

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jesus Hands
Lori Ehlke

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Bettye Russell

John Harlan

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Peggy Dean

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

Make a Joyful Noise
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. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising
Amy Bishop, Organist

THAXTED, arr. Lasky

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bryan Neill

One: Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.

**ALL: None can compare with you; were we to speak and
tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.**

One: Let us worship our Lord with joyful and humble hearts.

Psalms 40:5

*HYMN OF PRAISE 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

* Please stand if able.

The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves.
-PCUSA Directory for Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. In worship the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, are claimed and set free by him, and are led to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and their material goods.
-The Book of Order

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O Light Eternal, to your wise dawning we lift our darkened face and pray you shine on us gathered here to wait for you. Pierce the earth-born clouds that hide you from us; dark clouds of unbelief; chill clouds of anxiety; heavy clouds of despair. May every heart that watches see the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings. May we know what lies around us: the light in the valley; the rainbow in the storm; the silver lining in the clouds. Finally, we pray for the dimmest awareness of your forgiveness, which points to a love so blinding we cannot look directly at the light that came into the world, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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.

PRAYER LIST

Births

Rowen Russell Brooks

Deaths

Lena Cooper

Leila Griffith

Kay Stratton

Members

Jann Briscoe

Harlan Hambright

Linda Johnston

Joyce Kitchens

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Arthur Owens

Marie Richardson

Howard Seymour

Page Shelton

Jerry Spencer

Karlene Thompson

Frieda Warner

Friends and Family

Linda Borrelli

Ellen Fixx

Bill Ford

Frankie

Bill Goeldner

Mickey Head

Robert & Cheryl McCarthy

Donald McCullough

Jim O'Halloran

Rhett Rhame

Sloan Simpson

John Walker

Mary Whaley

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Doris Hewell

Bill Lueckel

Wendy Stephens

Joalice Patterson Welton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for children's chapel.

FIRST READING

Psalm 40:1-5

pg 878 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Chancel Choir

Medema

SECOND READING

Luke 24:36-49

pg 1644 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Easter Credibility"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Make a Joyful Noise
Amy Bishop, Organist

M. McDonald

*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.*

Doxology, a Greek word meaning “saying of glory,” is a brief hymn of praise that follows another hymn or Psalm – in our case the offertory. Doxologies appear in many Christian traditions and have their origin in the Jewish kaddish, which concludes each portion of the synagogue worship service.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 366

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Darwall's 148th
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Portman



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 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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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

:: Galatians : Accepted & Free 20/30/40's Women

by Jada Edwards

Parlor

Frieda Warner at frieda@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

TRY SOMETHING NEW

OVERNIGHT TRIP

Visit Historic Camden SC and Langford Canal State Park

MAY 29 - JUNE 1
Deadline to Register is April 29

DETAILS & SIGNUP AT
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS



WORSHIP LED BY SSPC YOUTH

YOUTH SUNDAY

April 21 | 8:30 & 10:30 am

Contact Eliza Ours with Questions:
eliza@sspres.org

KidZ & Youth VARIETY SHOW!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

Children and Youth are encouraged to bring your talents into light on stage, screen, or display!

5:30 PM DOORS OPEN FOR ART EXHIBITS
6:00 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
6:30 PM STAGE TALENT & VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

INFO & SIGNUP AT
SSPRES.ORG/VARIETY



DATE CHANGE!



MAP BOX PACKING

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

MAY 21ST | 9AM - 12PM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK
ALL ARE WELCOME!
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/MAP



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SCUBA

giving into friendship with god

Registration now open to everyone!
JUNE 11-13 | SSPRES.ORG/VBS



This Week | April 14- 19

Sunday, April 14

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm **Ropes Course, Dinner & Practice** - Various Locations

Monday, April 15

- 4:00 pm **New Officer Training** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, April 16

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **Codependents Anon** - John Law

Wednesday, April 17

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:00 pm **Hand and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 18

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, April 19

No Activities Scheduled for this Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David E. Stirewalt by his family; Anne Marie, Kurt, Keith, and Kristiaan.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Lena Cooper (Iris Ellis and Whitney McConnell's mother and grandmother) who passed away on Saturday, April 5 and Leila Griffith (Fred Griffith's sister) who passed away on Tuesday, April 9. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Lena and Leila's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

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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