

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.

**Concert Today**—The next event on our Arts on Skidaway Concert Series will be held today, Sunday, February 25th at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This concert will feature piano virtuoso, Paolo Andre Gualdi and his wife, Savannah Philharmonic violinist Danijela Zezelj-Gualdi. Dr. Gualdi is the founder and director of the South Carolina Chamber of Music Festival and Associate Professor of Music at Francis Marion University. This dynamic duo event is free and open to everyone.

**Wednesday Night Dinner**—Join us for dinner this Wednesday, February 28th at 5:30 pm. The menu will be meatloaf, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, salad, rolls, and dessert. Kids: meal: chicken nuggets. The program following dinner will feature Bill Gardner and James Richardson. The two have been making music together for over 50 years! Dinner is \$8 per adult. Kids 16 years and under are free. Please RSVP before noon on February 26th.

**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.

**Men’s Bible Study**—Church member Gary Schopfer will be leading a Bible study for men starting on Tuesday, March 13 at 8:00 am in the church library. The group will study the books I and II Timothy for a series of 7 weeks. The books of I and II Timothy are letters of Paul that offer practical and pastoral advice to a young pastor in Ephesus. These words of Paul continue to offer insight and wisdom. Please register for the study by emailing michelle@siumc.org or signing up on Sunday.

**Mighty Kids Messy Games**—Students K—5th grade are invited to Messy Games on Sunday, March 11th from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm in Bailey Hall. There will be supper, devotion, and games involving shaving cream, chocolate syrup, and more. Feel free to invite a friend to this super-messy and fun event. Parents, bring a change of clothes when you pick them up!

**Singers Needed**—Our Chancel Choir is looking for singers, especially in the tenor and bass sections. Sopranos and altos are also welcome. If you would like to sing or have questions, please contact Sue Prior (sue10533@aol.com) or George Longstreth (bblgbl@gmail.com).

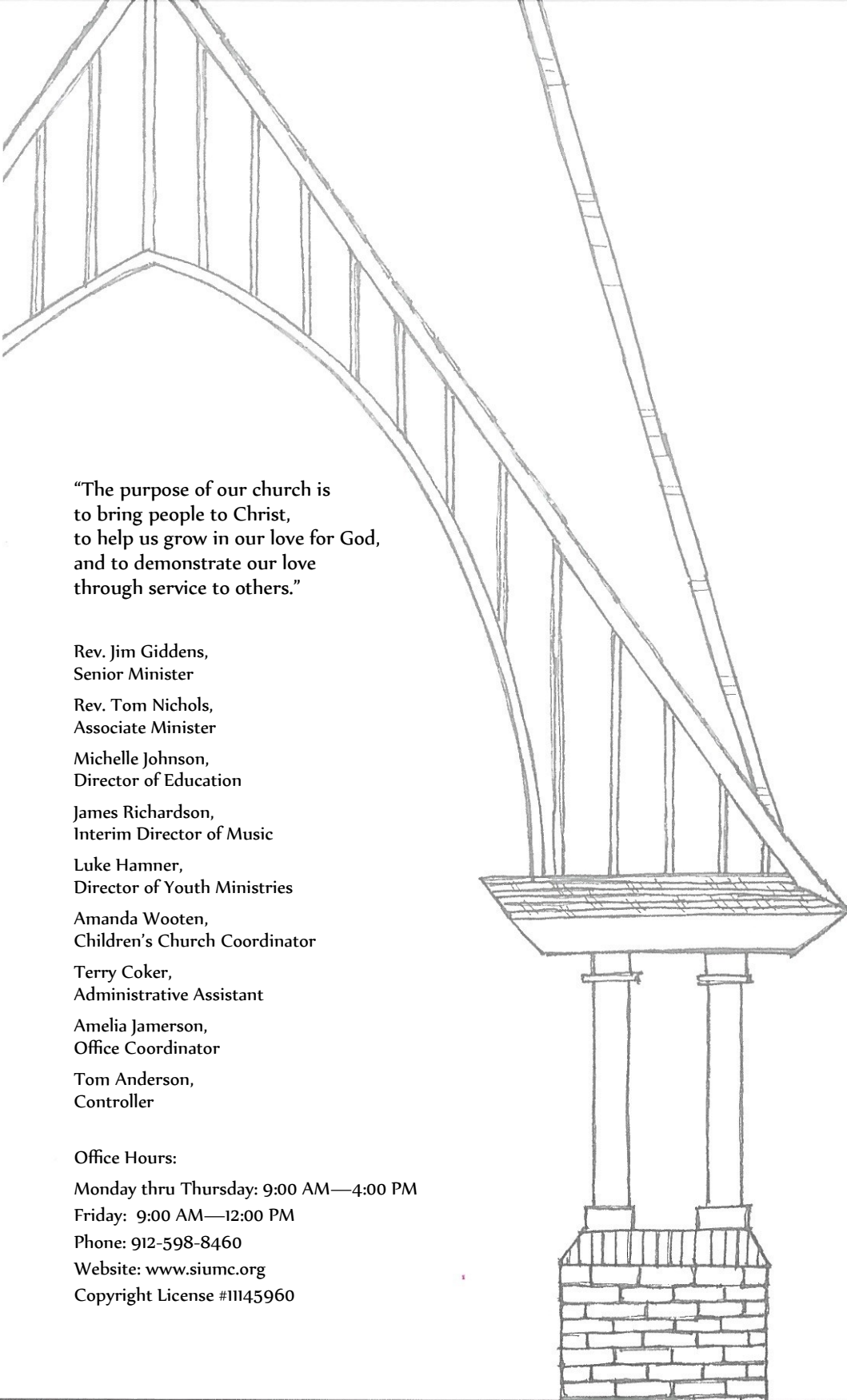
The Order of Worship  
Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2018 at 10:00 am

