

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Raising of Lazarus
Alessandro Magnasco, 1710

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Martin White
Judith Benjamin
Nancy Fixx
Linda Gilsrud
Tim Gilsrud

Acolyte

Kerrigan Biletzskov

WE GATHER TO PRAISE
Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

INTROIT 215

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love is This
Chancel Choir

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. We ask that you please silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the children's moment at the 10:30 AM worship, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for Children's Chapel. A nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is also available for children from birth to five years.

PRELUDE

Prayer
Amy Bishop, Organist

Boëllmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Buddy Jones

One: God makes a way out of no way.

ALL: God sees our tears and turns them into joy.

One: God makes the impossible possible

ALL: and sees the desperate needs of all people.

One: Come close, healing Lord.

ALL: Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN 839

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.
-PCUSA Directory for Worship

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God of grace, as we journey with Christ towards Jerusalem, we find ourselves wanting to turn away: to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. We want to believe that we will be loyal followers until the end, but we fear that we will join the crowd that shouts “Crucify!” Forgive us, God of life, of all the ways we fail to answer your call. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more.

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.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 218

Crüger

Ah, Holy Jesus

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 are called by God, who alone is holy, into worship. We come before this holy God, however, as people who are sinful and in need of forgiveness and cleansing. We come confident of God’s grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

The collection of tithes and offerings is a sign of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.
-PC(USA) Directory for Worship

Samuel L. Adams joins us today as a guest preacher. He is the Mary Jane and John F. McNair Chair in Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He is an ordained minister in the PC(USA) and has served multiple churches. His research focuses primarily on wisdom literature and wealth and poverty in the biblical world and today. He also writes on apocalypticism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Bible and film, and the Bible and American political discourse. He is editor of the seminary's journal, Interpretation.

OFFERTORY

The Feast of Christ
Chancel Choir

Story

*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.*

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, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.*

CHILDREN'S LITANY OF PARTING

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

Congregation: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21
pg 1127 OT

Buddy Jones

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 12:1-8
pg 1670 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Expecting the Unexpected

Dr. Sam Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC *Let Us Break Bread Together*

The Call
Cole Seaton

SPIRITUAL

VAUGHN-WILLIAMS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 629

ST. AGNES

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 599

Amen

AMEN (Oliver)

POSTLUDE

Minuet
Amy Bishop, Organist

Boëllmann

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.



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 worshipping 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://www.sspres.org/prayer).



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



Holy⁺Week

SCHEDULE, 2022

SSPC + COMMUNITY

ALL WEEKDAY SERVICES ARE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH | SUGGESTED \$3 DONATION

Sun, April 10 (Palm Sunday) <i>St. Simons Presbyterian Church 205 Kings Way, SSI</i>	3PM: CHANCEL ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT AT SSPC
Mon, April 11 (Day of Authority) <i>St. Simons United Methodist Church 624 Ocean Blvd, SSI</i>	12PM: WORSHIP SERVICE W/ REV. DR. JERRY ROE, JR. AND THE COMMUNITY CHOIR*
Tues, April 12 (Day of Conflict) <i>First Baptist Church of St. Simons 729 Ocean Blvd, SSI</i>	12PM: WORSHIP SERVICE W/ REV. KATE BUCKLEY
Wed, April 13 (Day of Withdrawal) <i>Wesley United Methodist at Frederica 6520 Frederica Rd.</i>	12PM: WORSHIP SERVICE W/ REV. KYLE REESE
Thurs, April 14 (Day of Intimacy) <i>St. Simons Presbyterian Church 205 Kings Way, SSI</i>	6PM: MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER WITH COMMUNION AT TABLE AND MEDITATION IN THE SANCTUARY (SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG)
Fri, April 15 (Day of Sacrifice) <i>St. Simons Presbyterian Church 205 Kings Way, SSI</i>	12PM: WORSHIP SERVICE W/ REV. TOM JONES AND THE COMMUNITY CHOIR*
Sun, April 17 (Easter) <i>Sunrise Service at The Village Pier (100 Mallery Street)</i> <i>Easter Worship at St. Simons Presbyterian 205 Kings Way, SSI</i>	6:30AM: SUNRISE SERVICE W/ REV. ANNIE FRANKLIN ARVIN 8:30AM: EARLY WORSHIP W/ REV. JOANNA ADAMS 10:30AM: TRADITIONAL WORSHIP W/ REV. JOANNA ADAMS FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK LUNCHEON & EASTER EGG HUNT

