

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Easter Morning*  
Jen Norton

## Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 | 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

**8:30 Service**

Jan Rossiter

Bonnie Rabert

Daryl Rabert

Lowell Korb

Anna K Mansfield

**10:30 Service**

Jan Rossiter

Gail Dingerson

Doug Tingle

Anne Aspinwall

Mike Aspinwall

Bunnie Lynn

**† Acolyte**

Connor Rossiter

# 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 up to 2nd grade are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel.*

## INTROIT

*Christ is Risen*

Douglas E. Wagner

Chancel Choir

Chancel Ensemble: Trumpets - Anne Marie Stirewalt, Ed Jackson; Clarinet - Judy Foster; French Horn - Mike Morgan; Trombones - Emmeline Griffith, John Simmons; Tuba - Mike Bradberry; Timpani - Harlan Hambright; Chimes - Charlotte Zell

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

## THREE CHIMES

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

## PRELUDE

*Fanfare on Lift High the Cross*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bishop

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Will Tsai

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: This is the day the Lord has made;

**ALL: let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE 232

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN; arr. Johnson

\* Please stand if able.

† 10:30 Service Only

Easter is the central event of our faith, a celebration of our transformation into God's new people. It is not simply the miracle of a dead person raised from a grave, but a celebration of power that can shatter death in order that people can freely serve the God of life. Resurrection shouts "no" to everything in our world that works against God's will, and "yes" to God's victory. - adapted from The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

ONE: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.  
Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell,  
and destroyed sin and death.

**ALL: Keep us victorious over sin.**

ONE: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from

**ALL: Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

ONE: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and  
executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

**ALL: Give us joy in your service.**

ONE: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the  
women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

**ALL: Direct our lives as your new creation.**

*A brief moment of silence*

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive  
and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with  
him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts  
the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people  
toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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 debts as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**Prayer List**

**Members**

Jim Bishop  
Jann Briscoe  
Harlan Hambright  
Jean Hurst  
Linda Johnston  
Joyce Kitchens  
Ellen Knesek Knowlton  
Marie Richardson  
Nat Scott  
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  
Kay Stratton  
Mary Whaley  
**Long-term Care**  
Mary Katherine Arens  
Joann Bobb  
Lena Cooper  
Doris Hewell  
Bill Lueckel  
Wendy Stephens  
Joalice Patterson Welton



\*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATOREX

*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.*

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The 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. Steve Goyer

*All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.  
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for children's chapel.*

ANTHEM

*Crown Him!*  
Chancel Choir and Ensemble

arr. Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 28:1-10**  
*pg 1549 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*"Easter Anastasis"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Chancel Ensemble and Organ

Vaclav Nelhybel

\*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.*

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 240

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah"*  
Chancel Choir and members from the Congregation

G. F. Handel

On Easter Sunday, in addition to the regular offering, we participate in PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Donation can be made using the designated envelopes found in each pew, by scanning the QR code found here or by visiting [pcusa.org/give-ogh](http://pcusa.org/give-ogh)



\* You are invited to come up to the choir loft and sing with us if you feel so moved and have choral experience. Music is provided.



**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](http://sspres.org/prayer).



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



**Ways to Give.** Offering envelopes can be found in the pews of 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-TH from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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# Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Memory of:

Sharon Anderson.....Robert C. Anderson

Paul and Barb Bahlman.....Debi Guida

Sally Baldwin.....Richard and Rich Goeldner

Judy Benjamin.....Nic Benjamin  
Bill Baldwin

Lynda Bisher..... Furman Bisher

Amy, Ami, and MacKenzie Bishop..... Art Bishop  
Lanny and Susan Bishop

The Bliven Family.....Loved Ones

Anne and Joe Camp.....Janie and Jack Marquess

Deanna, Carissa, Andrew, and Vashti Clark.....Judge Glen Edward Clark

Patsy Clark-Mahoney.....Paul Clark

Dee Davis.....Eddy Harrell Davis

The Dohn Family.....Carl W. Dohn, Jr.

Jane Drake.....Bryce Layson

Marianna Elias..... Bill Elias  
Mimi and Sam Franklin  
Stuart Wilson

Wells Ellenberg.....Dr. John Ellenberg  
Gene Anglin

Craig Endicott.....Hugh F. Halverstadt

His Family..... David Stirewalt

Jim Farish..... James and Virginia Farish, Jr.

Don Gammon.....Barbara Gammon

Sandi, Alex, and Tripp Goeldner.....Richard W. Goeldner II

Fred, Melissa, and Emmeline Griffith.....Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Griffith, Jr.



# Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Memory of:

Rhonda and Harlan Hambright.....	Our Parents Ben Gossett
Debbie, Tom, Brad, Jennifer, and Winnie Hutcherson.....	Rudy and Winnie Woodward
The Jansen Family.....	Sharon Jansen
Mike and Nardis Kellar .....	Atlant and Robert Kellar Gloria and Bill Garrison
Sandy Kilgore .....	Wells Kilgore
The Kuehm Family.....	Florence E. Bossard Mary Lou and Fred Kuehm John and Joann Eichner
Susan Langan .....	Edward Augustine Sally Pierce Langan Edman Eugene Sturgeon
William and Charlotte Lueckel .....	Our Parents
Bunnie Lynn.....	Skip
Lisa and Fleming Martin.....	Our Parents and Grandparents Stuart Anne Stuckey
Bonnie Roberts.....	Don Roberts
Cathy and Jan Rossiter.....	Glen and Jean Rossiter Tom and Phyllis Laitta
Freda Thompson Roulhac.....	Edward Lee Thompson George E. Roulhac
Bettye Russell.....	Sister Dorothy Watson
Linda Seierstad.....	Terry Seierstad
Elizabeth Shewell.....	Pat and Scott Shewell
Elyse and Frank Stackhouse.....	Christy Stackhouse Reinhardt and Lois Mollner
Sheryl Vaughters.....	Charles and Margaret Foster
Angie Votsis.....	Evie and Dave Bolten
The Warner Family.....	Deryl Hart Warner
John, Janice, and Toby Williams.....	Alvin, Nell, Gene, and Rae
Joe and Stacy Wills.....	Gail M. Kroeze



# Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Honor of:

Lynda Bisher.....Our Church Family

Jimmy, Sarah Elizabeth, Jimmy III, Will, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Beth, and William..... Mary and Jim Bishop

Anne Brown.....With love for my family: Susan, Jeff, Lauren, and Emily Gray

Rita and Chris Denson..... Lindsey, Drew, Liam, and Graham Holland

Barbara and John Dieterman..... Our Grands:  
Emma, Avery, Brody, Luca and Gianna

Tim and Linda Gilsrud..... Our Grandchildren

Rev. Steve and Anita Goyer.....In Gratitude for St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Rhonda and Harlan Hambright.....Our Supportive Church Family

Nancy Harper..... Hands and Heart Ministry

Hill, Curry, and Spence Hartman..... Jack and Susan Hartman

Portia and Buddy Hendrick.....Our fun loving son: Payne Hendrick

Michael and Julie Johnson.....Our Dedicated PNC



# Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Honor of:

Buddy and Brenda Jones..... Our Children and Grandchildren

Ed McClain and Jim Blanton.....Jeff, Courtney, and Lily Roberts

Frances and Dennie McCrary.....Our Daughter: Catherine McCrary

Lorene L. Reid.....Joyce Ledingham

Marie Richardson.....My sister: Virginia McCollum

Charleston, Draper Evans, and Colson Risi..... Stephen and Deborah Brooks  
Jim and Marsha Risi

Kay Roberson.....My Mother: Sue Roberson

Luke, Katie, and Connor Rossiter.....Cathy and Jan Rossiter  
Melanie and Steve Myer

Cathy Kay Scott and Jon.....Sue Roberson

Jack, Mary Ellis, and John Shiver..... Brenda and Tom Haughney

Mary Margaret and Jeff Shiver.....Jack, Mary Ellis, and John

The Wessel Family.....Frieda Warner

# 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 (Beginning April 7)*

*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*



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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

**YOUTH & FRIENDS**  
**ROPES COURSE AND ZIP LINE ADVENTURE**  
**APRIL 14 | EPWORTH**  
**SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS**

**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](https://SSPRES.ORG/MAP)

**SAFE HARBOR DONATIONS**

- Underwear (all sizes)
- Socks (all sizes)
- Sports bras (all sizes)
- Shoes (all sizes)
- Sweatpants (all sizes)
- White T-shirts (all sizes)

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL [MADELYNNE@SSPRES.ORG](mailto:MADELYNNE@SSPRES.ORG) FOR PICKUP.

School Year 2024-2025  
**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](https://SSPRES.ORG/MONTGOMERY)

## This Week | March 31 - April 5

### Sunday, March 31

- 6:30 am **Easter Sunrise Service** - SSI Pier
- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Easter Potluck Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 12:30 pm **Easter Egg Hunt** - Church Lawn

### Monday, April 1

#### Office Closed

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, April 2

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law
- 8:00 pm **Codependents Anon** - John Law

### Wednesday, April 3

- 10:00 am **Grief Support Group** - Parlor
- 1:00 pm **Hand and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic

### Thursday, April 4

- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law

### Friday, April 5

#### No Events Scheduled for Today

**Chancel Flowers:** If you purchased an Easter Hydrangea, please feel free to take one home with you after the 10:30 AM worship service.

**Special Offering:** Give to One Great Hour of Sharing, and join in God's call to share our bread with the hungry, to aid and shelter people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression. Please make checks to SSPC and mark them "One Great Hour" or by following the QR code in the bulletin under the Offertory.

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  
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