



May 18, 2025

Fourth Sunday
after Easter

9 AM

Worship Booklet

Our Mission

*We exist to reach,
nourish, and serve the
community so all may
experience healing and
new life through
Jesus Christ.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering and Praise

Prelude		Dominick Izzo
* Sung Call to Worship		No. 328
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.		
* Opening Hymn	<i>"Help Us Accept Each Other" (tune "I Love to Tell the Story")</i>	<i>on Screens</i>
* Affirmation of Faith	<i>"The Apostle's Creed"</i>	No. 881
* Gloria Patri		No. 71
* Passing of the Peace		
Prayer of Confession & Pardon		Words on Screens

Hearing and Responding to the Word of God

New Testament Reading	Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)	Hunter Lenz
Message	Love Without Limits	Rev. Matt Sergent
* Hymn	<i>"Make Us One"</i> (sing 3 times)	No. 2224 TFWS
Prayers of the People		
<i>After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:</i>		
Leader: Lord in your mercy,		
People: Hear our prayer.		
The Lord's Prayer		
Offering Invitation		Deb Crawford
Offertory	<i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>	Chancel Choir
* Doxology		No. 95

Sending Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn	<i>"Jesus, United by Thy Grace"</i>	No. 561
* Benediction		Rev. Matt Sergent
* Benediction Response	<i>"Lift High the Cross"</i> (refrain, vs 1, refrain)	No. 159

*** Please stand as you are able.**

CONNECT CARD

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ Children's Ministry
- ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ Adult Ministry
- ☐ Older Adult Ministry
- ☐ Music Ministries
- ☐ Food Pantry Ministry
- ☐ Short Term Mission Opportunities
- ☐ Sunbeam Children's Center
- ☐ Hospitality & Kitchen Ministries
- ☐ Congregational Care Ministry
- ☐ Community Outreach & Events
- ☐ Communication Ministry
- ☐ Media / Technology Ministry
- ☐ Usher & Welcome Team

I am Interested In:

- ☐ Learning more about Baptism
- ☐ Learning more about STUMC
- ☐ Becoming a member of STUMC

I would like to:

- ☐ Receive or ☐ Unsubscribe
- to The following:**
- ☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Special Events E-Blasts
- ☐ Newsletter

I have the following prayer request:

I would like this request to be:

- ☐ Private ☐ Placed on Prayer Chain
- I would like the Pastor to call ☐ or visit ☐ me.

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Ladies Spring Tea

**Today | 2-4 pm
In the Fellowship Hall**

All ladies invited!



TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER



**Curbside: Chicken Pot Pie
Dine-In: Smorgasbord
Dessert: Variety Desserts
Kids: Chicken Nuggets**

MAY 20 MENU



OWLS OUTING

**BONEFISH GRILL
IN GAINESVILLE
FRI, MAY 30 | 1 PM**



WELCOME!

We are glad you are here! May you experience God's blessing upon you. If this is your first time visiting, please visit the Welcome Desk on your way out for a gift bag with a homemade loaf of bread and more complete church information. We invite you to take a look at this week's announcements and feel free to participate in any activities that interest you. If you would like to take part in any activities, please indicate it on the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate, or if you're joining us virtually, please complete the online registration on our website, StThomasUMC.org/livestream.

Check out our website for more information about:

- Children
Youth
Small Groups
- Choirs & Music Groups
Sunbeam Children's Center
Local Missions & Food Pantry
TND - Kitchen Ministry

Hearing Impaired

Devices are available with earphones connected to our sound system to help amplify the service. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer concerns and praises by completing the Connect Card and placing it in the offering plate or online at StThomasUMC.org/prayer.

Altar Flowers Dedication

If you would like to dedicate, please visit our website and click Resources.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God!



In memory of Harry D. (Pat) Wolfe
from Pat Brown

CONNECT CARD

Welcome to St Thomas UMC!

Name: _____

Child(ren): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

___ *Check if any contact info has changed.*

Worship Service Attended

___ 9:00 AM	___ 11:00 AM
___ 1st Time Guest	___ Regular Guest
___ Out of Town Visitor	___ Member(s)

I would like to:

___ Receive Offering Envelopes
___ Help with Children's Church

Signups:

___ I'll be at the next OWLS Outing
___ I'd like to help with VBS
___ I'd like to volunteer at the Food Pantry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Spring Tea | Today: We are excited to announce that the United Women in Faith will hold the Ladies Spring Tea **today from 2-4 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies in the church are invited for an afternoon of treats and fellowship. RSVP by contacting Pat Dodson.

PACK Gathering | Color Wars & BBQ: Youth in 6th-12th Grade are invited to join us **today at 6 pm** for a color party and BBQ! Be sure to wear old clothing, including shoes. If you have something old and white, the colors will show up better. Prepare to be a mess! We will have a hose to rinse off if you want to bring a change of clothes. Dinner will be provided.

Tuesday Night Dinner: Dine-In is 5-5:45 pm, Curbside pickup is 5:30-6 pm. Cost is \$7 per person, (\$25/ family of 4, \$5/additional family member above 4) Cookies are \$10/dz. Kid's meals are \$4 per person. Kid's entrées as adult meals are \$7 per person. Please sign up by visiting the church website or by calling the church office and leaving a message by noon on Monday.

This Week's Menu:

Curbside: Chicken Pot Pie

Dine-in: Smorgasbord

Dessert: Variety

Kids: Chicken Nuggets

May OWLS Outing: Our next OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Seniors) outing will be on **Fri, May 30 at 1 pm** at Bonefish Grill in

Gainesville. RSVP by signing up on your Connect Card or by contacting Marian Ludlow or Lynn Furlong no later than Tues, May 27. OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Seniors) is open to anyone 55+.