*Community Choir – for Monday, contact kevin@stsimonsumc.com
for Friday, contact rhonda@sspres.org

**REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS FROM HOME FOR OUR
FLOWERING OF THE CROSS ON EASTER SUNDAY!**

**VISIT SSPRES.ORG/HOLY-WEEK TO
SIGNUP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER**

Sunday, April 17th

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, April 17th!

Please contact Donna Purdy (donna@sspres.org) with any questions

The 75th Birthday CONCERT SERIES

CHANCEL ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10
3PM | SANCTUARY
ALL ARE WELCOME!

A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT WITH LYDIA THOMPSON

BIRD RAMBLING ON JEKYLL ISLAND



THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST
9-12PM • MEET AT JEKYLL
Limited to 10 People.....

For bird lovers or anyone who would like to learn more about our regional birds.

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 14-16

REGISTRATION OPEN TO SSPC MEMBERS
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

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. Payments may be made on our website or in the church office M-F from 9-4PM.

PURCHASE AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

This Week | April 3 - 9

Sunday, April 3

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

Monday, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 5

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning Committee Meeting** - Britt Room
- 1:00 pm **Ladies Bridge Group** - Library

Wednesday, April 6

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Transition Prayer Time** - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 7

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

Friday, April 8

- 11:00 am **Transition Prayer Time** - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 9

- 11:00 am **Funeral Service for Deane Sills** - Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's worship are given in loving memory of Janie Marquess from Ann and Joe Camp.

Lenten Paraments: "The fabric for the paraments is purple to represent the season of lent, a period of preparation for Easter which symbolizes repentance. Although I chose many dark purples, I purposely added lighter fabrics to represent hope. The black spiked vine, or path, running through the design is to represent the crown of thorns." -*Sandi Kilgore*

Wednesday Night Supper: There will not be a Wednesday Night Supper this week due to Spring Break. Join us next week on Thursday, April 14 for a special Maundy Thursday Supper.

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

Grace in the Unexpected

“**T**HAT’S THE WAY GRACE WORKS-IT’S FREE, UNMERITED, AND UNEXPECTED,
BUT THEN IT EXPECTS A LOT FROM US.”

-M. Craig Barnes

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Ministers: All members of the church

Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams

Interim Pastor
joanna@sspres.org

Nat Scott

Congregational Life
nat@sspres.org

Rhonda Hambright

Music Director
rhonda@sspres.org

Jeannine Torbert

Administrator
jeannine@sspres.org

Madelynne Risi

BRIDGE Director
madelynne@sspres.org

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Assoc. Pastor of Youth & Mission
annie@sspres.org

Frieda Warner

Children’s Ministry/CE
frieda@sspres.org

Amy Bishop

Organist
amy@sspres.org

Walter Lynn

Building Coordinator
walter@sspres.org

Judy Cauley

Preschool Director
judy@sspres.org

Rev. Kate Buckley

Parish Associate
kate@sspres.org

Donna Purdy

Administrative Assistant
donna@sspres.org

Suzanne Morrison

Handbells
suzanne@sspres.org

Ada Owens

Dir. of Communications
ada@sspres.org

Leslie McCracken

Clerk of Session

Molly Macaulay

Chair of Deacons

Iris Ellis

Children’s Choir Director

Kendall McDonald

Worship Tech Specialist

Bob Harper

Treasurer



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

205 Kings Way | St. Simons Island, GA 31522 | 912-638-2220

