

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Solitude

Elly Roberts

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Brady Head

Bain Head

Buddy Hendrick

Chris Bone

Acolyte

Millie 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 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

He Has Done Marvelous Things
Chancel Choir

Traditional Gospel

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

I am the Bread of Life I am the Bread of Life
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. R. Schmoltze

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Philip Saussy

One: God gathers us together in this place.

ALL: Let us sing praise to the Lord.

One: God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up our wounds.

ALL: Let us sing praise to the Lord.

One: God lifts the downtrodden
and casts out wickedness.

ALL: Let us sing praise to the Lord.

One: God lifts the downtrodden
and casts out wickedness.

ALL: Let us sing praise to the Lord.

One: We sing to God with thanksgiving.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 729

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

* Please stand if able.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

We come to you, Lord, lonely for your presence, lonely for others, lonely for our true selves. Forgive us for turning to the idolatries that promise to fill our souls yet only leave us more broken and lonely. Forgive us for our insatiable thirst for more mammon, our clamor for more praise, our assurance that you are ours to hold and control, our grasping for more political and religious power, and our assuming the end justifies the means. Remind us, Lord, this is nothing new; it is only now more deadly. Confront us as we continue our scorched earth policy of demonizing our opponents. Forgive us for believing we are at war against the “devil” on the outside instead of the real “Devil” inside ourselves. Then, turn us back to You and the authentic power of forgiveness, reconciliation, and faithful community through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 582

H.W. GREATORIX

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)

Psalms 147:1-11

Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

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***

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

pg 1120 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mark 1:29-39

pg 1553 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

"Jesus' Mission, Our Mission"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Ain't Got Time to Die (Ain-a that Good)

Spirituals/arr. Philip Kern

Chancel Choir

*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 700

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon
Amy Bishop, Organist

A. Crouch

Prayer List

Births

James Cole Budd

Deaths

Marshall Dunlap

Grabel Parker

Elizabeth West

Members

Eric Andrae

Dee Davis

Harlan Hambright

Joyce Kitchens

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Rodger Schoneker

Lisa Sims

Jerry Spencer

Karlene Thompson

Friends and Family

Tom Barksdale

Ellen Fixx

Susie Ledingham

Sandra Power

Phil Purdy

Rhett Rhame

Wendy Stephens

Mary Whaley

Julie Williams

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Doris Hewell

Bill Lueckel



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 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).

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LUNCHEON
Love One-Another
 HONORING OUR SNOWBIRDS
 AND NEW MEMBERS OF 2023
SUN, FEB 11 | 11:45AM | SOCIAL HALL
 RSVP BY FEB 6
 Catered by Doug Harris | ALL ARE WELCOME!
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

DRIVE-THRU ASHES
 8 am - 1PM | Front Drive

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
 5 pm | Social Hall

WED NIGHT SUPPER
 6 pm | Social Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE
 6:45 pm | Sanctuary

info & supper signup at sspres.org/lent

Living Well Through Lent

LOVING GOD, OURSELVES & OTHERS
A Lenten Sunday School Series for all ages on learning how to make the most of our time here on Earth.

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18
 9:30AM | Social Hall

Details at sspres.org/events

rending & ready

Lenten Devotional
 2024

SIGN UP FOR DAILY DEVOTIONALS AT [SSPRES.ORG/LENT](https://sspres.org/lent)

*Written By
 Rev. Kate Buckley*

THE ISLAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION
2024 FEBRUARY FESTIVAL

A FREE CONCERT EVERY TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY
 SSPC Sanctuary | 7PM

LEARN ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT islandconcertassociation.org/membership.html

This Week | February 4 - 9

Sunday, February 4

- 8:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Location
- 10:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 5:15 pm **Senior High (8-12) Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Mid-High (6/7) Youth Group** - Britt Room
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group Dinner** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **Senior High (8-12) Youth Group** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **Mid-High (6/7) Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic

Monday, February 5

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Care Committee** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 6

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law
- 4:30 pm **Mission Committee** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 7

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor
- 10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:00 pm **Hands and Hearts Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 8

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care Committee** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Buildings and Grounds** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, February 9

No Activities Planned for This Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel Greenery is given to the glory of God by the Greenery Committee.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with Brooke and Roger Budd on the birth of their son, James Cole Budd, who joined us in this world on Friday, January 26. Welcome to the world James!

