

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Vine and the Branches
Irene Thomas

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Gail Dingerson

Mark Gordon

Lucinda Gordon

Acolyte

Ali Shewell

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

God is With Us

arr. McBeth

Chancel Choir & Chancel Ringers

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

Allegro

18th Century - Anonymous

Amy Bishop, Organist

"In worship the faithful
offer themselves to
God and are equipped
for God's service in the
world."

The Book of Order of the
Presbyterian Church
(USA)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bryan Neill

One: Open for us the gates of the righteous;

ALL: We will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

One: Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving.

Psalm 118:19

*HYMN OF PRAISE 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

* Please stand if able.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Beau William Cherry
Son of Christa and John Cherry

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God, forgive us for turning your word for “all nations” into your word just for “us.” Open our eyes to see ourselves as you see us, often lost and self-centered, and yet loved and forgiven. Then, form our hearts into a single will. Mold us to love what you command and desire what you provide, that amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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)

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.

In our prayers we praise our God as the Creator of all that is, and we offer thanksgivings for the blessings of life that sustain us in the journey. And sometimes we confess that we have disappointed God and ourselves by living the selfish life. Confession is difficult, but it is good for the soul. It is an act of honesty that deepens our awareness of our brokenness, and it creates space for God to renew us and transform us.

PRAYER LIST

Baptism

Beau William Cherry

Birth

Bryson Christopher Macaulay

Marriage

Mary Lou Hoffacker &

Caleb Wilson

Members

Judy Booker

Jann Briscoe

Ellen Fixx

Harlan Hambright

Lynda Kennedy

Joyce Kitchens

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Mary Lewis

Leslie McCracken

Arthur Owens

Howard Seymour

Page Shelton

Jerry Spencer

Frieda Warner

Friends and Family

Linda Borrelli

Bill Goeldner

Mickey Head

Robert & Cheryl McCarthy

Donald McCullough

Evan Nicholson

Phil Purdy

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 in the Childrens' Hall behind the Social Hall..

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:19-25

pg 956 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

To Love Our God

Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

SECOND READING

John 15:1-8

pg 1676 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Fruitful Life"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Recollection

Timothy Waugh

Chancel Ringers, Suzanne Morrison, Director

In Memory of Timothy Waugh, composer and clinician for handbells

*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.*

After we receive our offerings, we take a moment to dedicate them to God's work in our community and in the world. This ritual of setting apart concludes the offering by reminding us that we give not just to an organization but to a faith community called to make God's love visible.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 727

THE SERVANT SONG

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"

arr. Portman

Amy Bishop, Organist



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

:: The Amen Effect

by Sharon Brous

John Law - Rejoice Class

:: 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

**KidZ Crew
Pizza Party!**
May 1st :: 4-6PM

Celebrating the end of the season with...
BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES, PIZZA, & MORE!

SIGN UP AT
sspres.org/kidzparty



TSN GUIDED TOUR

ashantilly center
followed by lunch at canopy

Tuesday, May 7th
9:15AM Meetup at Church | \$20/pp
carpooling available in church van

SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS



***GRADUATE SUNDAY**

On May 12, we will be recognizing our graduates **both high school & college.**

Please take a moment to give us some information about this great accomplishment!

PLEASE PROVIDE INFO ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG/GRADUATE



SSPC MISSIONS & OUTREACH

TOUR & INFO SESSION AT VETERANS VILLAGE

May 20 | 9 AM

A transitional community to help homeless veterans "get back on their feet" again!

be sure to signup at
sspres.org/outreach



TRY SOMETHING NEW

OVERNIGHT TRIP
Visit Historic Camden SC and Langsford Canal State Park

MAY 29 - JUNE 1
Deadline to Register is April 29

DETAILS & SIGNUP AT
[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



This Week | April 28- May 3

Sunday, April 28

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

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:00 pm **Hand and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew Year End Party** - Veranda
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

No Activities Scheduled for this Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in honor of Leslie McCracken from her church family.

Christian Celebrations: We celebrate the holy matrimony of Mary Lou Hoffacker and Caleb Wilson, who were married on Saturday, April 27. Mary Lou is the granddaughter of Dennie and Francis McCrary. We also celebrate with Elizabeth Macaulay (granddaughter of Molly & Bob Macaulay) on the birth of Bryson Christopher Macaulay, born Wednesday, April 24.

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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St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA)