



February 8, 2026

## Seeing God in His Word

When we open the Scriptures, we are not simply reading ancient history or collecting spiritual advice. We are entering into a living conversation with the God who creates, redeems, and sustains all things. The Bible tells one unified story—God's gracious pursuit of humanity—and invites us to see not only what God has done, but who God is.

Reading Scripture with The Bible Recap in mind helps us begin in the right place. Before we ask what a passage means for us, we first ask, What does this reveal about God? Again and again, the pages of Scripture show us a God who is holy and faithful, yet patient and abounding in steadfast love. Even when God's people are unfaithful, God remains constant, working through flawed people and broken situations to bring about redemption.

From a Wesleyan perspective, we recognize that God's grace is always at work. Long before we respond to God, God is already reaching toward us—awakening our hearts, drawing us to repentance, and inviting us into new life. This grace does not merely pardon sin; it heals what sin has damaged. God's Word reveals a love that forgives freely and a holiness that transforms deeply.

As we gather for worship on Sunday, we come as people in different places on the journey of faith. Some are just beginning to hear God's call. Others have walked with God for many years. Yet all of us stand in need of grace, and all of us are welcomed by the same faithful God. In worship, Scripture is read and proclaimed not simply to inform us, but to shape us—to renew our minds, soften our hearts, and align our lives with God's purposes.

The Bible calls us not only to believe the good news, but to live it. God's grace invites a response of faith expressed through love—love of God and love of neighbor. As we are formed by God's Word, we are drawn into lives of growing obedience, compassion, and holy living. This is not something we accomplish by our own strength, but by the Spirit of God at work within us.

As we gather for worship, may we listen attentively as God speaks through the Scriptures. May we respond humbly to His grace, and leave renewed in faith, strengthened in love, and committed to walking faithfully with the God who is even now making all things new.

See you in Church on Sunday.

Because He lives,

Ken

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

*The Lost Chord*

A. Sullivan

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

129

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

881

\*GLORIA PATRI

71

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

### CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

*O How He Loves You and Me*

K. Kaiser

95

\*DOXOLOGY

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Be Still My Soul*

534

ANTHEM

*Love Lifted Me*

\*THE WRITTEN WORD

Mark 4:35-41

THE SPOKEN WORD

"Why Are You So Afraid?"

Scott Stanfill

TIME OF RESPONSE

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*How Firm a Foundation*

529

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING FORTH SONG

*Amen*

POSTLUDE

*Theme from Symphony No 1*

J. Brahams

\*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](http://www.youtube.com/@ThomasvilleFirstMethodist)

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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

Menu: Salad, Roasted Pork Loin, Roasted Root Veggies, Wild Rice, Bread and Dessert

2 ways to make a reservation:

\*Call the Church Office at 226-0840

\*Online at [www.thomasvillefirstmethodist.com](http://www.thomasvillefirstmethodist.com)

\*Reservations due by 5pm Monday

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

\*Family max - \$24.00

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026**  
 8:45am Contemporary Worship Service  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Worship Service  
 12:15pm Youth Lunch Brunch Crew (Moonspin)  
 4:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team  
 4:00pm Children/Youth Handbells  
 5:00pm Sunday Night Youth

**Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026**  
 6:30pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

**Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026**  
 10:00am Adult Discipleship Class  
 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper  
 6:00pm Kid's Activities  
 6:00pm Chancel Choir Practice  
 6:00pm Adult Discipleship Classes  
 6:00pm Youth Activities  
 7:00pm Trustee Mtg  
 7:15pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

**Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026**  
 7:00pm Adult Discipleship Class (Online)

**Friday, Feb. 13, 2026**  
 YLA No School

## HOSPITAL AND CONCERNS

**Prayer Concerns:** Janet Barnes, Gary Blair, Sissy Faulk, Pat Gainey, Gerrie Dixon Harris, Cheryl Harvey, Billy Hunt, Marie Hunt, Janice James, Nell Jones, Charlie McPherson, Amanda Ponder, Andy Seery, Jr., Jacquee Smith, Hilda Walker, Beth White, Mable York

**Hospital:** Jamie Thompson, Mary Dixon

\*If you have a specific prayer request you would like the prayer team to pray over please text (229)226-5485. 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

02/08: Mark King, Walker Harris  
 02/10: Melissa Baker  
 02/11: JP James, Clarke Liles  
 02/12: Jared Finks, Vivienne Gregory, Brittany Hawkins, Thomas Johnson, Ali McKay, Austin Quina  
 02/13: Maggie Cone, Katie Gebel, Krista Griffiss, Anna Hattink, Ashley Smith, Jason Stump  
 02/14: Winnie Allen, Amelia Cook, Ellie Godwin, Anna Carroll Gregory, Miranda Mullins, Don Oliver, Gene Richardson, Maryline Smith

## ATTENDANCE

Total In-Person Worship Attendance February 1st:  
 8:45am Contemporary Worship Service 149  
 11:00am Traditional Worship Service 119  
 Total 268

## 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](http://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.

Privacy Policy - <https://legal.acst.com/privacy-policy>

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### GET REALM!

