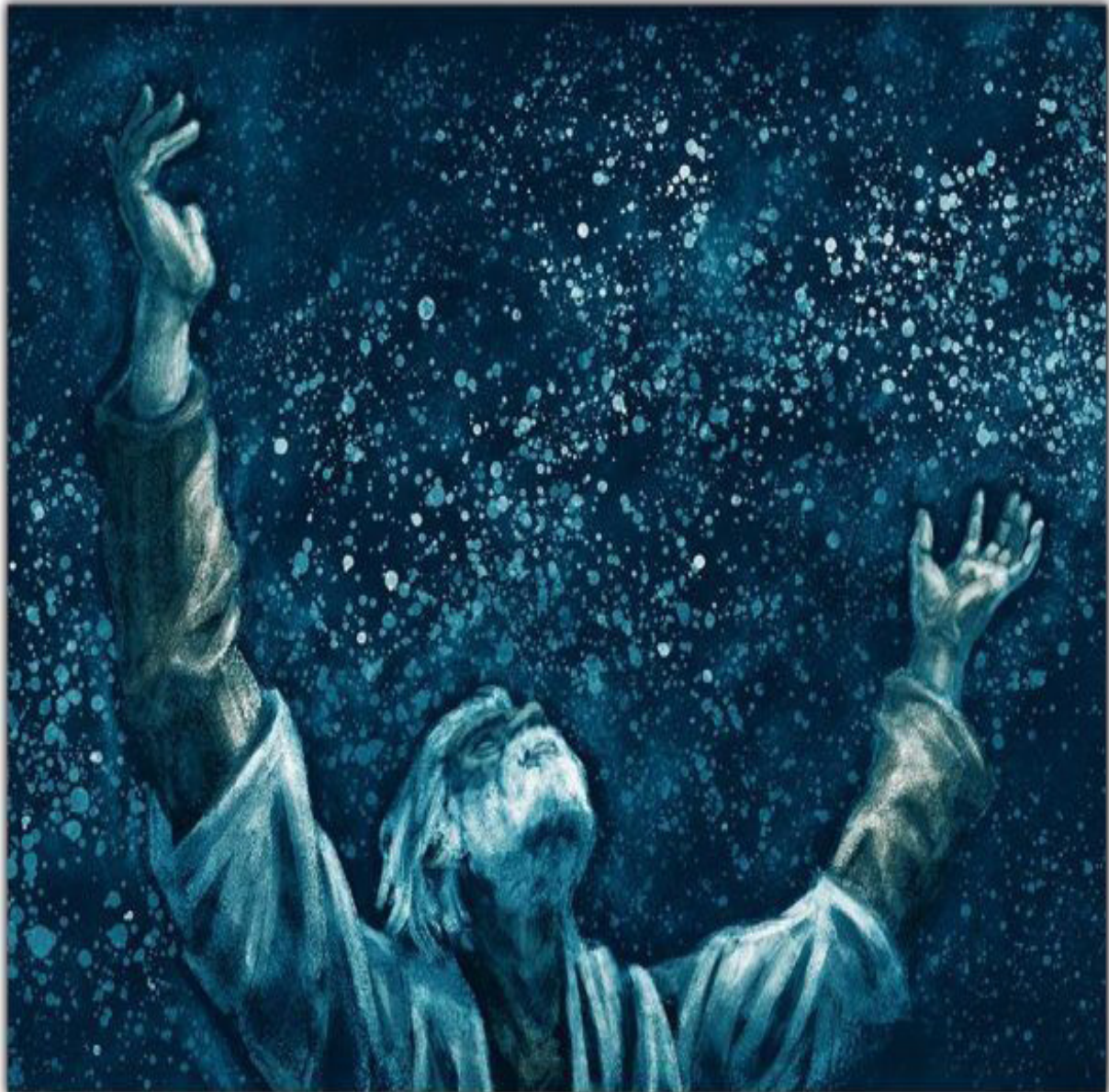


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Abraham and the Stars

Waylon Smith

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter
Kathleen Haller
Lynda Bisher
Ella Kent
Pat Kent

Acolyte

Mobley Ward

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

We are glad you are with us in worship today and we ask that you silence your cell phones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Children are welcome in worship although a nursery is available in the children's hall at the rear of the church. Please ask an usher for guidance. Following the Word for Children those Pre-k and under are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel. Kindergarten and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary to participate in the Communion service.

