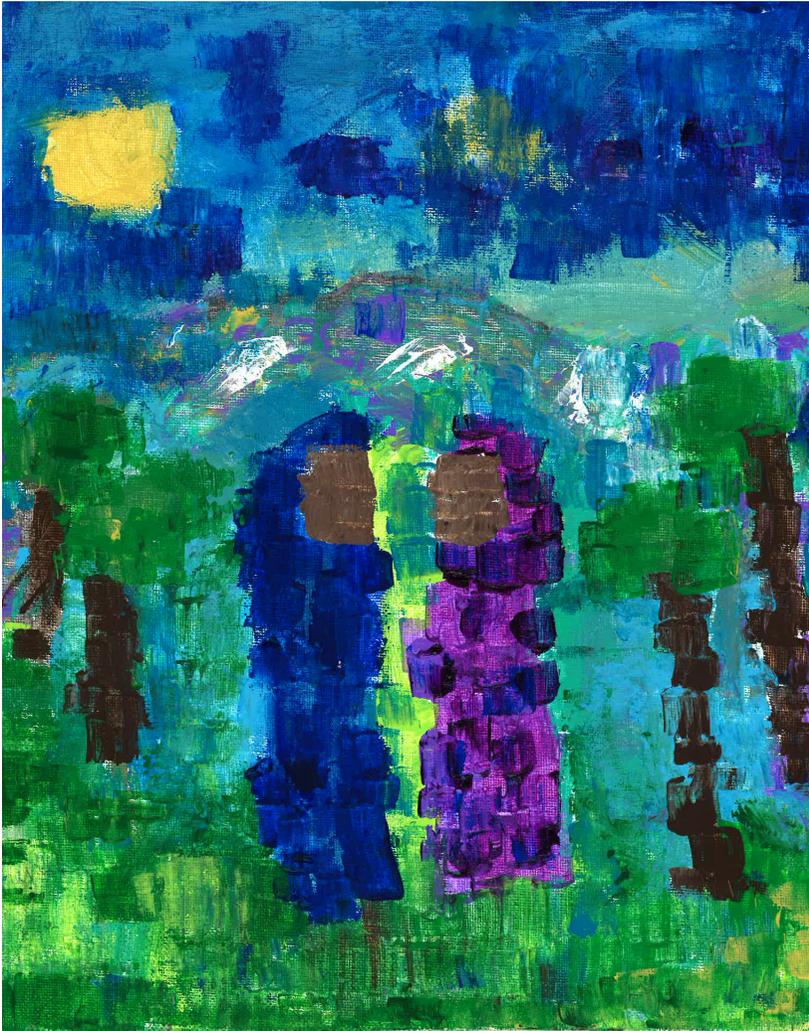


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ruth and Naomi
SSPC Youth

Youth Sunday

May 1, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Anne Marie Stirewalt
Bettye Russell
Philip Saussy
Tracy Saussy

Acolyte

Kerrigan Biletzskov

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord
Chancel Choir

Callahan

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshipping 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

Gymnopedie No. 1

Satie

Brayden Neill, Piano; Lily Roberts, Viola; Sawyer Neill, Cello

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sawyer Neill

One: Who will be your people?

ALL: God's people will be my people.

One: Where will you go?

ALL: Wherever God leads us.

One: Let us worship God who claims us.

ALL: Let us worship God who leads us together.

*OPENING HYMN 769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

For Everyone Born

Welcome to Youth Sunday!
This week, the youth of our church will lead us in worship. Together we came up with the theme "Where You Go I Will Go" thinking of how God promises to be present with us wherever we go, like Ruth promised to go with Naomi all those years ago.

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

David Beimler

God of grace, forgive us for all the ways we don't follow the paths you set before us. Wipe away the hatred that bubbles up in us making it hard to discern Your will. Forgive us for the ways we are mean to one another and for the way we abuse power so freely. Forgive us for the ways we obsess over money, stylish clothes, and wealth. Soften our hearts, God, and turn us back to Your way.

This prayer of confession was written by the youth as we named together the sins that we see in the world: war, hatred, and abuses of power.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JT Holmes & Bo Holmes

*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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

*Landri Bennett, David Beimler, Gigi Cate, Emmeline Griffith,
JT Holmes, Lily Roberts*

Mentors: Madelynne Risi and Andrew Turner

In the early church, baptisms occurred after intentional time to explore what it meant to become a Christian. When churches began baptising infants, the practice of confirmation arose as a time to reflect on what being a Christian means along with an opportunity to confirm the promises made on the child's behalf at their baptism often long ago. So today, we confirm youth who have affirmed their desire to be enfolded in the church as Christ's followers.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Callahan

O Savior of the World
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Landri Bennett

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.

