

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Let Your Light Shine

Deborah Nell

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter
Bunnie Lynn
Bain Head
Brady Head
Kate Head

Acolyte

Mobley Ward

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 Traditional/Rose Augustine
Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Somebody's Knockin' at My Door
Chancel Ringers, Director, Suzanne Morrison

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Anne Aspinwall

One: Cry out with joy all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!

**ALL: For the Lord is a gracious God whose mercy is everlasting.
And whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 100:1,2,5

***HYMN OF PRAISE 525**

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let Us Break Bread Together

* Please stand if able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

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)

Give us, O my Lord, the purity of conscience which alone can receive your inspirations. Our ears are dull, so that we cannot hear your voice. Our eyes are dim, so that we cannot see the signs of your presence. You alone can quicken our hearing and purge our sight. Forgive us, cleanse and renew our heart, and ignite in us the love and passion to be your light in the world.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*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.

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 5:13-16

pg 1501 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 to hear the good
news, especially when
that good news includes a
challenging word within it.

SERMON

"Two Cheers for Enthusiasm"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Chancel Choir

Medema

*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

Hymn to Joy

arr. Travis

Amy Bishop, Organist

Prayer List

Births

Connor Theodore Bokee Corwin

Deaths

Rev. Proctor Chambliss

Maxine Kindle

Dr. Vernon Merchant

Home

Tom Baltzell

Jann Briscoe

Dee Davis

Brenda Dohn

Mike Fixx

Nancy Fixx

Harlan Hambright

Jean Hurst

Linda Johnston

Mike Kellar

Mary Lewis

Lauren Meng

Dale Moffett

Wendy Stevens

Jean Sucher

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

Hospice

Nancy Thrun

Mary Avrams



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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This Week | February 5 - 11

Sunday, February 5

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, February 6

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 4:00 pm **Narnia Book Club** - Frosty's
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 7

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 8

- 9:00 am **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 4:30 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 9

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law

Friday, February 10

No Activities Planned for This Day

Saturday, February 11

- 6:00 pm **Fire Pit Night** - Back Lot

THE ISLAND
CONCERT
ASSOCIATION
BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS
2023 SEASON
ANNA BOGOLUBOVA
PIANO
Tuesday, February 7th
SSPC Sanctuary | 7PM
ISLANDCONCERTASSOCIATION.ORG



SSPC FAMILY & FRIENDS
Firepit Night
Saturday
February
11
FIRE PITS IN BACK PARKING
LOT BEGINNING AT 6PM
Fun Games
Music
Fellowship
Food!
The Church will Provide the
Hotdogs & S'Mores.
PLEASE BRING A
SIDE DISH FOR
EVERYONE TO
ENJOY!
Signup at
sspres.org/firepit




**LENT
EVENT**
CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
5 pm | Youth Suite
WED NIGHT SUPPER
6 pm | Social Hall
WORSHIP SERVICE
6:45 pm | Sanctuary
info & dinner signup at sspres.org/len



SAINT
SIMONS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
DRIVE THRU ASHES
Ash Wednesday | Feb 22 | 8-1 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!
IMPOSITION OF ASHES ON THE FRONT
DRIVEWAY OF THE CHURCH | 205 KINGS WAY, SSI



SAVANNAH
GHOST PIRATES
HOCKEY TRY SOMETHING NEW MATCH
FEB 26TH | MATCH AT 3PM | \$22
We will depart after late worship. Limited to 10 ppl.
SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/TSN](https://sspres.org/tsn)



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

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of **Maxine Kindle** (Devera Grashius mother), who passed away on Monday, January 26 and **Dr. Vernon E Merchant** (Cindy Landis's father), who passed away on Monday, January 30, and **Rev. Proctor Chambliss**, who passed away on Wednesday, February 1. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Maxine, Vernon, and Proctor's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

Thank you from the Family of Robert Lanier Miles: Thank you for the outpouring of love from our dear church family during Lanier's illness and his passing. The reception after his service was so beautiful. Your comforting words and actions of love continues to sustain us. Thanks be to God.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from The Book of Common Worship.

