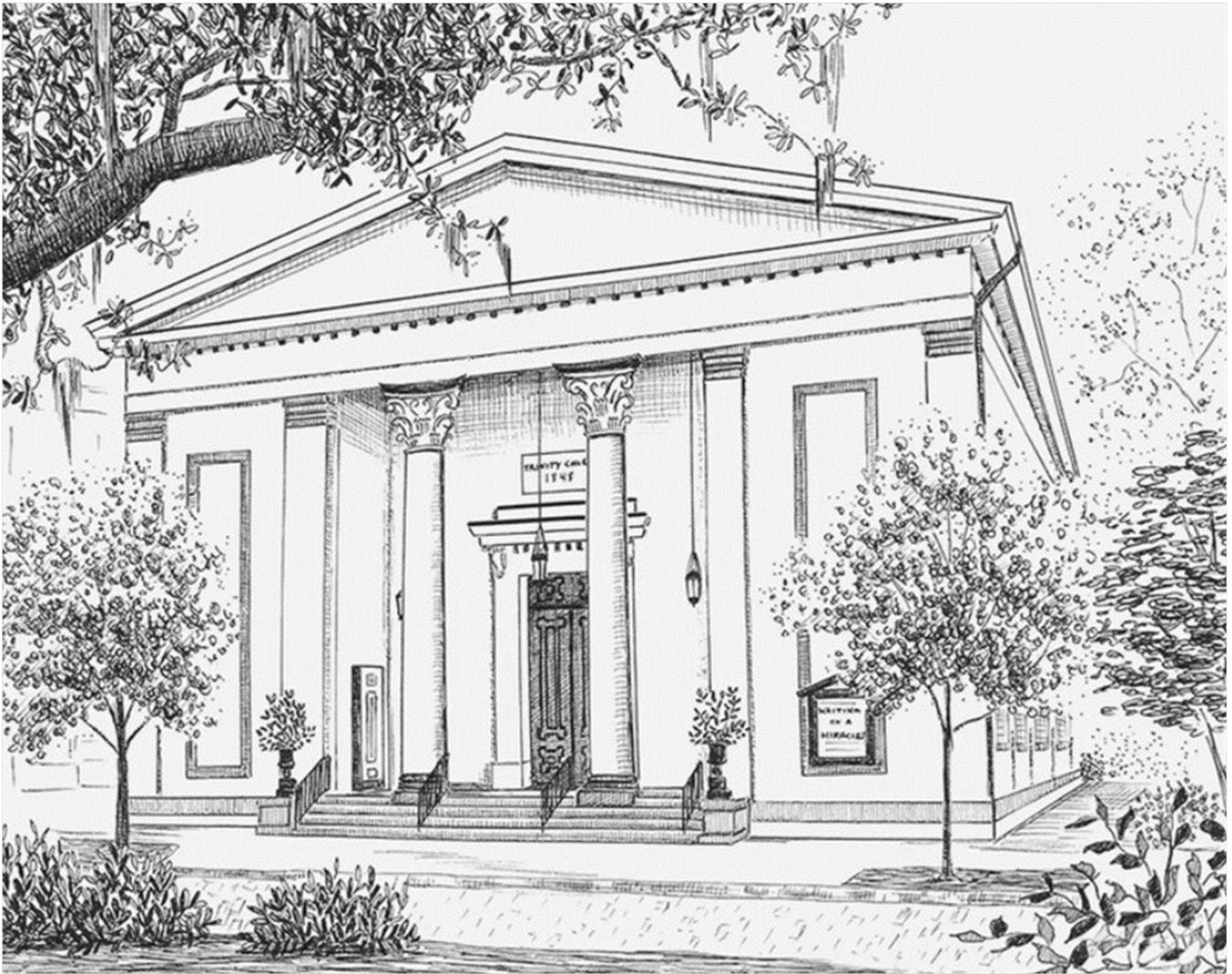


# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Mother Church of Savannah Methodism*



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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# MORNING WORSHIP

January 11, 2026 . 11:00 AM

Prelude

Dr. Jared Register

Welcome

*Please register your attendance on a pew card or use this QR code.*



Chiming of the Hour

*† At the sound of the chimes, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