INTROIT

Christ is Risen
Chancel Choir

Wagner

GATHERING WORDS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

THREE CHIMES

*The Three Chimes Represent
the Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

PRELUDE

He is Exalted
Amy Bishop, Organist

Paris

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bryan Neill

One: God is our refuge and our strength,
our present help in tribulation.
Even when the mountains fall and tumble into the sea,
even when the earth shakes, we have to sing.

ALL: We all have to sing!
Exalt God among all nations!
Praise God!

* Please stand if able.

Each worship service at St. Simons Presbyterian is an opportunity for growth in our relationship with God and others. We value all people and after the service invite you to introduce yourself to those around you and get to know them.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Holy One, help us to be still and know that you are God. Too often, we move at such a hectic pace that we neglect our relationship with you. Our lives become full of distractions that are nothing but shifting sand. Restore and strengthen us, O God, to rebuild our lives on the foundation of your Word.

Silence for Personal Confession

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Assurance of Pardon comes after the confession of sin in the order of worship, but in a sense it precedes and prompts us to be honest in confessing our mistakes and our selfishness. Knowing that we are forgiven by the mercy of God and that God will give us new chances to be faithful and obedient, we can trust God in naming our faults. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.

Following the Word for Children, Preschool-age children are invited to leave for children's chapel.

*** Kindergarten and older are invited to remain in the Sanctuary to participate in the Communion Service***

As people of faith following Jesus, we do not believe that the Bible fell down from heaven or that God dictated every word so that there is no human participation in the writing of the scriptures. Rather, we affirm that the Bible is written by people who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to produce a manifold witness to the holiness and mercy of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. We do not worship the Bible. We trust its words to guide us in understanding our God and in living the faithful life.

FIRST READING

Numbers 1:1-7

pg 202 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 3:23-26; Hebrews 11:8-12

pg 1594;1875 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Genius of Genealogies"

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

People Need the Lord
Chancel Choir

arr: Fetteke

*DOXOLOGY (606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your heart.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 536

SURGE ECCLESIA

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G
Amy Bishop, Organist

Dubois

Prayer List

Birth

Rowen Russell Brooks

Deaths

Kay Stratton

Members

Jann Briscoe

Harlan Hambright

Linda Johnston

Joyce Kitchens

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Marie Richardson

Page Shelton

Jerry Spencer

Karlene Thompson

Sheryl Vaughters

Frieda Warner

Friends and Family

Linda Borrelli

Ellen Fixx

Bill Ford

Frankie

Bill Goeldner

Robert & Cheryl McCartney

Donlad McCullough

Rhett Rhame

Sloan Simpson

Mary Whaley

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lena Cooper

Doris Hewell

Bill Lueckel

Wendy Stephens

Joalice Patterson Welton



If You Are New Here. Whether you are visiting from out-of-town, a seasonal resident, or searching for a church home, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship or fill out the friendship register, located at the end of each pew. We would love to get to know you better!



Child Care. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery is available for children, birth through age five. The nursery is located in the Children's Wing at the rear of the church.



To Aid in Worship. Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



If You Are in Need of Prayer. Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor or staff member before or after worship, or by visiting sspres.org/prayer.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at sspres.org/livestream. A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit sspres.org/sermons or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.



Ways to Give. Offering boxes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. You can also give electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the right or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

First Monday of Every Month.

1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

Joe Wills at willsjoe@gmail.com

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Richard Hathaway at rshssi24@gmail.com

Community & Global Missions

Share God's love with service locally and globally. Missions include Angel Tree Christmas Gifts, Hunger Action Team, and summer mission trips.

