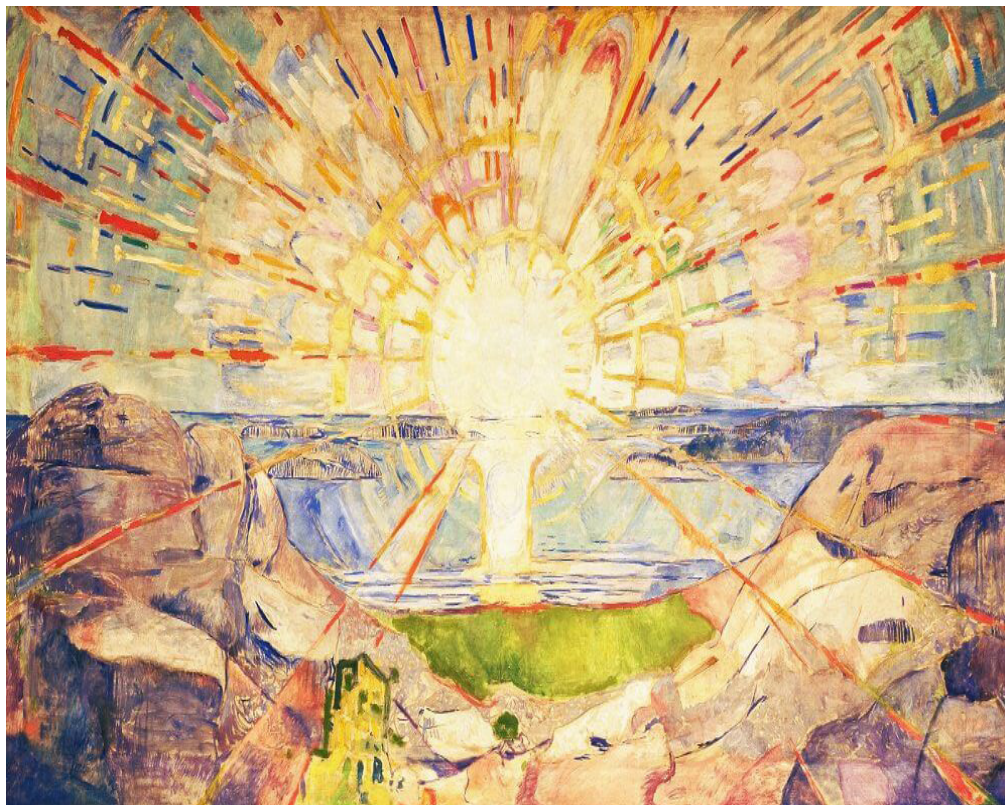


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Sun
Edvard Munch

Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 2024 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Anna Henry
Linda Gilsrud
Tim Gilsrud
Gail Dingerson

Acolyte

Mary Ellis Shiver

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.

INTROIT 276

Sing a New Song unto the Lord
Chancel Choir

Daniel Schutte

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

*The Three Chimes Represent
the Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

PRELUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Childs

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Mike Kellar

One: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

All: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

All: worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Psalm 29:1-2

*HYMN OF PRAISE 32

ELLACOMBE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CALL FOR CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

The church is not an institution but the gathered community of faith. "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name," Jesus said, "there am I in the midst of them."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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!"

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

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 (SUNG)

Let All Things Now Living
Hymn 37

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29

pg 1; 866 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Enlightenment!"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

Doxology, a Greek word meaning "saying of glory," is a brief hymn of praise that follows another hymn or Psalm – in our case the offertory. Doxologies appear in many Christian traditions and have their origin in the Jewish kaddish, which concludes each portion of the synagogue worship service.

OFFERTORY

This Do in Remembrance of Me
Chancel Choir

Judy Hunnicutt

*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 hearts.

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 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Come to the Hungry Feast

Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Childs

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Deryl Warner

Members

Millard Allen

Anne Faust Brown

Robert Carlisle

Albert and Joyce Fendig

Harlan Hambright

Leah Hopkins

Pat Kent

Joyce Kitchens

Stephen Nelms

Dorothy Russell

Roger Schoneker

Lisa Sims

Friends and Family

Ellen Fixx

Pat Klein

Sarah Perkins

Rhett Rhame

Mary Whaley

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Doris Hewell

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Bill Lueckel



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.



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 Google Play.



Ways to Give. Offering envelopes can be found in the pews of 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-Th 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 5:00PM.

Meet on the Music Attic - Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00PM.

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.

:: Revelation/Extravagant Hope by Margaret Feinberg

"20/30/40s" Women - Parlor

:: Revive Us by Robby Gallaty

"20/30/40s" Men - Ashantilly Room

:: The Gospel of Mark by Amy-Jill Levine

Discussion Class - Book Study - Upper Room

:: Prayer in the Night by Tish Harrison Warren

Rejoice Class - Book Study - John Law

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

Womens'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

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

TRY SOMETHING NEW DAY TOUR OF

SAPPELO

JANUARY

11

8AM - 3PM | LIMITED TO 30 PPL

Explore the historic treasures on the South end of Sapelo Island with local resident and master basket maker, Yvonne Grovner.

DETAILS & SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



MAP BOX PACKING

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

JANUARY 16TH | 9AM - 12PM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/MAP](https://sspres.org/map)



PAJAMA PARTY

JANUARY 19TH | 6-9 PM

2ND GRADE & UNDER | NURSERY PROVIDED

Join us for dances, crafts, games, & PANCAKES!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



SSPC MISSIONS & OUTREACH

TOUR & INFO SESSION AT GRACE HOUSE

January 23 | 10:30AM
1107 Gloucester St

Grace House provides a safe place for women struggling with addiction to encounter Jesus and the freedom found in recovery through the 12 steps.

CARPPOOLING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED!

signup at sspres.org/outreach



SAVE THE DATE

Kirkin o' the TARTAN

January 28th, 2024
8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship

Signup to carry at Tartan
at sspres.org/kirkin



This Week | January 7 - 12

Sunday, January 7

8:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary

9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Location

10:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - SSI Chick-Fil-A

9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law

10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room

12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room

4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - John Law

Wednesday, January 10

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

10:15 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office

1:00 pm **Hands and Hearts Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic

3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary

6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am **TSN Sapelo Tour** - Off Campus

10:00 am **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law

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

4:00 pm **Buildings and Grounds** - John Law

5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, January 12

No Activities Planned for This Date

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

Chancel Flowers Calendar: Please look for the new 2024 flower sign up list on the bulletin boards outside of the Social Hall.

Elders

Class of 2024

Lee Dillard
Leslie Hartman
Buddy Jones
Mike Kellar
John Matthews
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
Nancy Fixx
Tom Haughney
Denise Hidalgo
Michael Johnson
Jan Rossiter
Andrew Turner

Class of 2025

Ami Bishop
Kelsi Brooks
Anna Henry
Sandy Kilgore
John LaBoone
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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