OFFICER NOMINEES



Anne Aspinwall *Deacons*

I was raised in Asheville, NC, and moved to St. Simons in 1995 from Ardmore, Pennsylvania. Mike and I joined SSPC in 2000. Two of our grandchildren were baptized here as well. Serving in leadership positions has strengthened my faith and blessed my life in many ways. I look forward to serving our congregation as a Deacon during this time of transition.



Judy Benjamin *Deacons*

I was born and raised in Brunswick, Ga. My husband was from NY, so we raised our three children in Westchester County, NY for over 30 years and my husband commuted daily to Manhattan where he worked for Morgan Stanley. We attended the Peekskill Presbyterian Church where we both served as Elders and were very involved as a family. After my husband's untimely death in 1994, I became a snowbird on St. Simons Island and split my time between NY and the island. In 2013, I moved here full time and joined this wonderful church, which I had been visiting for several years. Since my children all live out of this area, this church has provided me with a family.



Lynda Bisher *Deacons*

My late husband, Furman, and I bought our home on the island in 2001. Being staunch Atlanta Presbyterians, we attended services at SSPC every time we visited the Island. I moved here permanently 11 years ago and immediately became a member. I love this church. Being part of a loving, supportive and active church community is important to me. I hope, as a Deacon, I can reach out to even more people to share my faith in a good and gracious God.



Sandi Goeldner *Elders*

I was born and raised in Miami, FL, and moved to SSI from Tampa, FL. I am related to the Baldwin/Johnson/Mimbs family (Sally, Michael, Julie, Tyler & Meg) and Nancy Thrun. I joined the church in 2007. I look forward to working with others in our church and community while sharing the love of Christ.



Jackie Griffin *Deacons*

I am Jackie and I am a retired school teacher. My husband Keith and I, joined SSPC in 2017. I grew up in the small town of Ayden, NC and came to SSI from Summerville, SC. As a Church Officer, I look forward to continuing to serve as Chair of the Food Ministry Team and as a member of the Freezer Ministry, Flower Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Muffin Ministry, Note Ministry, and other needs that will arise.



Michael Johnson *Deacons*

I was born in Toronto, Canada but grew up in Atlantic Beach Florida. Julie, Catie, Meg and I moved to St. Simons Island in 1995. We joined SSPC in 1998 and since that time as a family have been involved with many of the ministries and activities of the church. Julie has served on the Diaconate and Session, chaperoned many mission trips. Catie and Meg were raised in the church attending the Children's Program and Youth Group and going on too many mission trips to count. They were both married at SSPC which is a blessing that we will always cherish. I personally have served two terms on Session and this will be my second term on the Diaconate and look forward to continuing working on behalf of our congregation and being the arms and legs of Jesus as SSPC minister to our local community and beyond.



David Keen *Deacons*

I was raised primarily in Brunswick and graduated Brunswick High School in 1971. Afterwards I went off to military and college where I graduated from Southern Technical Institute in Marietta. I settled in the Atlanta metro area and worked in engineering and construction for about thirty-three years in the Atlanta area, then spent the last ten years of my career as a building consultant for insurance companies. Currently I live on Saint Simons with my wife, Karen, of thirty-four years. We have a daughter, Joanna, who lives in Santa Fe, NM and I have a son, David Jr, by my first marriage who lives in Cartersville, GA with his wife, Courtney, and their daughters, Gracie and Caroline. I have served in various volunteer capacities over the years from scout leader to baseball coach to youth leader at our church in Atlanta.



Bob Killian *Trustee*

I grew up in Brunswick. Both sets of grandparents and my immediate family were all members of the First Presbyterian Church. According to who I heard it from, either one or both of my parents taught John Law in Sunday School. My wife, Lynne, and I joined the St. Simons Presbyterian Church with our two children, Paul and Bonnie (now Turner) in 1984 when John Law was our pastor. Bonnie, her husband John, and their four children, Renick, India Pearl, Della and Townes are members of the church. Paul lives in Alaska. I look forward to serving again as a trustee.



