

February 1, 2026

ENTRANCE

God's people gather in love and reverence

*"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)*

PRELUDE "Communion" Ed Lyon

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Chiming of the Hour

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Will White

Leader: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

People: **To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

Leader: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

People: **To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

Leader: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

People: **To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

People: **We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**OPENING PRAYERS AND PRAISE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #154

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION #7-8

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN and PASSING OF THE PEACE #98

"To God Be the Glory"

Spoken Word: "The peace of the Lord be with you"Response: "And also with you"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*(at the invitation, please speak aloud any prayer concerns you wish to share)*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Be Thou My Vision" #451

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERING "Give Thanks" Meredith Kuehl

*As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God*\*DOXOLOGYPROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*We hear God's word through scripture and are invited to respond*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:1-8

SOLO "How Shall I Come Before the Lord?" Ed Lyon

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON "Blessed: God's Upside-Down Kingdom" Rev. Will White

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION*We offer praise to God and receive the gift of Jesus Christ into our lives through Holy Communion*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #9-11

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:  
People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND GIVING THE CUP

*(Christ's table for Holy Communion is open to ALL who love Christ and seek to follow him. Please come forward, as directed by the ushers, to receive Holy Communion. You are always welcome to stay for prayer as long as you desire at the altar rail. You may exit through the door on the right and return by way of the back entrance).*SENDING FORTH*We are sent into the world to serve Christ*

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION "He Leadeth Me" #128

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able

Ed Lyon



## Worship leadership today -

Pastor: Rev. Will White  
Communion Assistant: Thomas Everritt  
Director of Music: Dr. Ed Lyon  
Congregational Song Leader: Thomas Everritt  
Ushers: Jody Berquist and Tom Meador  
Audio Engineer: Tom Fritz  
Live Stream Operator: Michael Mitchell  
Visual Operator: Nancy Gentry  
Administrative Assistant: Nancy Gentry  
Banner Displayed: "Communion"

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday: **February 1**

10:00 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments

### Monday: **February 2**

10:00 a.m. GriefShare meets  
11:45 a.m. UWF Birthday Luncheon at the Red Pirate in Eastpoint

### Tuesday: **February 3**

9:00 a.m. Thrift Shop Open until 1:00 p.m.; NO donations accepted  
11:00 a.m. Prayer Team meets

### Wednesday: **February 4**

8:15 a.m. Men's Community Interfaith Prayer and Devotion Breakfast at Beach Pit  
BBQ Restaurant, SGI  
10:00 a.m. Island Girl (and Boy) Chair Yoga  
11:00 a.m. CoffeeHouse Concert at Holy Family Senior Center in Apalachicola  
6:00 p.m. Winter Wednesdays: *Preventing Home Fires* with Levi Harrell

### Thursday: **February 5**

10:00 a.m. A absolute Beginner Line Dance Class

### Sunday: **February 8**

10:00 a.m. Worship Scouting Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments

## Announcements and Community Events

**Welcome to St. George Island United Methodist Church:** SGI UMC is a small membership church with a big heart and lots of island visitors! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning! If you would like to talk with our pastor about your personal spiritual journey or learn more about our church, please reach out.

**Welcome Cards for Visitors (first time and "sometimes"):** We are so happy you are worshiping with us today. If you are new or a returning attendee, there is a "Welcome" card in the bulletin which we would love for you to complete.

**Be A Church Volunteer:** There are many opportunities for service through our church. Please let Rev. White or Paula Mitchell know if you want to be involved.



# ST. GEORGE ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SGIUMC is an island oasis that extends the Grace and Love of God to all people for spiritual renewal, prayer, and growth in Christ.

Our Mission is to welcome and inspire people to explore their spirituality and grow in their love of God, neighbor, and self.

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**Tutors at The Nest:** This month, we continue our mission to support the children at The Nest by working with them on basic reading and math skills. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 3-5:00 p.m. Former teachers will volunteer with you to provide materials and direction. If you can read and add/subtract, you have the skills needed. If you like kids and want to make a difference for them in this way, contact Sue Powell, [susanfritzpowell@gmail.com](mailto:susanfritzpowell@gmail.com) or 615-294-2106.

**"Caring & Sharing":** Do you know someone who has an injury or surgery, needs a ride to appointments or shopping, or has any need? Let Kay Leach know and she will coordinate to find meals, rides, or whatever is required. If you would like to help with food, rides, or any need, please sign up on the list on the "Welcome" table in the Fellowship Hall. Kay can be contacted at 678-617-0662.

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**United Women in Faith Birthday Luncheon:** Meets on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:45 a.m. at the Red Pirate Seafood Restaurant for all ladies of the church and friends. RSVP with Kay Leach at 678-617-0662.

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**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Hope Park:** Please join us for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$15 per meal. You can eat in or take out. Call or text 860-899-0866 to purchase your tickets. Hope Park supports disadvantaged children and adults in Eastpoint. The proceeds will help fund this initiative.

**Boy Scout Troop 22:** Is looking for additional adult leadership. There is a sign-up sheet on the "Welcome" table in the Fellowship Hall. They meet on the last Saturday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, contact Dan McClellan at 850-566-8975.

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**Recycle:** SGI UMC now has the ability to recycle. The blue recycle bin is in the kitchen entrance. Please be sure to read the **ACCEPTED** and **NOT ACCEPTED** list of items which is on the dry erase board (right inside the kitchen on the wall) and also taped above the recycle bin.