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. In worship, the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, all are claimed and set free by him, and are left to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and their material goods.

OFFERTORY

Brayden Neill

For I Know the Plans I Have for You

Chancel Choir
Schwoebel

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kate Head

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Emmeline Griffith & Lily Roberts

*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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mackenzie Bishop

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-18

Sophie Hidalgo

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SERMON

Spence Hartman & Wilder Cate

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Cooper Searles

We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow towards maturity in Christ. As long as we live, we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us God will complete what God has begun in us. We don't fully understand how God works, yet the story of the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is still unfolding even now. In faith, we make it our own as it forms our memory and our hope. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. To retell that story of God's love is to share what we believe.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Whither Thou Goest
Emily Geer

GUY SINGER

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

*BENEDICTION

Gigi Cate

CHORAL RESPONSE 765

May the God of Hope
Chancel Choir

ARGENTINA

POSTLUDE

Gavotte
Amy Bishop, Organist

R. Haan

“Holy Communion is offered to us all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in Christ, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through God’s mercy.”
-Karl Barth



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.



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



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.

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@gmail.com.

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Richard Hathaway at 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.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. (*Pre K-2nd*)

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ 2nd Sunday (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on 2nd Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM. (*Resume in Fall 2022*)

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.

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

Young Adults

TGIF/Faith on Tap

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

Ada Owens at ada@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:15 AM in Various Locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

:: Thank God It's Thursday

By William H. Willimon - Social Hall

:: Always A Guest

By Barbara Brown Taylor - Upper Room

Frieda Warner at 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.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

Gwen Mayberry 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 or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at 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 Music Attic 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. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757

**KidZ Crew
Pizza Party!**

May 4 | 4-6PM

Celebrating the end of the season with
BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES,
PIZZA, & MORE!

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

MONUMENTAL

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

JUNE 14-16

REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL!
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY

20-24 JUNE

2-12

SUMMER CAMP 2022

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY IS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE THEIR SUMMER CAMP AS THEY PARTNER WITH CAMP MONTGOMERY, A PC(USA) CONFERENCE CENTER, IN STARKE, FLORIDA!

REGISTRATION: WIPCSAV.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP

Current Books

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

BEGINNING MAY 1ST

THANK GOD IT'S THURSDAY
SOCIAL HALL | 9:30AM
By William H. Willimon

ALWAYS A GUEST
UPPER ROOM | 9:30AM
By Barbara Brown Taylor

Books available in church office for \$10

A Try Something New Event

**WOODBINE OPRY
& SUPPER AT CAPTAIN STAN'S**

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 21 | 4:30PM

MORE INFO & SIGNUP COMING SOON!

This Week | May 1 - 6

Sunday, May 1

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

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning Committee Meeting** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Library
- 6:00 pm **Oak Forest Subdivision HOA** - Social Hall
- 6:00 pm **Pirates of the Spanish Main** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 4

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew End of Year Pizza Party** - Social Hall
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 5

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, May 6

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

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

Chancel Flower Donations: There are a ope few spaces available in July and August to donate Chancel flowers. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor or remember friends and family. Please visit www.sspres.org/events to sign up.

Pastor Nominating Committee: The Congregational Nominating Committee is starting work on nominations for the Pastor Nominating Committee (Search Committee). If you would like to nominate someone to serve on that Committee, please submit the name and the reasons you believe he/she would be a good fit for the Pastor Nominating Committee. Submit your nomination at sspres.org/transition

Source: Liturgy adapted from *Doubting Believer* by Anne Russ and *A Brief Statement of Faith*.

To Ponder Prayerfully
This is Where Jesus is

“GOD CLAIMS YOU AND ME AND US AND THIS WORLD IN A WIDE AND FIERCE EMBRACE OF UNENDING BELONGINGNESS, OF UNSHAKABLE HESED. SO MUCH SO, THAT IN JESUS CHRIST GOD SAID I WILL GO THERE WITH YOU, LONG WILL I BE WITH YOU, THERE WILL NEVER BE ANYTHING, NO MATTER HOW GREAT OR SMALL, THAT CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM THE LOVE OF GOD, YOU ARE MY BELOVED. WE ARE PULLED BY CHRIST RIGHT INTO THE VERY HEART OF GOD. SO RIGHT WHERE WE ARE, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, EVERY DAY, YOU BELONG TO GOD. AND RIGHT THERE, EVERY DAY, YOU ARE INVITED TO BELONG WITH THE ONES GOD HAS PUT IN YOUR LIFE. AND THE ONES INTO WHOSE LIFE YOU’VE BEEN PUT. THIS IS HOW GOD IS WITH US; THIS IS WHERE JESUS IS.

-Kara Root

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

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