Lowell Korb *Deacons*

I was born in Northeastern Pennsylvania and raised in Glens Fall, New York. I am the youngest of five Preacher's kids, and my father was a minister in American Baptist Churches. I Attended Gordon College for undergraduate and Babson College for Grad School. Married to Inez Korb for 57 years. We lived in Ithaca New York for 33 years, where I served as deacon and elder various times at a Community Church. We moved to the Golden Isles 16 years ago, and joined St Simons Presbyterian two years ago.



Kevin Lokey *Elders*

I was raised in Griffin, GA and moved to SSI in 2001. My children attended the SSPC Preschool which lead us to join. I have been the leader of the Personnel Committee and a committee member on the 75th Anniversary committee, Business Affairs, Elders, Deacons, and the Interim Pastor Committee.



Lee Malone *Elders*

I am from Rome, Ga., by way of school in Athens. St. Simons has been home for 50 years. Teaching, marrying, raising children, and tending grandchildren has filled these years. I joined this congregation in 2010 and humbly accept the responsibility of being part of leadership during our transition.



Bryan Neill *Elders*

I am originally from a small town in Western North Carolina, just outside of Charlotte. I am a member of St. Simons Presbyterian Church along with my wife, Sarah, and our three children: Brayden, Sawyer, and Teagan. My family began attending worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church in 2015 when I moved to the area for work. Sarah and I joined the church in January of 2020. Having the opportunity to serve the congregation of SSPC as an officer of the church is very humbling. This church and church body means so much to my family and is an integral part of our lives. The opportunity to give back to the church which means so much to us, is a true blessing.



Graham Owens *Deacons*

I was born in Atlanta, GA but moved to St Simons with my family in 1995 and graduated from Glynn Academy. I earned my degree in landscape architecture at UGA and moved to Atlanta shortly after graduation, where I met my wife, Ada. In 2012 we moved back to St Simons and bought Cjs Italian Restaurant. Since then, we have welcomed three boys into the world: Arthur, Ansel, and Asa. We joined SSPC in 2014 and I look forward to deepening my relationship with this church by serving as a Deacon.



Daryl Rabert *Elders*

I grew up in Pennsylvania. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy and serving on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, I worked in Chicago. Bonnie and I moved to SSI in Dec. 1999. I retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as a Colonel and the Options Clearing Corporation in Chicago. Having previously served a term as an Elder, I am particularly interested in serving on the Buildings and Grounds Ministry/Committee. I feel very strongly that our church building and grounds are assets (along with the church members) which must be maintained. The appearance of our church and church grounds tells the story of the church and its membership.



Katie Rossiter *Deacons*

I'm from Fayetteville, Georgia. I started coming to church here because my husband's family are members here. I joined the church shortly after my son was born in 2015.

I feel that serving the church as a deacon would give me the opportunity to be more involved in the church, as well as getting to know other church members better.



Linda Seierstad *Deacons*

I am originally from Minnesota, we joined the church two years ago and I am very happy we did. The Spirit of God is present and I look forward to Sunday mornings each week. It is an honor to serve and do what I can share God's love for each of us!



Tate Simpson *Elders*

My wife Terri and I were born in Burlington, NC. We went to High School together and were married on 12/27/1980. I attended Wake Forest University, and the Bowman Gray Physician's Assistant Program. I enjoyed a successful 35 yr. career in the Pharmaceutical Industry. We have two adult children, Heather Folsom and Trey Simpson and two grandchildren, Kaitlin (age 15) and Zachry (age 17). They both attend Glynn Academy. We joined SSPC in 2014 and have enjoyed getting to know the members and getting involved in the missions of the Church. I enjoyed serving as a Deacon at St. Simons Presbyterian and helping to re-organized our Ushering ministry. I'm especially looking forward to serving SSPC as an Elder and getting involved in the ministries of the church.



