

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Banquet Table*

Andrea Riley

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

**Ushers**

Thomas Arvin  
Mark Gordon  
Lucinda Gordon

**Acolyte**

Grae Frazier

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

*Come, All You People*  
Chancel Choir

UYAI MOSE

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

*Come Thou Fount*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bock

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Aspinwall

One: Praise the Lord!

**ALL: Happy are those who revere the Lord, who greatly  
delight in his commandments.**

One: Let us Praise the Lord!

*PSALM 112:1*

\*OPENING HYMN 475

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

The Call to Worship is a reminder that, while worship is something we do, we do it as a response to what God has already done. God calls us to worship. We respond to God's call with praise, confession, gratitude, and wonder.

\* Please stand if able.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

We come to you O God, creator of all things, from the smallest quark to the massive universe. We lift to you hearts of confession, minds of distress, and souls in conflict. We pray you will, by mercy and grace, relieve us of the burden of our self absorbency, neglect of others, and proud determination to get our way. Forgive us for the arrogance of certitude that we are in and “they” are out. Then set us free to find our seat at your table along side those whom before we would never have noticed.

*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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Something for Everyone*  
Ginny Connors

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Regional Mission Trip*  
Brenda Haughney

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 507

TABLE OF GRACE

*Come to the Table of Grace*  
Chancel Choir

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.

In the Assurance of Pardon we are reminded once again that God’s grace sets us free from guilt and fear. As Walter Brueggemann says, “you can keep singing. You can keep hoping. And because you sing and hope, you can act in freedom, unburdened, uncoerced, unafraid, and without cynicism. The song goes on. It is a subversive, revolutionary song. And we get to sign on to sing and to live it... unafraid!”

\*HYMN 711

*Lord of All Good*

TOULON

OFFERTORY

*Holy Manna*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. M. MacDonald

\*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.*

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

**Hebrews 13:1-6; 8**  
*pg 1878 NT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

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

arr. John Ferguson

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.

SECOND READING

**Luke 14:1,7-14**  
*pg 1621 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*"Finding Our Seats"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

After we hear the good news, we stand to say what we believe in an Affirmation of Faith. Often these words come from the church's creeds and confessions. In these writings, we remember and tell the world who we are, what we believe, and how we hope to live according to God's Way.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 770

WELCOME TABLE

*I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*  
(verses 1-4)

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 598

AMEN SLAKUDUMISA

*Amen, We Praise Your Name*  
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

*Hymn to Joy*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Young



**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).

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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.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org)*

### **PAL Mentoring Program**

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

*Richard Hathaway at [thehathaways2@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 Aug 24th)*

### **Kidz 2nd Sunday** (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on 2nd Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM. *(Resumes Aug 21st)*

## Youth

### **Youth Group**

*Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.*

Meet on the Veranda.

*(Resumes Aug 21st)*

### **Breakfast Devotion** (Grades 6 to 12)

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

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

*(Resumes in Aug 16th)*

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto: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](mailto:ada@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.

**:: Open and Unafraid** *(Begins Aug. 7)*

*By W. David O. Taylor - Upper Room*

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto: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 Sept 7th)*

*John Matthews at [jhmatthews7@comcast.net](mailto:jhmatthews7@comcast.net).*

### **Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group**

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

*(Resumes Sept 6th)*

*Gwen Mayberry [gwenmayberry@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyconnors1@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](mailto: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](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto: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*

This Week | August 28 - September 2

**Sunday, August 28**

- 9:00 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Something for Everyone** - Social Hall
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

**Monday, August 29**

- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

**Tuesday, August 30**

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** -SSI Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Parlor

**Wednesday, August 31**

- 1:30 pm **Hands & Heart Quilting Ministry** -Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew**- Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Youth Committee Meeting**- Upper Room
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Bell Ringers**- Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

**Thursday, September 1**

- 4:30 pm **Pastoral Nominating Committee**- Upper Room

**Friday, September 2**

**No Activities Planned for Today**

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers are given in memory of our parents, Mary and Tom by James and Mary Gash.

SOMETHING FOR  
**EVERYONE**

COME EXPLORE AND ENGAGE IN  
THE PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES  
AVAILABLE AT SSPC

AUG 28 | FOLLOWING WORSHIP | SOCIAL HALL

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
SUPPER**

Resuming September 7th

6PM | SOCIAL HALL

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**MAP BOX PACKING**

MAP PROVIDES LIFESAVING MEDICINE TO  
THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD.

SEPTEMBER 12TH | 9AM

4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

SAVE THE DATE!

day of  
**SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 | 8:00-12PM

More info will be available  
in the coming weeks.

RECONSTRUCTION IN CRUSO, NC

**MISSION TRIP**

October 24-29 | Cost: \$200 per person  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPT 20

Mission trip to do reconstruction in Cruso, NC  
following flooding in Haywood County due to  
Tropical Storm Fred in August 2021.

All levels of construction skills are welcome!

REGISTER AT [SSPRES.ORG/MISSIONTRIP](http://SSPRES.ORG/MISSIONTRIP)

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Beyond Words

“**T**O CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD IS NOT TO TELL GOD ANYTHING GOD DOESN'T ALREADY KNOW. UNTIL YOU CONFESS THEM, HOWEVER, THEY ARE THE ABYSS BETWEEN YOU. WHEN YOU CONFESS THEM, THEY BECOME THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE.

Frederick Buechner  
“*Beyond Words*”

## SSPC CHURCH SURVEY

The pastoral nominating committee cordially invites you to participate in the St. Simons Presbyterian Church Survey. The survey is a 20-minute commitment that is now available on the church website and will *close on September 9th*. It can be accessed online using the link below or by scanning the QR code to the right. A computer accessible in the church library and printouts are available upon request in the main office, M-F from 9am-2pm.  
**Link: [www.sspres.org/transition](http://www.sspres.org/transition)**



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