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Marshall Dunlap (Molly Macaulay's brother) who passed away on Monday, January 29. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Marshall's family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

OFFICER NOMINEES

Pattie Boykin *Deacons*



I have always been a life long Presbyterian as were my family. I have had a home here for thirty seven years and permanently moved here six years ago. In Atlanta I went to First Presbyterian Church and Trinity where I was the first Nursery School teacher at Trinity School. I went to Bible Study Fellowship for seven years and have been a Stephen Minister for at least twenty five. At First Presbyterian I sang in the choir for sixteen years, we sang at Cathedrals in Europe and my most rewarding experience was being in the first Christian celebration to sing at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Prague after communism. At SSPC I am currently a member of the Note and Muffin Ministry, and is a usher. I feel that I have had wonderful opportunities to be of service where needed and look forward to enriching my Christian fellowship through the ministries within the church.

Taylor Brooks *Elder*



Taylor lives on St.Simons with his beautiful bride Kelsi, 2 baby girls and a baby boy on the way! They have been members of SSPres since 2019, so needless to say, the church has been an integral part of their lives as a growing family. The love and support they have received since moving back to the area has been an inspiration in choosing to serve both as an Elder and a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Growing up in a large family with a father working as a pastor in west coast Canada, Taylor has learned to appreciate the essential role ministry plays in the daily lives of humanity. As he has served various roles in different ministries through the years he has grown a deep seated conviction that we are all on the journey of being life long learners in this life. Taylor serves the community as a residential remodeling contractor and finds so much joy in meeting and serving the wider community through his projects. Taylor and his family see the SSPres family as an extension of their own, and look forward to continuing the journey of LIFE together.

Randy Ellis *Deacons*



My wife, Iris, and I have been members of SSPC for three years and we think this is the friendliest church we have ever attended. I was an educator for 33 years and am very happily retired. I currently serve as a member of the Usher Team.

Fred Griffith *Elders*



Fred Griffith is a former Deacon and member of Session, after joining SSPC in 2013. A cradle Episcopalian, Fred realized as a Griffith, he is more Scot-Irish and thus was closer to being a Presbyterian. As he proceeded on his spiritual journey he found there was a strong meaning to his connection with SSPC. Fred is married to Melissa (Drawdy), a teacher in the Head Start program who many of you see on Sunday mornings working in the nursery alongside their 16 year old daughter Emmeline who helps with the pre-kindergartner program. In fact it was Emmeline at the ripe age of five and attending St Simons Pres Pre-school, that she looked at her Mom and Dad and asked, "Why do we not go to church," to which they looked at one another and decided to start searching. Emmeline is a sophomore at Glynn Academy and has also been seen performing with the choir on trombone or as a reader alongside her father at Christmas time. Fred is a member of the choir, a member of the "Try Something New" Committee and has helped with planning events for older adults. He is excited about becoming a member of Session again and the endless possibilities ahead for the growth and outreach of SSPC.



Bob Harper *Trustees*

Bob has been member of SSPC for 11 years. During that time he has served on the Session, ushered, and is currently the church Treasurer, and an honorary member of Hands and Heart Ministry to support his wife Nancy and her group of quilters in any way he can.



Jack Hartman *Trustees*

Jack graduated from Glynn Academy(1960), University of Georgia (1964), and Georgia State (1969). He has served at Trust Company of Georgia in Atlanta for 25 years and Sun Trust Banks of Southeast Georgia for 17 years as President and CEO. At SSPC, Jack has served as an Elder and Trustee and as chairman of the Capital Campaign for the most recent renovation of our church. Jack is married to Susan Ward Hartman (58 years) and has three children: Ben Hartman, Kate Barr, Elizabeth Wood and 7 Grandchildren.



