

News and Events

Welcome to Our Church—Please take a moment to sign the red attendance registration pads. Also, please join us in Bailey Hall following the 10:00 am worship service for a time of fellowship. If you are visiting today, a greeter in the narthex will be available to walk you to Bailey Hall. Children’s Church is offered in Room 103 for children ages three—3rd grade following the Children’s Gathering at 10:00 am. A nursery and quiet room are available during both worship services.

Final Wednesday Night Dinner—Join us for our last dinner this Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30 pm. The menu will be baked ham with pineapple and brown sugar glaze, sweet potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, rolls, and dessert. Kids meal: “Uncrustables.” Alderwoman Carol Bell, Savannah’s Mayor Pro Tem, will speak about the state of affairs in Savannah and efforts to control crime. Dinner is \$8 per adult. Kids 16 years and under are free. Please RSVP before noon on March 19th.

Lenten Morning Prayer—Tom Nichols is leading a brief look at Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem during this Season of Lent in the 8:45 am Thursday Morning Chapel Prayer using Matthew’s Gospel account. Please join us for this fifteen minute time of prayer and reflection.

Southern Women’s Show—Enjoy a morning of shopping at the convention center with hundreds of boutiques, on Friday, March 23rd. The church bus departs at 9:15 am and will return by 2:00 pm after a Dutch-treat lunch. A sign-up sheet is located outside of Bailey Hall.

Arts on Skidaway—The Arts on Skidaway Concert series will continue on Sunday, March 25th at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary with a performance by Laiken Love and her band, “Fellowship of Love.” Come and enjoy jazz and Johnny Mercer favorites. This event is free and open to the community.

Undie Sundays—For the month of March, the Missions Committee is collecting new underwear and socks for males and females of all ages and sizes to be distributed among our church-supported agencies. Please drop-off items in the bin located in the church office.

Adult Fellowship Day Trip—An adult outing has been planned for Thursday, April 5th to Brunswick, Georgia to tour the Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation. This plantation represents the history and culture of Georgia’s rice coast. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at Skipper’s Fish Camp—a local seafood restaurant not to miss! From there, we’ll head to the Midway Museum to learn the history of the Midway Congregational Church founded in 1752. The church bus will depart at 8:30 am and return at 4:00 pm. The cost is \$40 per person. A sign-up sheet is located outside of Bailey Hall and in the church office.

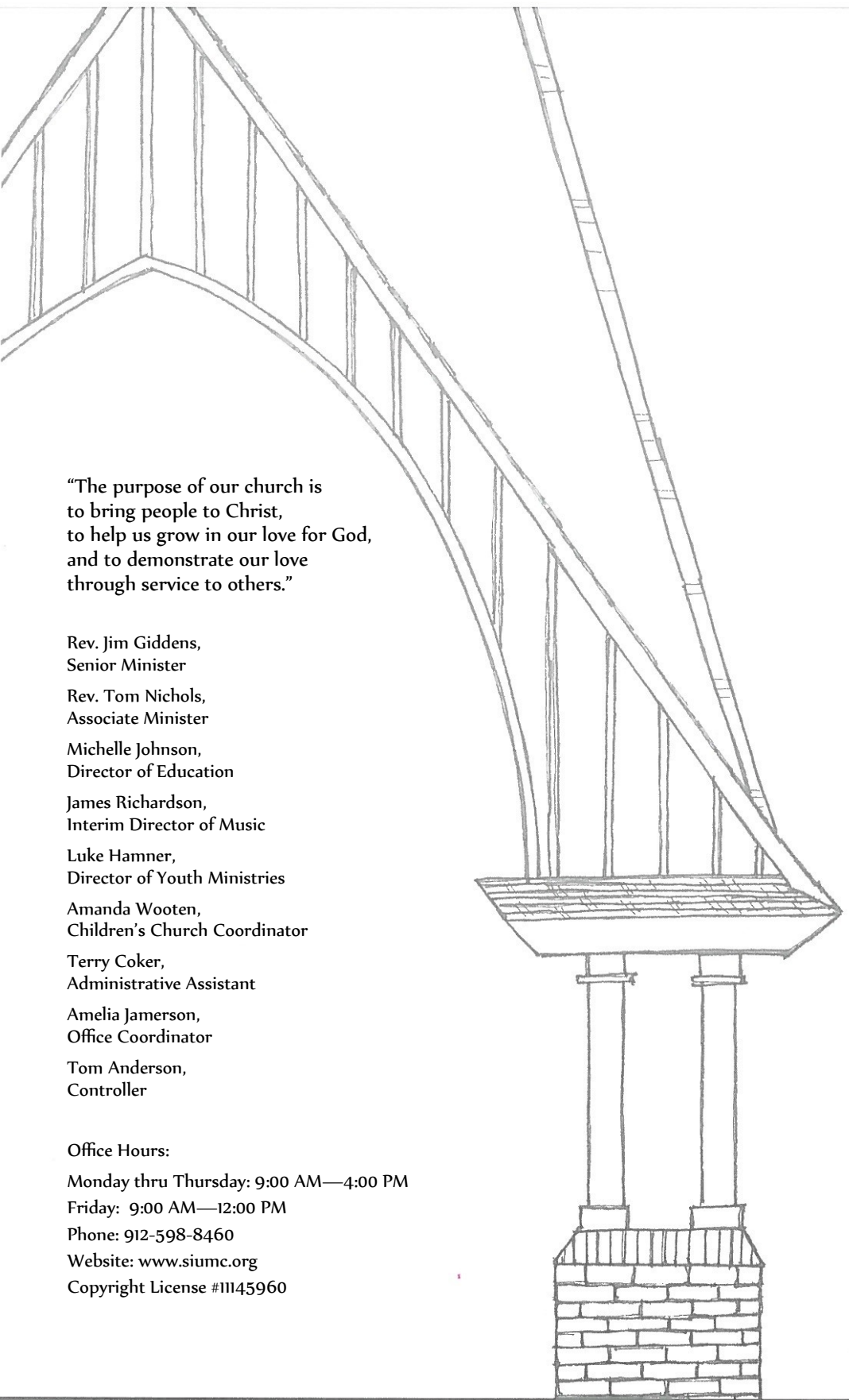
LifeTouch Pictures are Here—If you had your picture taken for the new pictorial directory and *did not order* additional prints, your free photo may have been mailed to the church for you to pick-up. Please check the table in the breezeway for your photo.

The Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018 at 10:00 am

*Let the people be in silent meditation
and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary.*

Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“Ah, Holy Jesus”	Karg-Elert
Introit	“O God of Every Nation” <i>Chancel Choir</i>	LLANGLOFFAN
*Hymn No. 568	“Christ for the World We Sing”	ITALIAN HYMN
*Affirmation	The Apostles’ Creed	No. 881
*Gloria Patri		No. 70
Greeting	<i>Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pads.</i>	
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Pew Bible OT p. 691
	Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	Congregation: Thanks be to God.	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Jim Giddens
Response No. 286	“O Sacred Head” <i>(Stanza No. 3)</i>	PASSION CHORALE
Children’s Gathering		Susan Donovan
Solo	“If with All Your Hearts” <i>Bill Gardner, tenor</i>	Mendelssohn
Second Reading	John 12:23-27	Pew Bible NT p. 100
Sermon	“Making the Journey”	Tom Nichols
Offertory	“What Wondrous Love Is This”	Burkhardt
*Doxology		No. 95
*Hymn No. 289	“Ah, Holy Jesus”	HERZLIEBSTER JESU
*Benediction		
*Response	“Go Ye Now in Peace” <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Richardson
*Postlude	“Go to Dark Gethsemane”	Rowley
	<i>*Congregation, please stand.</i>	

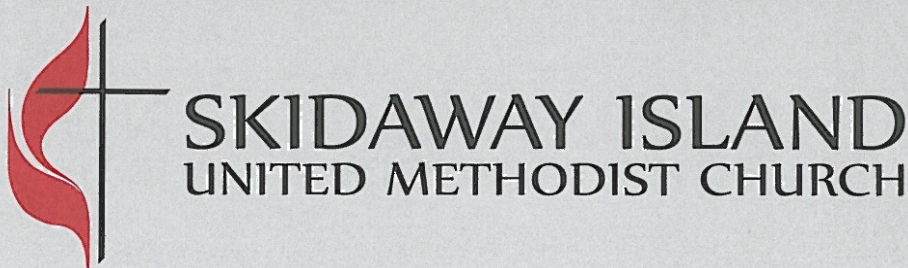


“The purpose of our church is to bring people to Christ, to help us grow in our love for God, and to demonstrate our love through service to others.”

Rev. Jim Giddens,
Senior Minister
Rev. Tom Nichols,
Associate Minister
Michelle Johnson,
Director of Education
James Richardson,
Interim Director of Music
Luke Hamner,
Director of Youth Ministries
Amanda Wooten,
Children’s Church Coordinator
Terry Coker,
Administrative Assistant
Amelia Jamerson,
Office Coordinator
Tom Anderson,
Controller

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Worship Service Information

The Season of Lent is forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for Easter and is marked by a time of fasting and penance. The liturgical color for Lent is purple.