Choral Introit

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

\*Call to Worship

Amy Utley

*Leader: You who created the heavens and stretched them out above us,  
you who spread out the earth beneath our feet and summoned sprouts and shoots ...*

**All: breathe life into us, Creator God!**

*You who came to the river,  
you who sought the Baptizer and the Jordan waters ...  
welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ!*

*You who soared through the heavens,  
you who hovered and rested upon Jesus ...  
alight upon us today, Spirit of God, Heaven's dove. Let us worship!*

\*Processional Hymn (No. 252)

**When Jesus Came to Jordan**

Tune: COMPLAINER

When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John, he did not come for  
He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss, for us and our sal -  
Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make, this ver - y day in -  
par - don but as the sin - less one. He came to share re - pent - ance with  
va - tion to die up - on the cross. So when the dove de - scend - ed on  
vade us, and ev - ery bond-age break. Come, give our lives. di - rec - tion, the  
all who mourn their sins, to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
him, the Son of Man, the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
gift we cov - et most: to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer (*prayed by all*)

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

*I am no longer my own, but thine.*

*Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.*

*Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.*

*Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.*

*And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. AMEN.*

\*Gloria Patri (No. 71)

Tune: GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the  
 Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning is  
 now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. A - men.

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Morning Prayer

Dr. Gosden

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed by all*)

*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.*

\*Hymn (No. 332)

**Spirit of Faith, Come Down**

Tune: BEALOTH

Spir - it of faith, come down, re - veal the things of God, and make to us the  
 No one can tru - ly say that Je - sus is the Lord, un - less thou take the  
 O that the world might know the all - a - ton - ing Lamb! Spir - it of faith, de -  
 In - spire the liv - ing faith (which who - so - e'er re - ceive, the wit - ness in them -  
 God - head known, and wit - ness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to ap - ply and  
 veil a - way and breathe the liv - ing Word. Then, on - ly then, we feel our  
 scend and show the vir - tue of his name; the grace which all may find, the  
 selves they have and con - scious - ly be - lieve), the faith that con - quers all, and  
 give us eyes to see, who did for ev - ery sin - ner die hath sure - ly died for me.  
 in - terest in his blood, and cry with joy un - speak - a - ble, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"  
 sav - ing power, im - part, and tes - ti - fy to hu - man - kind, and speak in ev - ery heart.  
 doth the moun - tain move, and saves who - e'er on Je - sus call, and per - fects them in love.

Scripture Reading

**Matthew 3 : 13 - 17**

Amy Utley

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Dr. Gosden

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\*Doxology (No. 94)

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le -  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
 Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly  
 Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn (No. 605)

**Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

Tune: BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans - ing wa - ters flow. Num - ber  
 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us  
 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways! To your  
 them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them  
 join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re -  
 name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise! We your  
 gar - ments bright and spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a -  
 new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, one with  
 peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your  
 noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
 Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
 grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

\*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

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## Opportunities for Caring & Healing

**Prayer List** - Amy Oliver (*daughter-in-law of Beverly Oliver*), Frances Richadson, Barry Helmey, Ralph & Vermelle Bailey, Clyde Parker, Addam Wood, JoAnn Nichols, Jeanmarie Collins, Tom Madron, Mike Cutlip, Duane Heefner, Harvey Jones, Linda Wing, Kenny Frye, Gloria Borello, Dan Noble, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo, Kathy Bailey.

From our Albany congregation: Curt Poer, Archer Seely-Wilson, all who are serving in our nation's armed forces.

**Care Ministry** - A ministry with opportunities to provide care for each other through prayer circle, card writing, home communion, bereavement meals, and financial peace. Contact [ccm@trinity1848.org](mailto:ccm@trinity1848.org) for more information.

**Stephen Ministry** - A ministry in which trained and supervised lay people provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, email [stephen@trinity1848.org](mailto:stephen@trinity1848.org), or contact Pastor Ben Gosden.

**Recovery is Real** - A team of Trinity members who understand addiction and recovery. We can offer an informed, compassionate and confidential response if you or a loved one is struggling. Contact: Carol Pine at 651.291.7236 or [pineandpartners@gmail.com](mailto:pineandpartners@gmail.com).

