

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Baptism of Jesus*  
Valente, Liz

Baptism of the Lord  
January 8, 2023 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## Ushers

Anna Henry

Doug Tingle

Gail Dingerson

Judy Benjamin

## Acolyte

Mary Ellis Shiver

*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

*Come, Christians, Praise the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

## THREE CHIMES

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

## PRELUDE

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. W. Held

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Teresa Hodgdon

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,

**ALL: ascribe to the Lord, glory and strength.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**ALL: Let us worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE 327

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*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

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.

\* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

Every journey begins with a time of figuring out what to take along and what to leave behind. Similarly, the confession of sin is an opportunity to reflect on those things we're carrying around with us (anxiety, guilt, shame) that, with God's grace, we can safely leave behind.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

- David Gambrell, 2009

**I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord, maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore; and in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one, by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin. Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath. He was crucified and buried, and descended into death. From the grave he did arise; he ascended through the skies; now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living. I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place; saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace; flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end. Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.**

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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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Pastoral Nominating Committee*  
Jeff Shiver

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Presbyterian Women's Annual Gathering*  
Ginny Connors

# 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, 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\*\**

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 3:13-17**

*pg 1499 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We pray the Prayer for  
Illumination before  
reading scripture because  
we recognize that, without  
the work of the Spirit,  
it's impossible for us to  
truly hear the good  
news, especially when  
that good news includes a  
challenging word within it.

## SERMON

*Sermon Series: The Meaning of Life*  
Part 1 "The Quest"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*In Your Name*  
Chancel Choir

Lantz

## \*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 410

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*God is Calling through the Whisper*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

J. Stanley



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



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](https://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](https://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).

**venmo**



The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope, because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.

#### Prayer List

##### Sympathy

Stephen Upton

##### Home

Joe Camp

Dee Davis

Steve Hakala

Harlan Hambright

Jean Hurst

Linda Johnston

Pat Klein

Mary Lewis

Dale Moffett

Wendy Stephens

Jean Sucher

##### Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Howell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

##### Hospice

Lanier Miles

Nancy Thrun

# 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** (resumes January 25)

*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.

### **:: Singing Our Faith** (Begins 1/08 )

*Led by Nat Scott - Upper Room*

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

### **Men's Bible Study**

*Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*  
Men's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Wednesday.  
Visitors are always welcome. (Resumes Sept 7th)

*John Matthews at [jhmatthews7@comcast.net](mailto:jhmatthews7@comcast.net).*

### **Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group**

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*  
*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*

Presbyterian Women's  
Annual Gathering



**HEART & hands**

**JANUARY 28TH | ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN**  
All women of Savannah Presbytery are invited to attend. We rejoice that we will be able to come together as sisters in Christ for this special occasion.

INFO & REGISTRATION AT  
SSPRES.ORG/WOMENS-MINISTRY



**BINGO** ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18  
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / TACO BAR

>> PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP BY JANUARY 15  
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR AGES 3 AND UNDER

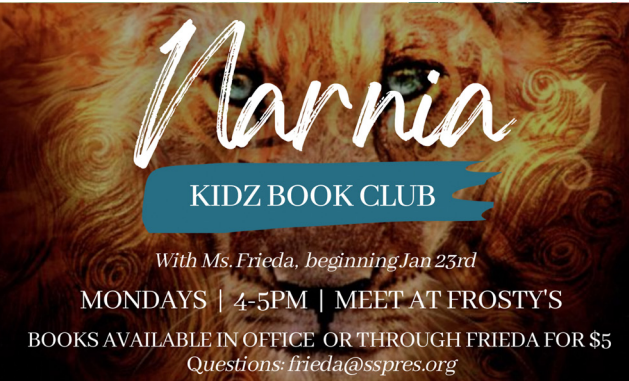
**SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/BINGO**



**PAJAMA PARTY**  
JANUARY 20TH | 6-9PM

2ND GRADE & UNDER | NURSERY PROVIDED  
Join us for dances, crafts, games, & PANCAKES!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.  
SSPRES.ORG/CHILDREN

**Narnia**  
KIDZ BOOK CLUB

With Ms. Frieda, beginning Jan 23rd  
MONDAYS | 4-5PM | MEET AT FROSTY'S  
BOOKS AVAILABLE IN OFFICE OR THROUGH FRIEDA FOR \$5  
Questions: [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org)



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS  
**SINGING  
OUR FAITH**

The history, poetry, promise,  
and power of classic hymns  
**Led by Nat Scott**  
BEGINNING JAN 8TH | UPPER RM  
SSPRES.ORG/SUNDAYSCHOOL



## This Week | January 8 - 13

### Sunday, January 8

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

### Monday, January 9

- 4:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, January 10

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

### Wednesday, January 11

- 9:00 am **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 11:30 am **Men's Bible Study** - Fiddler's
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 12

- 11:30 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Fiddler's
- 4:30 pm **PNC Meeting** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law

### Friday, January 13

**No Activities Planned for This Day**

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel Greenery is given to the glory of God by the greenery committee.

**2023 Chancel Flowers Signup:** It's time to signup for 2023 Chancel Flowers! We will return to using our flower signup chart this year, which can be located in the back hallway, between the social hall and the sanctuary.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from The Call to Worship.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Beyond the Shore

“WE DO NOT LEAVE THE SHORE OF THE KNOWN IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE AND SUSPENSE OR BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF REASON TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS. WE SAIL BECAUSE OUR MIND IS LIKE A FANTASTIC SEA SHELL AND WHEN APPLYING OUR EAR TO IT’S LIPS WE HEAR A PERPETUAL MURMUR FROM THE WAVES BEYOND THE SHORE.”

- RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

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