The flowers on the altar are placed by Joe and Barbara Hamlet in honor of their 16 year-old twin grandsons, Rijker and Skijler Hutson. Rijker (4 palms) and Skijler (3 palms) recently became Eagle Scouts with Troop 316 of Valencia, Santa Clarita, California.

The Worship Center, located in the Narthex, contains items that may be of use to you during our worship services. These include hearing devices, large print bulletins and hymnals, and children’s worship bags. Please return all items after use.

Attendance on Sunday, March 11th: 8:30 am—68, 10:00 am—301

Lay Participants in Today’s Worship:

- Ushers:** (8:30 am) Walter Fisch, Steve & Margaret Hecht, Will & Jean Holland
(10:00 am) Chip Birch, Fitz & Becky Clarke, Jerry & Caroline Nusloch, Gordon & Linda Powers
- Greeters:** (8:30 am) Onnie Duffie (10:00 am) Jo Ann Mock
- Acolytes:** (10:00 am) Jacob Howard
- Crucifer:** (10:00 am) Daniel Birch
- Liturgist:** (10:00 am) Libby Blake
- Coffee:** (10:00 am) Jim & Lis Overton, Marc & Carol Tate
- Children’s Church:** Amanda Wooten, Sarah Franklin
- Nursery:** Priscila Collins, Nikki Bynum, Anna Davis, Jenny Gerrard, Ciera Taylor

Christian Education Information

Adult Education: (Begins at 11:15 am)

- **Encouragers Class:** (Library) This class is enjoying a Lenten study entitled, “24 Hours That Changed the World.” All are welcome.
- **Thorne Class:** (Room 111) We invite you to visit this class for Bible study, lively discussion, and fellowship.
- **Spiritual Growth Class:** (Room 109) This class has begun a new study entitled, “Anxious about Nothing.” All are welcome.

Children & Youth Sunday School: (Begins at 11:15 am)

- **Cherubs** (PreK) in Room 103 with Anna Davis and Ciera Taylor.
- **Mighty Kids** (K-5th) upstairs with Bettie Negley and Jenny Gerrard.
- **Youth** (6th-12th) upstairs with Luke Hamner and Sarah Franklin.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship
March 25th
8:30 am & 10:00 am
We begin Holy Week with Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The second service will include the Palm Procession by our children.

Family Egg-Stravaganza
March 25th
12:00 pm—2:00 pm
Following Palm Sunday worship, families are invited to a simple lunch, Easter egg hunt, Easter story, petting zoo, games, and crafts.

Maundy Thursday Communion (Chapel)
March 29th
6:00 pm—7:00 pm
As on the night that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, we will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion.
Come to the altar at any time
and remain in the chapel for prayer as long as you like.

Good Friday Worship
March 30th
7:00 pm
As the Lenten season draws to a close, we remember the suffering and death of our Lord.

Easter Sunday Worship
April 1st
8:30 am & 10:30 am
On this festive day, we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. Both services will feature brass and special choral presentations.

(Please note that the time of the second service is a change to our regular Sunday schedule.)

Welcome New Members	
Carolyn Ball 455 Mall Blvd. #114 Savannah, GA 31406	Charlie Jones 36 Dame Kathryn Dr. Savannah, GA 31411

Calendar for the Week

Today, Sunday, March 18th
8:30 am & 10:00 am—Worship Services—Sanctuary
9:15 am—Chancel Choir Warm-Up—Choir Room
11:00 am—Coffee Hour—Bailey Hall
11:15 am—Sunday School for All Ages—Various Locations

Monday, March 19th
10:00 am—Evangelism Meeting—Library
11:00 am—Staff Meeting—Library
4:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting—Library
4:30 pm—LOVE Meeting—Bailey Hall

Tuesday, March 20th
8:00 am—Men's Bible Study—Library
10:00 am—Youth Creative Team Meeting—Library

Wednesday, March 21st
3:00 pm—Music Committee Meeting—Thorne Room
5:30 pm—Wednesday Night Dinner & Program—Bailey Hall
6:00 pm—Youth & Children’s Activities—Various Locations
7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, March 22nd
8:45 am—Thursday Morning Prayer—Chapel
3:00 pm—Parkinson’s Support Group—Spiritual Growth Room

Friday, March 23rd
9:00 am—Friday Folders—Library
9:15 am—Southern Women’s Show Trip—Convention Center
12:00 pm—Church Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, March 24th
No activities scheduled.

***AA meets Monday—Saturday at 7:30 am in the Spiritual Growth Room*

Financial Update - 03/04/18 (\$000’s)	
Pledged Offerings	162.9
Non-Pledged Offerings	65.4
Total Revenue	228.3
Total Expenses	194.9
Net Income/(Loss)	33.4