## Opportunities to Serve

**Backpack Buddies** - Trinity Church serves our partner school (Gadsden E.S.) to supply weekend food for at-risk students. Pre-packaged, ready-to-eat food items or monetary donations are collected year-round for this ministry. Contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) for more information, or to volunteer for weekly deliveries.

**Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST)** - is an interfaith, interracial coalition of 25+ local congregations advocating for justice in Savannah-Chatham County. For more information, contact Trinity Church/JUST liaison Connie Boole at [cboole58@gmail.com](mailto:cboole58@gmail.com) or 912.210.1583.

**SquareOne** - an opportunity to serve our neighbors with Christ's radical hospitality and relationship in the squares of downtown Savannah. For more information contact Cale Hall at [cale@trinity1848.org](mailto:cale@trinity1848.org).

**Sunday Breakfast Mission** - an opportunity to partner with the Lutheran Church of the Ascension to serve our neighbors with hospitality, relationship and *breakfast*. We assemble and deploy breakfast teams every other month. Watch the bulletin and the weekly newsletter for team sign-ups for the next event.

**Altar Flowers** - You are invited to sponsor our altar flowers for Sunday worship. Sponsorships are \$80 and can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. Scan this QR code or contact Lacy Wilson.



**United Women in Faith** - All women are invited to the mission of Trinity UWF! Potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall following worship. Contact Dewilla Hooper at [dewillahooper@yahoo.com](mailto:dewillahooper@yahoo.com) for details.

## Opportunities to Learn & Grow

**TrinityKids** - Trinity Kids is our ministry with children. Children aged 0-2 are welcome in our nursery on the 2nd floor. Children aged 2-up are welcome to join our children's Sunday Small Group at 11am featuring curriculum-based music, motion, and learning. Please contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) with any questions or other interest in Trinity Kids.

**TrinityKids Choir** - 2nd through 8th graders are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held in the 2nd floor music suite on Sunday mornings at 9:45am (*during the school year*). Schedule and opportunities to sing in worship set seasonally. Contact Dawn Wilson at [dawn@trinity1848.org](mailto:dawn@trinity1848.org) for more information.

**Trinity UMYF** (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) - 6th thru 12th grade youth are invited to join us in the 3rd Floor Youth Lounge, Sundays at 9:45am, to hang, chat, learn and grow! Contact Youth Coordinator Ava Pickens at [ava@trinity1848.org](mailto:ava@trinity1848.org) for more info.

**Upper Room Small Group** - An ongoing study group that meets on Zoom, Sundays at 10am, led by Mark Jackovich. If you would like to join this group, please email Mark at [jackovich@bellsouth.net](mailto:jackovich@bellsouth.net).

**Smith Small Group** - We meet in-person on Sundays at 9:45am, room #317. We question, discuss and learn from one another as we study topics of faith and discipleship. Contact Linda Smith at [lsmith629@comcast.net](mailto:lsmith629@comcast.net) for more information.

**Doin' Justice** - An adult discussion class that meets in room #316, to study matters, mission and acts of justice. Our new Fall study begins on August 24 - details on bulletin page 6. Contact Connie Boole ([cboole58@gmail.com](mailto:cboole58@gmail.com) or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Hilleary ([p\\_hilleary@yahoo.com](mailto:p_hilleary@yahoo.com) or 404.449.1170) to connect with this group.

**Young-ER Adults** - Our newest adult small group, aimed toward the 30-50 crowd, designed to build a community of adults in the middle of life's busy schedule. Find us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in room #315. Contact Amy Utley, [amy@trinity1848.org](mailto:amy@trinity1848.org), or Bee Smith for more details.

## Opportunities to Connect

**Sunday Morning Hospitality** - Fellowship, donuts and coffee in the Hospitality Parlor (*behind the Sanctuary*), from 10:00-11:00am. Join us!

**Band of Mothers** - We are a group of moms, sharing life at all its ages and stages. We meet the 3rd Sunday of each month, room #317, 3:30-5pm. Please text Jessica Hensley with any questions at 912.596.1159.

