

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Road to Emmaus*  
Daniel Bonnell

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Jerry Hardiman

Angie Votsis

Lynda Bisher

Pattie Boykin

Bunnie Lynn

**Acolyte**

Mary West Turner

# 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

*Cantad al Señor*

Krug

Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*Toccata in Seven*

Rutter

Amy Bishop, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Anne Marie Stirewalt

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

**ALL: Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

One: Let us worship the Lord!

*Psalm 90*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 260**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

As we gather in worship, we  
remember and rejoice that  
God has appointed one day  
in seven to be kept holy, set  
aside as the occasion for the  
people of God to worship  
corporately. God has also  
commended daily worship  
by the people, whether  
gathered in assembly or at  
home. -PCUSA Directory For  
Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O LORD! Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

As we realize how vast the resources and energy of God are in our everyday lives, we find that we don't have to carry the weight of the world's sins on our shoulders, that our moral sweat isn't going to make the critical difference in history, but that the difference has already been made by Christ's blood.  
-Eugene Peterson

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*PNC*  
Brenda Jones

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*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

*Do Not Be Afraid*  
Chancel Choir

Stopford

SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 24:13-25**  
*pg 1642 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*"Recognizing the Risen Christ"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Exultate Deo*  
Chancel Ringers

Fedon

\*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.*

As we offer our gifts, we  
praise God for letting us  
have use of all the resources  
the Lord has provided and  
the opportunity to serve on  
God's behalf. The Doxology  
is an ancient chorus of  
praise with a vision to join  
all the created beings of  
all times and places who  
forever sing praise to God.

## 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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 302

O WALY WALY

*When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Jubilation*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

G. Martin

### Prayer List

#### Death

Nancy Thrun

Lois Vogelmann

#### Hospital

Sandra Hathaway

#### Members

MacKenzie Bishop

Mike Fixx

Nancy Fixx

Harlan Hambright

Catherine McCrary

Evan Nicholson

Deryl Warner

#### Friends and Family

Mary Katherine Arens

Barbara Artinian

Addie Hamm

Ryan Scott

Lisa Sims

Wendy Stephens

Catherine Turner

#### Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford



**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-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.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org)*

### **PAL Mentoring Program**

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

*Richard Hathaway at [thehathaways2@comcast.net](mailto:thehathaways2@comcast.net).*

### **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 Fellowship** (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.  
*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Youth

### **Youth Group**

*Sunday evenings at 6:00PM.*  
Meet on the Veranda.

### **Breakfast Devotion** (Grades 6 to 12)

*Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A*  
Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org)*

## Adults

### **Try Something New Ministry**

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

*Nat Scott at [Nat@sspres.org](mailto:Nat@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

### **TGIF/Crossroads Ministry**

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

*Madelynne Risi at [Madelynne@sspres.org](mailto:Madelynne@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 made available for all.

### **:: What's So Amazing About Grace**

by Philip Yancey

*Led by Rev. Steve and Nat - Upper Room*

### **:: Finding My Way Home**

by Henri J.M. Nouwen

*Rejoice Class- John Law*

### **:: Cross Roads Video Discussion**

*Led by Madelynne Risi - Library*

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gwenmayberry@gmail.com) or 638-8711.*

### **Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle**

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.  
Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

*Nardis Kellar at [nardisk@gmail.com](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254*  
*Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyconnors1@gmail.com)*  
*or (608) 220-8481*

## 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](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*  
*Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto: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. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299*  
*Rev. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903*

**CHURCHWIDE  
VARIETY  
SHOW**


**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH**

5:30 PM - DOORS OPEN FOR ART EXHIBITS  
6 PM - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER  
6:45 PM - STAGE TALENT & VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

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


INFO & SIGNUP AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/VARIETY](http://SSPRES.ORG/VARIETY)



 **MAP BOX PACKING**

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

MAY 9TH | 9AM - 12PM  
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
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**PHILIP  
YANCEY**

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

Led by Nat Scott  
& Rev. Steve Goyer

**SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM  
MEETS IN UPPER ROOM  
April 16 - May 21**

WHAT'S SO  
AMAZING  
ABOUT  
GRACE?

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

**VBS**

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**JUNE 13-15**

Registration Now Open to All

 VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/VBS](http://SSPRES.ORG/VBS)  
TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER

Savannah Presbytery's  
**SCHOOL OF THE LAITY**

June 23-25 at Epworth or Online

*This June session is the beginning  
of a NEW COHORT (Class of 2025)*

CLASSES WILL KICKOFF WITH  
**INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**  
led by Dr. Bob Bryant

**DEADLINE IS MAY 25**

INFO & REGISTRATION AT [SSPRES.ORG/LAITY](http://SSPRES.ORG/LAITY)



## This Week | April 23 - April 28

### Sunday, April 23

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm **Youth Gathering** - Hendrick's House
- 5:00 pm **Kidz Fellowship** - Veranda

### Monday, April 24

- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, April 25

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

### Wednesday, April 26

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 4:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Variety Show** - Social Hall
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 27

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

### Friday, April 28

#### No Activities Scheduled for Today

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given today in loving memory of Furman Bisher by Lynda Bisher.

**Pastor Vacation:** Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin will be away on vacation Sunday, April 30 through May 1.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Nancy Thrun (Sandi Goeldner's mother) and Lois Vogelmann who both passed away on Monday, April 17. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Nancy and Lois's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

To Ponder Prayerfully

## Joy of Life

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HIS IS THE TRUE JOY OF LIFE, THE BEING USED FOR A PURPOSE  
RECOGNIZED BY YOURSELF AS A MIGHTY ONE; THE BEING A FORCE OF NATURE INSTEAD OF A  
FEVERISH SELFISH CLOUD OF AILMENTS AND GRIEVANCES COMPLAINING THAT THE WORLD WILL  
NOT DEVOTE ITSELF TO MAKING YOU HAPPY. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT MY LIFE BELONGS  
TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND AS LONG AS I LIVE, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO DO FOR IT  
WHATEVER I CAN. I WANT TO BE THOROUGHLY USED UP WHEN I DIE, FOR THE HARDER I WORK  
THE MORE I LIVE. I REJOICE IN LIFE FOR ITS OWN SAKE. LIFE IS NO “BRIEF CANDLE” TO ME. IT  
IS A SORT OF SPLENDID TORCH WHICH I HAVE GOT HOLD OF FOR THE MOMENT AND I WANT TO  
MAKE IT BURN AS BRIGHTLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE HANDING IT ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.”

-GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

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