

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Metanoia VII*  
James Roper

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024 | 10:30 am Service

**Ushers**

Jan Rossiter

David Keen

Buddy Hendrick

Kathy Wade

Nicole Campbell

**Acolyte**

Arthur Owens

# 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

*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*  
Chancel Choir

COPELAND

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

*O God, You Search Me*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Will Tsai

One: The message about the cross is foolishness  
to those who are perishing;

**ALL: But to us who are being saved,  
it is the power of God.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

*I Corinthians 1:18*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

\* Please stand if able.

In the early church, the  
forty days of Lent were  
a time of preparation  
for the celebration of  
baptism of new believers  
at the Easter Vigil. In many  
communities of faith it  
remains a time to equip  
and nurture candidates for  
baptism and confirmation  
and to reflect deeply on  
the theme of baptismal  
discipleship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**God of compassion, you remain slow to anger, full of mercy, and welcome all who turn to you for love and forgiveness. Help us to see through the darkness that clouds our vision. To hear your Word above the competing voices, each claiming the truth. And be the hands and feet of Christ to act and serve as Jesus did. Forgive and renew us, that we may find our seat at your table of grace, along with all your children.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Assurance of Pardon comes after the confession of sin in the order of worship, but in a sense it precedes and prompts us to be honest in confessing our mistakes and our selfishness. Knowing that we are forgiven by the mercy of God and that God will give us new chances to be faithful and obedient, we can trust God in naming our faults. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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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.*

\*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.**

# 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\*\**

As people of faith following Jesus, we do not believe that the Bible fell down from heaven or that God dictated every word so that there is no human participation in the writing of the scriptures. Rather, we affirm that the Bible is written by people who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to produce a manifold witness to the holiness and mercy of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. We do not worship the Bible. We trust its words to guide us in understanding our God and in living the faithful life.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### **I Corinthians 1:17-31**

*pg 1772 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

*"Paranoia or Metanoia?"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*Here I Am, Lord*

Schutte/arr. Leavitt

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Art Bishop, February 2021  
by the 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 223

HAMBURG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky

### Prayer List

#### Deaths

Marilyn (Lynn) Forsythe  
Judy Genung  
Marjorie Gruber  
Joan Heller

#### Members

Eric Andreae  
Jim Bishop  
Harlan Hambright  
Joyce Kitchens  
Ellen Knesek Knowlton  
Bob Miles  
Sally Miles  
Dale Moffett  
Rodger Schoneker  
Lisa Sims  
Jerry Spencer  
Karlene Thompson  
Sheryl Vaughters  
Frieda Warner

#### Friends and Family

Tom Barksdale  
Linda Borrelli  
Ellen Fixx  
Bill Ford  
Bill Goeldner  
Peter Kuderewski  
Edward Lochstampfer  
Sandra Power  
Phil Purdy  
Rhett Rhame  
Scott Smith  
Kay Stratton  
Mary Whaley

#### Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens  
Joann Bobb  
Lena Cooper  
Doris Hewell  
Bill Lueckel  
Wendy Stephens  
Joalice Patterson Welton



**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).

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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.

### **:: Living Well Through Lent**

*All Ages - Social Hall*

### **:: REMEMBER: God's Covenants and the Cross**

*by Susan Robb - 20/30/40s - 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. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903*

## This Week | March 3-8

### Sunday, March 3

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

### Monday, March 4

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, March 5

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law
- 8:00 pm **Codependents Anon** - John Law

### Wednesday, March 6

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 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, March 7

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

### Friday, March 8

**No Activities Planned for This Date**

**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 Lynn Forsythe (Judy Cauley Jennings's mother), who passed away on Monday, 19, Joan Heller, who passed away on Sunday, February 25, Marjorie Gruber, and Judy Genung (mother of Karen Schmidt) who both passed away Saturday, February 24. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Lynn, Joan, Marjorie and Judy's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.



**KEEP GOLDEN ISLES BEAUTIFUL  
MARSH MADNESS**

Volunteer with SSPC  
Missions to Cleanup with  
KGIB on the following dates:

**MARCH 2 | MARCH 11 | MARCH 19**  
10:30AM 5:00PM 10:00AM

locations and additional volunteer  
opportunities available using the link below

signup at  
[sspres.org/outreach](https://sspres.org/outreach)



try something new

# cannon's point

*preserve tour*

**Monday, March 4th | 9:30AM**

*Carpooling available in church van for  
those who are interested!*

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# Easter FLOWERS

EASTER HYDRANGEAS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT \$25 EACH.

Please fill out the dedication form online by  
visiting the link below or by filling out an easter  
flowers envelope located in our church pews.

VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/EASTERFLOWERS](https://sspres.org/easterflowers)



A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT

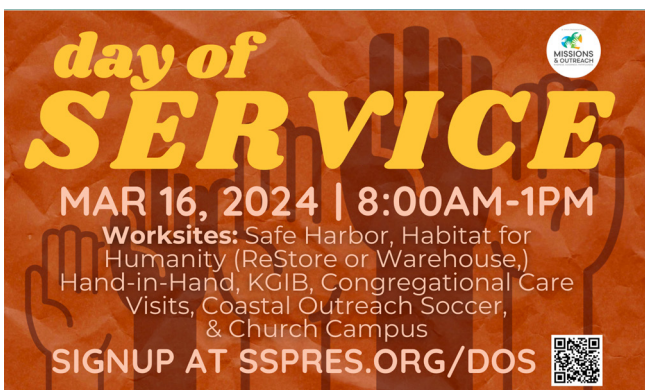
## SPANISH DINNER & WINE TASTING

Pairings with Sommelier Ruth Ryberg

**MARCH 15th | 6 PM**

**THE HOME OF ANNA HENRY**  
100 Druid Oaks Ln, SSI

 **MORE INFORMATION & EVENT  
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# day of SERVICE

**MAR 16, 2024 | 8:00AM-1PM**

**Worksites:** Safe Harbor, Habitat for  
Humanity (ReStore or Warehouse),  
Hand-in-Hand, KGIB, Congregational Care  
Visits, Coastal Outreach Soccer,  
& Church Campus

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## 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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### Bob Harper

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