Portia Hendrick *Deacons*

Portia Hendrick joined SSPC at the end of 2020. She is married to Buddy and they have one son, Payne Hendrick age 33. She has served as an ordained Stephen Minister and leader. At SSPC Portia is active in Muffin Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Meal Ministry Congregational Care Call Ministry, Lunch Bunch Circle, Congregational Care Notes ministry and the Hunger Action Team Ministry.



Drew Holland *Deacons*

Drew Holland works as a Vice President of Commercial Lending with Southeastern Bank. He enjoys giving back to the community, currently serving as the President of the St Simons Island Rotary Scholarship Fund, a Rotarian in the St Simons Island Rotary Club, and a Board Member of the Coastal Symphony of Georgia. Drew is married to Lindsey Holland, who serves as the Senior Human Resources Director for MAP International. He substantially outkicked his coverage and would appreciate it if everyone would avoid telling Lindsey that she could do better. They live on St. Simons Island, GA with their two amazing 11 year old sons, Graham and Liam, and a corgi puppy named Emmy.



Becky D. Livingston *Elders*

Becky D. Livingston joined SSPC in January of 2022, has enjoyed membership in the Rejoice Sunday School Class and has recently served on the 2023 Stewardship Committee. Becky has recently re-purposed after a 39-year career in Senior Healthcare Law and taken a position as a Relationship Manager | Generosity Ambassador with the National Christian Foundation, an organization committed to mobilizing resources by inspiring Biblical generosity and committed to the vision of every person being reached and restored through the love of Christ.



Bunnie Lynn *Deacons*

Bunnie Lynn moved to Saint Simons in 1999. She started attending Saint Simons Presbyterian, where her mother was a long-time member. Bob Brearley drew her in, and she joined in 2013. Bunnie has been a Deacon and served as an Usher Team Leader during her term as Deacon. She is also active on the Membership Committee and continues to serve as an Usher regularly. Bunnie is the sister-in-law to new members Mark and Ann Lochstampfor.



Molly Macauley *Elders*

Molly Macauley is married to Bob Macauley and she joined St. Simons Presbyterian in 2002. During her time here, Molly has been a PW Life Member, has served as Head of Deacons, and chairs and founded the Congregational Care Ministry. She is also active on the Pastor Nominating Committee, Sonshine for the Soul, and the Greenery Committee and is an Usher.



Betty Russell *Elders*

I grew up and was baptized Episcopalian in New Jersey. My aunt was a Catholic nun and became the Regent for the State of New York. I was the second of 5 children, all of whom sang in choir, without our parents taking us to church. As an adult I put myself thru college for 7 years and earned a degree in Interior Design. My career in corporate design lasted about 38 years. After living in Atlanta, I joined Central Presbyterian Church where I was a member for 15 years, usher; twice an Elder; chair of Global Mission; chair of Ministry & Arts; confirmand sponsor; convener for youth Sunday School; member of CHNDC (Capitol Hill Neighborhood Committee) Since moving to St. Simons in 2014, I joined SSPC and became an usher and now team 3 captain. I have attended the Rejoice Sunday School class the past 3 years. I Have also been a volunteer at the Sparrows Nest for the past 9 years.



Judy Scarlett *Deacons*

Judy Scarlett grew up in Tucker, GA, moved to St. Simons Island in 1991 and joined St. Simons Presbyterian shortly thereafter. She has previously served as a Deacon and Elder of SSPC, and currently serves on the Congregational Care Committee. She works for Al Brown Company. Judy is married to Stephen Scarlett and they have two grown children, Stephen, Jr. and Mary.