**Telfair Squares** - We are a group of active older adults who gather for lunch and a great time of food and fellowship the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Contact Wayne Ervin at 912.346.5895 or [waynedervin67@gmail.com](mailto:waynedervin67@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP. January lunch location: Boston's Pizza Restaurant, 810 Towne Center Blvd | Pooler.

**Ladies Out to Lunch** - Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 11:30am for food, fun and friendship. RSVP: Mary Ann Traver at 912.604.0956 or [cwtmat@coastalnow.net](mailto:cwtmat@coastalnow.net) or Judy DeShea at [judydeshea@gmail.com](mailto:judydeshea@gmail.com). February lunch location: TBA.



**Sunday, Jan. 11 12:15 PM**

The Trinity **United Women in Faith**, or UWF, will meet today, **Sunday, January 11** in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM, immediately following morning worship. This program will feature speaker Beth Remmes, from Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL). All women are invited to join and learn about the many projects we support and how you can be a powerful witness for God. Potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall following worship, and families and spouses are always invited to join us for lunch! Contact Dewilla Hooper at [dewillahooper@yahoo.com](mailto:dewillahooper@yahoo.com) for more info.

JUST will hold a private tour of a local civil rights museum **today at 2:00 PM**. Director Vaughnette Goode-Walker will lead the tour, no RSVP is needed and it's \$10 per person. Arrive a little early for the 90 min. tour, at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

JUST and HUGS (Heads Up Guidance Service) will co-sponsor a Community Mental Health Roundtable on **January 16, 2026**, from 4:30-6:00. The purpose of the Roundtable is to demonstrate support for the promised Mental Health Workforce Taskforce and solicit additional ideas and insights before the application to the Chatham County Commission.

JUST will also participate in this year's MLK Jr. Observance Day Parade on **Monday, January 19** at 10:00 AM in downtown Savannah. For information on these and other JUST events, contact Connie Boole at [choole58@gmail.com](mailto:choole58@gmail.com).



**Sunday, Jan. 18 6:00 AM**

We are excited to continue our breakfast-serving mission for our neighbors in homelessness this month! Sign up below to volunteer for the upcoming breakfast at 6 E. State Street on **Sunday, January 18** at 6:00 AM. Trinity has committed to serving a hot breakfast on the third Sunday of every other month to ~85 guests in the Lutheran's ground-level cafe space on Wright Square. This ministry is an important extension of our Christmas Breakfast as well as the Square One ministry. Contact: Jessica Hensley, 912-596-1159.



**Volunteer Signup**



**Sunday, Jan. 18 12:15 PM**

This group of mothers comes together from all stages of life, joining forces to navigate the world of motherhood in community together! Our monthly meetings will continue on the third Sunday of each month immediately after the service (about 12:15 PM). In honor of MLK Day of Service, our Band of Mothers will be packing 80 bagged lunches for our downtown neighbors in need immediately after the church service on **Sunday, January 18**.



**Volunteer Signup**

See the sign-up link linked to the right to see how you can help! Mothers of all kinds are welcome to join our group at any time, and childcare will be provided for the church meetings. Want to learn more? Contact Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159.

**For more details on these and other upcoming events, sign up for our weekly newsletter:**

Past Trinity Email Archive



Newsletter Signup





# Telfair Squares

**Thursday, Jan. 22 11:30 AM** Telfair Squares' monthly lunch group meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at different local restaurants. All are invited to attend! The **January 22nd** event will be held at Boston's Pizza Restaurant & Sports Bar, 810 Towne Center Blvd, Pooler, GA 31322. For more information on the event or to RSVP, contact Wayne Ervin at [waynedervin67@gmail.com](mailto:waynedervin67@gmail.com) or 912-346-5895.

# Sacred BALANCE



Lunch and Learn  
Discipleship Seminar  
January 25, 2026  
12:15-1:00 PM

**Sunday, Jan. 25 12:15 PM** Join us on **Sunday, January 25** after the morning service for our first 2026 Lunch & Learn! This free program is a monthly opportunity to enrich our Discipleship in ways that bring spiritual balance—both individually and in community. We will discuss various topics from the book "Sacred Balance: How Ancient Practices Can Restore Modern Minds" by Miriam Diephouse -McMillan (book not required).

