill

BRINGING FORTH INVESTMENT PLEDGES

Poetry

I'll Fly Away

*BENEDICTION

You are invited to Lunch and the Fall Festival

*Let those who are able, please stand. This service is broadcast live at 11:00am on WTUF at 106.3FM and online: www.youtube.com/@ThomasvilleFirstMethodist

Linsey Cone - vocals	Anna Carroll Gregory - vocals
Tim Peck - ac. Guitar, Vocals	Austin Taylor - guitar
Brandon Gandy - banjo	Noel Medford - fiddle
John Streets - upright bass	Deb Wentworth - vocals

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THE CHURCH STAFF

Please note the church email domain is @thomasvillefirstmethodist.com

Rev. Scott Stanfill - Senior Minister

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - OCTOBER 29

Dinner Served: 5:00pm until 6:00pm

Menu: Salad, Roast Beef & Gravy, Smashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

2 ways to make a reservation:

*Call the Church Office at 226-0840

*Online at www.thomasvillefirstmethodist.com

*Reservations due by 5pm Monday

*Adults - \$8.00 and 3-11 yrs - \$4.00

*Family max - \$24.00



Thomasville First Methodist Church



October 26, 2025

INVESTMENT SUNDAY

Over the past several Sundays, we have considered the ways in which Jesus is calling us into a season of renewal, particularly through a renewed commitment to discipleship, community, generosity, and mission. Today, we culminate our ROOTED stewardship emphasis with a very important day in the life of our church: Investment Sunday. We gather today as the Thomasville First Family to celebrate all God is doing in our midst and make our personal investments toward our shared vision for mission and ministry in the upcoming year.

Your planned investment is extremely important to you and your church family. Not only does it enable us to determine precisely how we will fund ministry over the next year, but it also gives each one of us a chance to worship God and express our faith in a real and tangible way. Fruitful ministry takes ALL of us working together, and I believe our collective generosity will yield a harvest of God’s blessing and transformed, renewed lives in our church, community, and world.

I have said it before, but it bears repeating again today: this is an exciting time to be part of Thomasville First Methodist! Worship attendance is on the rise, small group classes are growing, new faces are joining us in community, and we are moving ahead with a renewed focus on mission and discipleship. I am personally looking ahead with hope-filled expectation to all the ways the Lord will continue to build and increase the impact of His Kingdom in Thomasville and beyond as we, as the Body of Christ, steward His resources faithfully. On behalf of your church, I want to thank you in advance for planting and cultivating the gifts God has entrusted into your hands, gifts that will yield a harvest of blessings as we return them in loving service to the Lord. May God bless you and bless Thomasville First Methodist as together we put our hand in the hand of Jesus and partner with him in the renewal of all things.

With Living Hope,

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Unified Worship Service
11:30am Fall Festival
4:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team
4:00pm Children/Youth Handbells
NO YOUTH BAND/NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025
9:30am YLA Downtown Trick or Treat
6:30pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Friday, Oct. 31, 2025
Happy Halloween
9:30am YLA Fall Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025
10:00am Spiritual Gifts Class
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:00pm Kid's Costume Parade
6:00pm Kids Activities (Prek-5th)
6:00pm Youth Activities (6th-12th)
6:00pm Spiritual Gifts Class
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

HOSPITAL AND CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Janet Barnes, Gary Blair, Nancy Dunken, Pat Gainey, Sheryl Gebel, Welch Goggins, Diane Hayes, Gerrie Dixon Harris, Cheryl Harvey, Billy Hunt, Marie Hunt, Nell Jones, Elizabeth Kurtz, Charlie McPherson, Andy Seery, Jr., Andy Seery, Sr., Margaret Simmons, Hilda Walker, Barbara Waits, Beth White, Ruth Willett

**If God has answered the prayer and/or you would like to be removed from this list call the church office and let us know.*

BIRTHDAYS

10/26: Jim Rehberg, Eddie Simmons
10/27: Grant Smith, Colin Swann
10/28: Emma Szwarc
10/29: Phillip Davis
10/30: Amber Stanfill, Leila White
10/31: Shep Davis, Mills Herndon, Brennan White
11/01: Powell Swann

ATTENDANCE

Total In-Person Worship Attendance October 19th:

8:45am Contemporary Worship Service	114
11:00am Traditional Worship Service	109
Total	223

GIVING IS EASIER THAN EVER!