Our church management software has a lot of features that benefit you and the church! Use this QR Code to download the "Realm Connect" app, and get your account set-up today!



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 2/18

**Morning Imposition:** 7-8am (Chapel)

Pastoral Staff will be available for those wishing to receive ashes on their forehead before work or school.

**Evening Service:** 6-7pm (Sanctuary)

Join us in the Sanctuary following Wednesday Night Supper February 18 for a time of Worship, repentance and reflection as the Season of Lent begins. The Ash Wednesday Service commemorates our dependence on God and separation from Him if not for Jesus, symbolized by the imposing of ashes on the forehead. Nursery Care will be available up to 2 years old.

**Note:** the Ash Wednesday Service takes the place of all regular 6pm programming for February 18.

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

We are really excited about our college ministry in 2026. We need some help in a few areas. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Parkerson at 229-224-5976.

1. Please let us know if your college student has graduated.
2. Please let us know if your college student has had a change of address.
3. We are attaching a QR code for our February mailout.
4. If you want to help, please reach out so we can get you plugged in ASAP.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SAVE THE DATES

March 29th - Easter Egg Hunt at 3:30pm Activities

June 1st-4th - VBS 8:30am-12pm. Registration will open Easter Sunday, April 5th for 2yrs-5th grade(going into)

June 22nd-26th - "Camp Chaos" @ Church 9am-5pm with daily field trips. \$150 per student for K-5th(completed). Registration will be limited to transportation space and will open April 12th.

July 20-24th - Camp Crosspoint, 7:15am - 5:30pm. \$175 per person includes breakfast and lunches. Open to K-6th grade (completed) and registration will open Feb. 1st. More details about Camp Crosspoint Registration coming soon!!

## GOSPEL SING & STRUM

Y'all come, y'all strum! Tim Peck will host a gathering with old Gospel songs -- think Cokesbury Hymnal and Roots Music Worship Sunday -- on Sunday, **February 22 @ 5pm** in the Fellowship Building. Plus, if you play an acoustic instrument, bring it and come on! Gather, play and sing Gospel music together for the Lord. A sign-up will be on Realm soon.

## MEN'S ENSEMBLE SUNDAY - MARCH 8TH

Rise up, O Men of God! Any of our fellas interested in joining to help lead Worship at our 10:30am Unified Service March 8 are invited to join the Men's Ensemble! You don't need to be in one of our existing groups, just bring a heart to serve and enthusiasm for the Lord. Stay tuned for practice and preparation details!

## FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

FOL still needs your continued support with men's undergarments, socks, toiletry items and cleaning supplies. They are also seeking meal donations for the following dates:

**March 1st, April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21**

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

8:45am

We aim to worship God with our whole selves in our family-friendly Fellowship Building, seeking to honor God through engaging and reflective Contemporary Worship music. Our Worship Service is centered in the prayers and creeds foundational to our Christian living. There are many ways to get involved in our service too! You are always welcome to

Today's Songs

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

*Be Still My Soul*

*Psalm 23*

*Fear is a Liar*

Today's Teaching

"Why Are You So Afraid?"

Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Scott Stanfill

**Worship Team:** Brandon Merrill - ac. Guitar; Tim Peck - keys, vocals; Kyle Swann - el. Guitar  
**Tech Team:**

## YOUTH MINISTRY DATES:

**02/15:** Confirmation Classes begin

**02/27-03/01:** Confirmation Retreat at St. Simons Island

**03/08:** Lunch Brunch Crew (Location TBD)

**03/29:** Children's Ministry Egg Hunt

**04/12:** Confirmation Sunday

## CENTRIFUGE YOUTH CAMP IS COMING

**June 15-19** at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, South Carolina. Come join us for fun games, activities, and fellowship. This year we have even more spots available. Registration is now open! Please use the QR code provided or log into Realm, or the Band app. We hope to bring the entire TFMC Youth family for this incredible experience! This is a great opportunity to invite unchurched friends.



## SOUTH GEORGIA GMC PRAYER CONFERENCE

Join South Georgia Global Methodists for a meaningful day of corporate prayer, worship, and equipping. Together in Prayer is designed to help participants grow deeper in their personal and communal prayer lives while learning practical tools for prayer in everyday life. Participants will be equipped through sessions including: Prayer 101, Healing Prayer, Hearing God, Family Prayer, Prayer Walking, Intercessory Prayer, Prophetic Prayer, Building a Community of Prayer, and more.

**Date:** Saturday, February 21, 2026

**Time:** 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Location:**

Porterfield Methodist Church

2200 Dawson Rd.

Albany, GA 31707

Register here: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260125890528156>