

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The First Seal of the United States*

Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

**Ushers**

Judith Benjamin

Randy Ellis

Iris Ellis

Daryl Rabert

Bonnie Rabert

**Acolyte**

Mary West Turner

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT

*The Spirit of the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Callahan

## GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

*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 word for children at the 10:00 AM worship, children up 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

*Theme & Variation on "America"*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Albert McCaffrey

One: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**ALL: all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

## \*OPENING HYMN 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

"In worship, God imparts himself to us." – C.S. Lewis

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts; Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; Eternal Power, be our support; Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALCUN OF TOURS (c. 735-804)

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\* Please stand if able.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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.*

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 337

AMERICA

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*  
Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

*Who Are the Brave*

Martin

Chancel Choir, Chancel Ensemble

Ed Jackson, Don Davis, Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpets; Fred Lief, French Horn; John Simmons, Trombone; Harlan Hambright, Timpani

Who are the brave? Those who go to war?  
Who are the brave? Those who fight no more?  
Those who gave their lives protecting freedom's shore.  
Who are the brave? Those who serve in war.

Who are the brave? Those who live in pain?  
Who are the brave? Those whose lives are plain?  
Those with healthy bodies, those protecting the unsure.  
Who are the brave? Those who serve the poor.

Who are the brave? Those whose speech is free?  
Who are the brave? Those loving liberty?  
All those with heart and mind, protecting all they find.  
Who are the brave? Those who serve mankind.  
These are the brave.

\*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.*

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His Love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him."  
-Thomas Merton

Who Are the Brave  
J. Paul Williams  
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## 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 children's chapel.*

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 6: 1-9**

*pg 284 OT*

Albert McCaffrey

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

**Deuteronomy 6: 13-25**

*pg 284 OT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

*"One Nation Under God with Liberty and Justice for All?"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.

# 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 339

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Wilhousky

POSTLUDE

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bishop

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope, because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.



**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](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:00A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](http://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](http://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**



# 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)*

### Kidz Crew

*Wednesdays:* (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. *(Resumes in Fall 2022)*

### KidZ 2nd Sunday (Grades 3 to 5)

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

## Youth

### Youth Group

*Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.*

Meet on the Veranda.

*(Resumes Fall 2022)*

### Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

*Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A*

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

*(Resume in Fall 2022)*

*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.

*Madelynne Risi at madelynne@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Discipleship

### Sunday School

*Begins at 9:00 AM in Various Locations*

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

### :: This Hallelujah Banquet

*By Eugene H. Peterson - 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. *(Resumes Fall 2022)*

*John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.*

### Women’s Bible Study/Prayer Group

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

*(Resumes Fall 2022)*

*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.

*(Resumes Fall 2022)*

*Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at gimmyconnors1@gmail.com*

*or (608) 220-8481*

### Six Week Bible Study

*Thursdays at 5 PM in the Upper Room*

*Postponed until the Fall*

### :: Waymaker

*By Ann Voskamp*

Child Care is available

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

## 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*

This Week | July 3 - July 9

**Sunday, July 3**

All Day **BRIDGE Mission Group** - Youth Suite

10:00 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

**Monday, July 4**

All Day **Office Closed**

9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street Brunswick

6:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

**Tuesday, July 5**

All Day **Office Closed**

1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Parlor

**Wednesday, July 6**

All Day **Office Closed**

1:30 pm **Hands & Hearts Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic

**Thursday, July 7**

All Day **Office Closed**

**Friday, July 8**

All Day **Office Closed**

**Saturday, July 9**

All Day **Youth Mission Trip** - Paducah, KY

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel Flowers are given in Loving Memory of Martha Brumley Ellis by the children of Martha Ellis.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ruby Fowinkle (Frieda Warner's mother) who passed away on Thursday, June 23. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Ruby's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

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

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office will be closed

**4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**  
JULY - JULY

**blue skies**

Blue Skies is a ministry that offers family beach camps to lift children above the clouds of childhood cancer.

**ST SIMONS | JULY 10-15**

**MORE INFO ABOUT BLUE SKIES ON SSI AT [blueskiesministries.org/on-st-simons](http://blueskiesministries.org/on-st-simons)**

# OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Deacons, Elders, & Trustee  
**CLASS OF 2026**

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/LEADERSHIP](http://SSPRES.ORG/LEADERSHIP)

# BINGO

ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND!

JULY 20 & 27  
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / DINNER PROVIDED

>> PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP BY JULY 18 & 25

**SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/BINGO](http://SSPRES.ORG/BINGO)**

REGISTRATION  
FEE IS \$100.

COURSES ARE  
AVAILABLE  
IN-PERSON AT  
EPWORTH OR  
ONLINE WITH  
ZOOM.

DEADLINE IS  
SEPT 2ND

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Savannah Presbytery's

## SCHOOL OF THE LAITY

October 1-2 at Epworth

**OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY**  
with Dr. Brennan Breed

**HISTORY, MISSION & POLITY**  
with Rev. Joyce Lieberman

**ELECTIVE: THE OLD IN THE NEW**  
with Rev. Andy Meeker

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Excerpts From Farewell Address

“T

HE VERY IDEA OF THE POWER AND THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH GOVERNMENT PRESUPPOSES THE DUTY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO OBEY THE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT... ALL OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXECUTION OF THE LAWS, IN COMBINATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, WITH THE DESIGN TO DIRECT, CONTROL, CONTRACT, OR AWE THE DELIBERATION AND ACTION OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES, ARE DESTRUCTIVE OF THIS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE AND FATAL TENDENCY. THEY SERVE TO ORGANIZE FACTION; TO GIVE IT AN ARTIFICIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY FORCE; TO PUT IN PLACE OF THE DELEGATED WILL OF THE NATION THE WILL OF A PARTY, OFTEN A SMALL BUT ARTFUL AND ENTERPRISING MINORITY OF THE COMMUNITY...

... I HAVE ALREADY INTIMATED TO YOU THE DANGER OF PARTIES IN THE STATE... LET ME NOW TAKE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE VIEW, AND WARN YOU IN THE MOST SOLEMN MANNER AGAINST THE BANEFUL EFFECTS OF THE SPIRIT OF PARTY GENERALLY. THIS SPIRIT, UNFORTUNATELY, IS INSEPARABLE FROM OUR NATURE, HAVING ITS ROOT IN THE STRONGEST PASSIONS OF THE HUMAN MIND. IT EXISTS UNDER DIFFERENT SHAPES IN ALL GOVERNMENTS, MORE OR LESS STIFLED, CONTROLLED, OR REPRESSED; BUT, IN THOSE OF THE POPULAR FORM, IT IS SEEN IN ITS GREATEST RANKNESS AND IS TRULY THEIR WORST ENEMY.

THE ALTERNATE DOMINATION OF ONE FACTION OVER ANOTHER, SHARPENED BY THE SPIRIT OF REVENGE NATURAL TO PARTY DISSENSIONS, IS ITSELF A FRIGHTFUL DESPOTISM. BUT THIS LEADS TO A MORE FORMAL AND PERMANENT DESPOTISM. THE DISORDERS AND MISERIES WHICH RESULT GRADUALLY INCLINE THE MINDS OF MEN TO SEEK SECURITY AND REPOSE IN THE ABSOLUTE POWER OF AN INDIVIDUAL, AND SOONER OR LATER THE CHIEF OF SOME PREVAILING FACTION, MORE ABLE OR MORE FORTUNATE THAN HIS COMPETITORS, TURNS THIS DISPOSITION TO THE PURPOSES OF HIS OWN ELEVATION ON THE RUINS OF PUBLIC LIBERTY... ”

-GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1796

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