Carrie Wessel *Elders*

I am Carrie Wessel is originally from Moultrie, Georgia but met my husband Tadd in New York City. We moved to St. Simons Island 8 years ago with my three children: Carolina, age 15, John Cannon, age 13, and Sarah, age 8. We were members of Brick Presbyterian Church in New York but transferred to our church shortly after moving. I look forward to serving our church and congregation in a deeper, more meaningful way and I am also excited to build stronger relationships with other church members of all ages.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES



Mary Bryson

My husband Ben and I joined SSPC in 2016. I am is currently an Elder and this will be my third time serving on the Nominating Committee. We have a daughter, Gussie, and I am a Science teacher at Glynn Academy.



Mike Keller

I am originally from Miami Florida, and have been attending SSPC since 1999. Nardis Kellar and I were married on New Years day, 2008. We were married at SSPC by Rev. Bob Brearly in a private ceremony. I have been a Deacon and am currently an Elder and will be the chair of the incoming nominating committee.



Scott Risi

I was born and raised here on Saint Simons Island and I have been fortunate enough to say that SSPC has also been my home church for just as long. I am heavily woven all within church life; I attended preschool here at SSPP (as have all of my children/two still do), where both my mom and mother in law are still currently teaching with an impressive combined 40+ years. My wife, Madelynne, was also born and raised here, teaches Sunday school and runs the BRIDGE program at SSPC. We were married in this sanctuary 9 years ago and have been blessed to have all three of our children baptized in this space. I have previously served as a Deacon and I now look forward to serving my congregation once again as a nominating officer.



Cathy Rossiter

I was raised in Pennsylvania and eventually migrated south to Georgia. I've lived on SSI for 39 years and joined SSPC 30 years ago with my husband, Jan, and sons Luke and Ian. My oldest son, Luke, and is wife Katie, and son, Connor, are all members of SSPC. I look forward to being part of the nominating process to help seek out willing and capable church members for leadership positions.



Mary Margaret Shiver

I moved to Saint Simons from Atlanta in 2015. I have been an active member of Saint Simons Presbyterian Church since 2017. During my time of membership, I have served on the Stewardship Committee, Congregational Care Team and the Meal Ministry. I am married to Jeff Shiver and we have three children; Jack (10), Mary Ellis (9), and John (7). I look forward to building deeper relationships with church members.

Order of Business

Election of Officers: Class of 2026

Financial Update

Reviewing the pastor's Terms of Call

OFFICER NOMINEES

DEACONS

Anne Aspinwall

Judy Benjamin

Jackie Griffin

David Keen

Lowell Korb

Katie Rossiter

Linda Seierstad

*Michael Johnson

*Lynda Bisher

*Graham Owens

ELDERS

Sandi Goeldner

Kevin Lokey

Lee Malone

Bryan Neill

Daryl Rabert

Tate Simpson

Carrie Wessel

TRUSTEE

Bob Killian

*Nominees to fulfill unfinished terms

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Mary Bryson

Mike Keller

Scott Risi

Cathy Rossiter

Mary Margaret Shiver

PASTORS TERMS OF CALL

REV. DR. STEVE GOYER

INTERIM PASTOR

2023

Annual Cash Salary

\$26,500

Social Security

\$6,275

Housing

\$53,000

Pension & Medical Insurance

\$14,700

Optional Deferred Income

\$40,000

Travel Expenses

\$2,750

Continuing Education

\$500

Medical FSA

\$3,000

TOTAL

\$146,725

REV. ANNIE FRANKLIN ARVIN

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

2023

Annual Cash Salary

\$34,216

Social Security

\$3,400

Housing

\$23,500

Pension & Medical Insurance

\$24,747

Optional Deferred Income

\$2,536

Optional Insurance

\$1,701

Travel Expenses

\$1,400

Continuing Education

\$1,000

Medical FSA

TOTAL

\$94,000

REV. LAURIE BENTLEY

PARISH ASSOCIATE

Housing Allowance

\$29,120

TOTAL

\$29,120

To Ponder Prayerfully

Your Light

“DON’T BE AFRAID TO SHINE, THE WORLD NEEDS YOUR LIGHT.”

- GABBY BERNSTEIN

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Worship Tech Specialist

Bob Harper

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