Mary Margaret Shiver *Elders*

Mary Margaret has been a member of Saint Simons Presbyterian Church since 2017. She has served on the Stewardship Committee and Congregational Care Ministries. She also enjoys volunteering at Manna House and Hand in Hand of Glynn. She and her husband Jeff have three children; Jack, Mary Ellis and John. Before having children, Mary Margaret taught school for 10 years. She now enjoys volunteering in the community and at her children's school.

Doug Tingle` Elder

Doug is married to his high school sweetheart, Emelie for 52 years.

They have three sons Clay and wife Veronica in Roanoke, Virginia, Doug, Jr., and wife Rachel in Griffin, Georgia, and Christopher and wife Jackie in Nashville, Tennessee. Doug and Emelie have two granddaughters: Emma and Olivia in Roanoke, Virginia. and one grandson: Andrew in Griffin, Georgia. Doug was born in Cedartown, Georgia to J.W. and Dorothy (Barnes) Tingle both originally from Jackson, GA, and privileged to have the most caring, giving parents that taught him from an early age to “bloom where you’re planted” Doug grew up in First Presbyterian- Griffin, Georgia and was ordained as Elder and Chairman of two facility building growth programs. At Saint Simons Presbyterian Doug participates in : Manna House Team; Day of Service Teams; Food preparation team for Salvation Army; Men’s Bible Study; Usher/Greeter Team. He Appreciates the warmth of the SSI Presbyterian people reaching out to us when we moved to Saint Simons. Emelie and I wish to continue that legacy. Doug is active on the Board of Directors: Morning Star- Children and Family Services. Brunswick, Georgia. He graduated from Georgia Tech and Woodrow Wilson College of Law and is a member of the State Bar of Georgia. Currently, Doug serves as Senior Executive- global manufacturing and distribution of home and commercial textiles.



Kathy Wade Deacons

My name is Kathy Wade and I have been married to my husband Robb since 1979 and our anniversary is the same as the churches, September 29th. We have two adult sons, Cary and Chris (Jacqueline). We also have three precious grandsons, Ryan, Charlie, and Leo. I am a retired educator and have taught many of the children who have attended our church throughout the years. I have been a member of Saint Simons Presbyterian Church since 1984 and have served as a Sunday School teacher, BS and Manna House volunteer, and currently as an usher. I enjoy dancing, pickle ball, yoga, and reading. I am looking forward to serving the church as a Deacon in the future.



Order of Business

Election of Officers: Class of 2027

Financial Update

Reviewing the pastor’s Terms of Call

OFFICER NOMINEES

DEACONS

Pattie Boykin
Randy Ellis
Portia Hendricks
Drew Holland
Bunnie Lynn
Judy Scarlett
Kathy Wade

ELDERS

Taylor Brooks
Fred Griffith
Becky Livingston
Molly Macauley
Bettye Russell
Mary Margaret Shiver
Doug Tingle`

TRUSTEE

Bob Harper
Jack Hartman
Tadd Wessel

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Judy Benjamin
Mary Bryson
Keith Griffin

Lindsay Holland
Lee Malone
Matt Robinson

PASTORS TERMS OF CALL

REV. DR. STEVE GOYER

INTERIM PASTOR

2024

Annual Cash Salary	\$16,200
Social Security	\$5,685
Housing	\$59,000
Pension & Medical Insurance	\$14,700
Optional Deferred Income	\$45,500
Travel Expenses	\$3,360
Continuing Education	\$480
Medical FSA	\$1,800

TOTAL	\$146,725
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REV. LAURIE BENTLEY

PARISH ASSOCIATE

Housing Allowance	\$29,840
Medical FSA	\$2,400

TOTAL	\$32,240
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Elders

Class of 2024

Lee Dillard
Leslie Hartman
Buddy Jones
Mike Kellar
John Matthews
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
Nancy Fixx
Tom Haughney
Denise Hidalgo
Michael Johnson
Jan Rossiter
Andrew Turner

Class of 2025

Ami Bishop
Kelsi Brooks
Anna Henry
Sandy Kilgore
John LaBoone
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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