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. (Pre K-2nd)

KidZ Crew

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ Ensemble (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Before KidZ Fellowship

Meet in the Music Attic at 4PM.

Use the Veranda Door

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun.

Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Ensemble

Sunday evenings at 5:15 PM 8-12 grade;

6:30PM 6 & 7 Grade..

Meet in the Music Attic -

Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM 6 & 7 grade;

6:30PM 8-12 grade.

Dinner for all grades at 6:00 PM

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A

Transportation to school is available.

Adults

Try Something New Ministry

A group that is all about loving, connecting, serving, learning, and celebrating together.

Nat Scott at Nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM in Various Locations Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be in the Britt Room.

:: On the Road with Saint Augustine

by James K. A. Smith

Upper Room

Nat Scott at nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the Upper Room

Men's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10:00AM in the John Law Room

Women's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Thursday.

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.

Circles meet for Bible Study each month. See *Something for Everyone* for more group activities.

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com or (912) 672-1916

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, births, deaths, or prayer request, contact the church office at 912-638-2220. If you need pastoral care after hours please contact one of our pastors.

Rev. Steve Goyer 904-718-7777

Rev. Jim Jackson 864-680-4318

Rev. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903

This Week | April 7-12

Sunday, April 7

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble/Group** - Various Locations

Monday, April 8

- 12:00 pm **Worship and Music** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, April 9

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **Codependents Anon** - John Law

Wednesday, April 10

- 10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 11

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Buildings and Grounds** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, April 12

No Activities Planned for This Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel Greenery is given to the glory of God by the Greenery Committee.

Christian Celebration: We share in the celebration with Kelsi and Taylor Brooks on the birth of their son, Rowen Russell Brooks, who joined us in this world on Friday, March 29. Welcome to the world, Rowen!

map INTERNATIONAL medicine for the world

MAP BOX PACKING

MAP PROVIDES LIFESAVING MEDICINE TO THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD.

APRIL 16TH | 9AM - 12PM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK

ALL ARE WELCOME!
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/MAP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM
MEETS IN UPPER ROOM
Beginning April 7th

ON THE ROAD WITH SAINT AUGUSTINE
A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts
JAMES K. A. SMITH

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

YOUTH & FRIENDS

ROPES COURSE AND ZIP LINE ADVENTURE

APRIL 14 | EPWORTH

SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

School Year 2024-2025
GRADES 2-12

CAMP MONTGOMERY SUMMER CAMP 2024

8-12 JULY

A SUMMER CAMP THROUGH THE SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY AND CAMP MONTGOMERY, A PC(USA) CONFERENCE CENTER, IN STARKE, FLORIDA!

REGISTRATION: SSPRES.ORG/MONTGOMERY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SCUBA

diving into friendship with god

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO MEMBERS!
Will open to the public on April 1st
JUNE 11-13 | SSPRES.ORG/VBS

Elders

Class of 2024

Lee Dillard
Fred Griffith
Leslie Hartman
Buddy Jones
Mike Kellar
Meg Mimbs
Jerry Spencer

Class of 2025

Chris Bone
Mary Bryson
Mary Gash
Jeff Roberts
Philip Saussy
Anne Marie Stirewalt
Will Tsai

Class of 2026

Sandi Goeldner
Kevin Lokey
Lee Malone
Bryan Neill
Daryl Rabert
Tate Simpson
Carrie Wessel

Deacons

Class of 2024

Lynda Bisher
Tom Haughney
Denise Hidalgo
Michael Johnson
Jan Rossiter
Andrew Turner

Class of 2025

Kelsi Brooks
Anna Henry
Sandy Kilgore
Graham Owens
Joe Wills

Class of 2026

Anne Aspinwall
Judy Benjamin
Jackie Griffin
David Keen
Lowell Korb
Katie Rossiter
Linda Seierstad

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