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude	“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”	Pasquet
Introit	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” <i>Chancel Choir</i>	ST. ANNE
*Hymn No. 116	“The God of Abraham Praise”	LEONI
*Affirmation	The Apostles’ Creed	No. 881
*Gloria Patri		No. 70
Greeting	<i>Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pads.</i>	
First Reading	Mark 8:31-38	Pew Bible NT p. 41
	Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Congregation: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Tom Nichols
Response No. 286	“O Sacred Head” <i>(Stanza No. 3)</i>	PASSION CHORALE
Children’s Gathering		Amanda Wooten
Solo	“Lord God of Abraham” <i>Kurt Ollmann, Baritone</i>	Mendelssohn
Second Reading	1 Samuel 28:3-25	Pew Bible OT p. 260
Sermon	“A Tragic Figure”	Jim Giddens
Offertory	“Prayer for Peace” <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Harlan
*Doxology		No. 95
*Hymn No. 298	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	HAMBURG
*Benediction		
*Response	“Go Ye Now in Peace” <i>Chancel Choir</i>	RICHARDSON
*Postlude	“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”	Linker

*\*Congregation, please stand.*



“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  
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Luke Hamner,  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Amanda Wooten,  
Children’s Church Coordinator  
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## 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 flowers on the altar** are placed by the Thorne Sunday School Class in memory of Jack Meeker.

**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, February 18th:** 8:30 am—84, 10:00 am—298

**Lay Participants in Today’s Worship:**

**Ushers:** (8:30 am) Cheryl Drwiega, Roger & Nancy Millard,  
Karen Owens, Karen Sellick  
(10:00 am) Chip Birch, Herb & Joan McKenzie,  
Tim Moore & Sally Dayton, Steve & Milli Sample

**Greeters:** (8:30 am) Onnie Duffie (10:00 am) Arlene Keaton

**Acolytes:** (10:00 am) Caroline Heidacher, Duncan Manning

**Crucifer:** (10:00 am) Scott Chapman

**Liturgist:** (10:00 am) Rusty Fredrich

**Coffee:** (10:00 am) Terry & Judy Smith, Jeanne & Phil Van Ess

**Children’s Church:** Amanda Wooten, Sarah Franklin

**Nursery:** Priscila Collins, Anna Davis,  
Jenny Gerrard, Ciera Taylor

**Marshes Pick-up:** Peggy Hedeman

## Christian Education Information

**Adult Education:** (Begins at 11:15 am)

- **Encouragers Class:** (Library) This class is starting 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 is starting 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.

## Sermon Notes

The two books of I and II Samuel were originally one book written in Hebrew. There are three principal characters in the two books: Samuel, Saul and David. The story of Samuel is confined to I Samuel, and is also the story of Saul, except for the report of his death found at the beginning of II Samuel.

There are two main literary strands of thought interwoven in I Samuel; they are usually referred to as the Early Source and the Late Source. The late source, with which the book begins, is basically an interpretation of the life of Samuel, beginning with his birth and ending with his death in chapter 25. The leading ideas were (1) that Samuel was the judge and true ruler of Israel under God; (2) that the choosing of a king was a mistake; (3) that the personal failure of a figure like Saul was punishment for their sins; (4) that David, inspite of his being king, was a man who merited God’s favor. This source was compiled in the latter days of the monarchy (750-650 BC).

The Early Source, most of which probably was written by a single individual during the reign of Solomon, is of such good historical and literary quality that its author deserves the title, “the father of history”, a title usually given to the Greek historian Herodotus, who lived 500 years later.

In the Early Source, the establishment of the Kingship is regarded as a divinely ordained blessing and the salvation of the nation. Samuel is a less important figure, a modest prophet, not a ruler in his own right. Saul is a noble but tragic figure. David is the real hero, but a very human hero, the latter being in no way disguised by the author.

The tragedy of Saul is appropriate for our Lenten journey because we see a man with great potential, but flawed by his character. He is a mirror that can allow us to see ourselves.

Financial Update - 02/18/18 (\$000's)	
Pledged Offerings	120.5
Non-Pledged Offerings	53.9
Total Revenue	174.4
Total Expenses	154.6
Net Income/(Loss)	19.8

## Calendar for the Week

**Today, Sunday, February 25th**

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  
5:00 pm—Dynamic Duo Concert—Sanctuary

**Monday, February 26th**

10:00 am—Evangelism Meeting—Library  
11:00 am—Staff Meeting—Library  
4:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting—Library

**Tuesday, February 27th**

9:30 am—Ladies Bible Study—Spiritual Growth Room

**Wednesday, February 28th**

3:00 pm—Parkinson’s Support Group—Spiritual Growth Room  
5:30 pm—Wednesday Night Dinner & Program—Bailey Hall  
6:00 pm—Youth & Children’s Activities—Various Locations  
7:30 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

**Thursday, March 1st**

8:45 am—Thursday Morning Prayer—Chapel

**Friday, March 2nd**

9:00 am—Friday Folders—Library  
12:00 pm—Church Office Closes at Noon

**Saturday, March 3rd**

No activities scheduled.

**Sunday, March 4th**

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

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