PACK Gathering | End of Year Pool Party: 6th-12th Grade Youth, join us on **Sun, Jun 1 at 1:30 pm** to celebrate a successful year of fun, fellowship, service and learning with a pool party at the Thornton's. Pizza will be served. RSVP on the Events page of the website.



**PACK GATHERING:
END OF YEAR POOL PARTY**
Sun, Jun 1 | 1:30 PM

6th-12th Grade Youth join us to celebrate a successful year of fun, fellowship, service and learning. Pizza will be served.

Signup on the Events page of the website.



Altar Flower Dedications: If you would like to dedicate an altar flower arrangement, please sign up in the book at the Welcome Desk or online under the Resources page of our website. Cost is \$20 per arrangement.

Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for our 2025 Summer Camps! For more information visit our website at stthomasumc.org/2025summercamps to register your camper today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS 2025: Vacation Bible School is Jun 23-27. Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all the kids (Travelers) on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous pup Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip! Visit the Events page of our website to sign your child up and learn how you can be a part of VBS!

Outdoor Movie Night Out: The Front Porch Ministry invites you to a viewing of the animated movie "Turning Red" on **Sat, May 31 at 7:30 pm**. A thirteen-year-old girl is torn between staying her mother's dutiful daughter and the changes of adolescence. And as if the challenges were not enough, whenever she gets overly excited she transforms into a giant red panda. Refreshments will be available.

Ladies Book Club: The Ladies Book Group will meet on **Fri, Jun 13 at 10:30 am** in Room 304 to discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*. Christopher is "on the spectrum" and when he discovers a dead dog in his yard, he is compelled to solve the mystery. Along the way we learn the joys and challenges facing Christopher. Author Haddon has worked with "special" children in both a school and a medical setting and brings knowledge, expertise and empathy to the novel.

Join us even if you have not finished (or even started) the book. The discussion may encourage to read the book!

Food Pantry Updates: Maybe you've been thinking of getting involved with the Food Pantry and have been waiting for just the right time. Why not now? One of the areas prioritized by the coordinators is that of **picking up donated surplus food from area grocery stores**. We currently partner with fifteen stores. A few of them involve daily pickups and anything from 50 to 500 lbs of food. The driver arrives at the store's loading dock between 8:30 and 9:30 am, loads what is designated for pickup that day, brings it back to the Food Pantry where helpers unload it, sort it and put it away. Backups are needed to be in the que when a regular driver goes on vacation or is unavailable to do the run. You could get acquainted by riding along with someone if that puts you at ease before signing on. Interested in trying it out? See Janie Russell after the service or call the church office. There is a sign-up on the website for other tasks—under the Serve tab, click Food Pantry and then in the middle of the page click the Volunteer tab. You can choose the time and nature of the task that best suits you.

This week donations of dog food, diapers size 5 or 6, baby wipes and medium size jars of peanut butter are encouraged.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon, May 19 - Sun, May 25

Activities marked with an (*) occur in Hybrid Format. If you do not have the access code for ZOOM, please call the church office.

Mon, May 19

10:00 AM Bazaar Crafters

Tues, May 20

8:30 AM Arise & Pray Group

5:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner | Dine-In

5:30 PM Tuesday Night Dinner | Curbside

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 PM AA Meeting

Wed, May 21

10:00 AM Quilts4Kids

7:00 PM Mission Council

Thurs, May 22

10:30 AM Caregiver Support Group

7:00 PM Church Council *

Fri, May 23

9:00 AM SCC Graduation

Sat, May 24

8:00 AM Men's Group *

9:00 AM Food Pantry | Clothing Closet

1:00 PM John White Celebration of Life

Sun, May 25

8:15 AM Coffee Hour

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM King's Kids Sunday School

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service

11:15 AM Children's Church

PRAYER CHAIN

We invite you to pray for those in our church family who requested prayer for illness or other needs. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please indicate so on your Facebook registration.

George Amstutz

Perry Bailey

Martha & Jeff Barlow

Hope Village residents

Janie Crompton

John Newlove

Lora Ometz's dad & aunt

Tim & Andrea Pickrell

Bill Priest

Nursing Home Residents

Liz Fontaine | Regency Care

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Livestream Worship

To listen to or download today's worship service or previous worship services, visit StThomasUMC.org/resources/livestream-worship.html or on the church's Facebook page or on YouTube (search St Thomas UMC Manassas).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Adult Sunday School

- **9:30 am | Spiritual Warfare**
Led by Paula Renfro
- **10 am | Joshua**
Led by Pat Dodson
- **10 am | Songs-Scripture-Faith ***
Led by Earl Amstutz



THE PACK

ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PACK YOUTH GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Student Ministry, 6—12th Grade

All youth are welcome to join the Adult Sunday School classes listed above.

Middle schoolers have the additional option of attending the King's Kids Sunday School class (see more info below).

If you are a high schooler and want to help out with King's Kids you can signup on your Connect Card.

Interested in a Youth Sunday School Class that's just for your age group? Let us know on your Connect Card!



KING'S KIDS

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KING'S KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

***Age 3-5th Grade, Tweens (3rd-5th Grade),
Nursery (6 weeks-3 years)***

Sunday School is from 10-10:50 am in the Children's Worship Center. For more info, please contact the Children's Ministry Director, kristi.swanson@stthomasumc.org



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For a complete staff directory and contact information, please visit our website.

How Can I Give to Support Ministry?

All are invited to contribute their tithes and offerings in whatever way works best for them! You may give electronically by going to stthomasumc.org/give; by texting to 833-940-1381 and following the prompts; by mailing a check to the church office, or by placing your offering in one of the offering plates — when you come forward for Communion, or when you enter or exit the Sanctuary.



To give online, you may scan the QR code, which leads to our website's giving portal.