Your faithfulness and generosity enables ministry! There are now four ways you can give:

- Give online at www.thomasvillefirstmethodist.com
- Give through TXT - text tfmcgive to 73256
- Checks can be mailed (P.O. Box 975 / Thomasville, GA 31799)
- Contributions can be brought to the Church Office

Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.
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ROOTED

WELCOME TO ROOTS MUSIC WORSHIP ON INVESTMENT SUNDAY!

The term “Roots Music” may be unfamiliar or mysterious. In the past, you may have heard Bluegrass, Folk, Americana, Southern Gospel, or many other expressions. These genres are all part of a large category called American Roots Music: styles formed by cultural collision unique to the United States, and never far from Gospel music traditions. These styles were passed one person to another, home to home, community to community over time, and only given wide popularity as the tunes were collected and gathered, recorded and published by a few determined individuals, such as A.P. Carter of the Carter Family.

The history of American Roots Music and Worship have been always been linked: The call and response style of African song was used to sing of the Gospel deliverance in fields among slaves and sharecroppers, developing into Spirituals and the Blues; British Isle fiddle tunes and ballads emerging among immigrant populations in the Appalachian Mountains in the late 1800s, also rewritten with Sacred longing. While secular styles of Country Music developed in the fashion of Jimmie Rodgers in the 1920s and ‘30s, the Carter Family remained grounded with Hymns and Gospel. Many artists in folk and Country/Western traditions continued to balance the sacred and secular themes. The development of Western swing would be given flash and solo-playing flair under Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, and Earl Scruggs, in the style soon called Bluegrass.

The Christian Faith celebrates the work of Grace repurposing what is common or already-practiced for God’s glorious purposes, as it is with Communion: the sharing of bread and wine within the Jewish Passover tradition became the foundational practice of Christian Worship. This repurposing was practiced in Christian music, as popular tunes and styles in every age have been given sacred words and entered into our hymnody. And so while the instruments and styles of Roots Music have been used as staples of American secular culture, they developed intertwined — and never completely separate — from the sharing of the Gospel in homes, town halls, the fields, and the Chapels. Thus we, as the Body of Christ, bring together these classic instruments of the American Music Tradition to lift high the name of Jesus!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 26 - 10:30am Unified Worship Service
Oct. 26 - 11:30am The Fall Festival
Oct. 29 - 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper & Kids Costume Parade (family-friendly costumes...nothing scary)
Nov. 2 - 5:00pm- 8pm Youth Afterween Party (Bring a fav. fall snack)
Nov. 30 - 5:00pm Women's Ministry Advent Wreath Making

JOIN US FOR THE

TFMC Women’s Ministry Advent Wreath Workshop

Sunday, November 30th | 5:00 - 6:30 PM

TFMC Fellowship Hall

The cost of the event is \$25 and includes a wreath mold and candles. Please bring your own greenery (feel free to clip from your yard!) and any additions that you would like along with garden shears if you have them.
(Addition ideas: ribbon, pine cones, dried citrus, cinnamon sticks, twinkle lights, berries, feathers, etc)

We are looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship as we kick off the Advent season! Please RSVP by November 19th by using the QR code below or by calling Kym Naylor in the front office at (229)226-0840.
Childcare will be provided.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE PANTRY

The Global and Local mission teams have created an ongoing Health and Hygiene Pantry. These items are simple in nature but are crucial to the health and wellness of everyone. We are collecting the following items on an ongoing basis to help our impoverished village in Guatemala as well as our local homeless individuals here in Thomasville through the Fountain of Life. Items can be dropped off in the tote in the Fellowship Building. Items always in need --Full / Regular Size: Bars of soap -- Tubes of toothpaste -- Boxes of Bandages -- Antibiotic Cream -- Toothbrushes -- Men's Crew Socks, Women's Sanitary Pads. A list is provided at the donation bin for your convenience, please feel free to take one.

REMINDER TO VOTE

November 4th is Election Day. Early voting begins **October 14th** and ends **October 31st**. All registered voters are encouraged to vote.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

College Ministry is requesting items for the next mail-out. They need these items to the church by October 26th. Check the QR code included and donate today.