All adults are welcome for the monthly Lunch & Learn sessions in the Fellowship Hall on the 4th Sunday of each month, immediately following worship. Registration is required if you wish to order a boxed lunch, but walk-ins are welcome to attend. For more details or registration assistance, contact Director of Discipleship Amy Utley, [amy@trinity1848.org](mailto:amy@trinity1848.org).



**Lunch Registration**



Empowering a Community One Woman and One Child at a Time, Since 1949

**Saturday, Feb. 14 8:00 AM** The Wesley Community Centers of Savannah will hold their annual Love Walk on **Saturday, February 14**. The 3.6-mile walk steps off at 9:00 A.M. at Wesley's Campus (1601 Drayton Street, Savannah Georgia 31401) and in-person event activities start at 8:00 AM.

The Love Walk is a 3.6 mile walk that travels from Wesley Community Centers of Savannah's campus, through Forsyth Park and many of the historical squares between Drayton and Bull Streets, down to Johnson Square. The Walk comes back down Bull Street to Wesley's J.R. Paddison Family Life Center, ending with a post rally event with entertainment!

Funds raised at the Walk will support critical services for homeless and low-income people in this community. The agency's essential services include: child care programs that are nationally accredited, through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and are Quality Rated Centers through the state of Georgia's Bright from the Start Department. In addition, there is Summer Youth Arts Camp and, Crisis Intervention (emergency assistance with food, utilities, rent, financial literacy, SNAP assistance—public benefits, and case management). For more information, Love Walk registration forms, and sponsorship forms, call (912) 236-4226.



**Donate or Volunteer!** Our Square One ministry is in need of some new shelving and supplies as we walk the streets and squares of downtown Savannah every week. To donate towards needed items, you can give through our online giving page, just select the "Missions" drop-down menu, or include "Square One" in the memo field.



If you want to participate, we walk the squares on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, offering water, fruit, and friendship to our unhoused neighbors. This daily outreach is about more than supplies—it's about dignity, presence, and shared humanity. To get involved with Square One, fill out the interest form at the link [HERE](#), or contact Cale Robert Hall at 912-308-7247 or [cale@trinity1848.org](mailto:cale@trinity1848.org).

## This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, January 11 (today)

TrinityKids ~ 9:45am | 2nd Floor

Trinity UMYF\* ~ 9:45am | 3rd Floor Youth Lounge  
*\*UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th grade-12th grade)*

Adult Small Groups ~ 9:45am | 3rd Floor

Morning Worship ~ 11am | Sanctuary

United Women in Faith lunch mtg ~ following worship | Fellowship Hall

Trinity Staff lunch mtg ~ following worship | 2nd Floor Activity Room

Wednesday, January 14

Trinity Handbell Rehearsal ~ 6-6:50pm | Balcony Choir Loft  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ~ 7-8:30pm | 2nd Floor Music Suite  
*Adults & high school students are invited to participate*

## Beyond This Week at Trinity

Band of Mothers | Jan 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday | Jan 19

Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch | Jan 22

Discipleship Lunch & Learn | Jan 25

Savannah Book Festival | Feb 5-8

United Women in Faith lunch mtg | Feb 8

Ladies Out to Lunch | Feb 12

Wesley Community Centers **Love Walk** | Feb 14

Band of Mothers | Feb 15

Shrove Tuesday | Feb 17

**Lent begins:** Ash Wednesday | Feb 18

Discipleship Lunch & Learn | Feb 22

Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch | Feb 26

## Backpack Buddies Volunteers

Packer - Jamie Tyner

Driver - Dawn Wilson

## Recent Attendance

Jan 4 (Savannah): 138

Jan 4 (Albany): 23

Jan 4 Online: 49

## December 2025

Operating  
Income \$58,774

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## Stay In The Loop

Download the church app with the QR code to get updates on upcoming events, check-in on Sundays, send prayer requests, contribute to an offering, and more!

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## Sunday Parking

If you've parked in the Robinson parking garage (behind the church), you can show your bulletin to the parking attendant on your way out to get FREE parking! This parking privilege is available until 2pm on Sundays. There is also FREE parking available on the street and around the Square. Please avoid parking on the corners of the Square so tour buses can get by.

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