

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2023 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Anna Henry

Gail Dingerson

Iris Ellis

Randy Ellis

Emily Geer

Acolyte

Chase Callaway

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 392

Matsikenyiri/SHONA-Zimbabwe

Jesu, Tawa Pano

Chancel Choir and Youth Ensemble Drummers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Laurie Bentley

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord
Amy Bishop, Organist

Israeli Folk Melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leslie Carlton

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God,
all creation speaks volumes of God's handiwork.

**ALL: Each sunrise proclaims God's faithfulness
and the night reveals the Creator's awe.**

One: Without a word being spoken,
all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

**ALL: Let us join creation in its witness.
May the words of our mouths and the meditation
of our hearts be God's signature in the world.**

Psalms 19

*HYMN OF PRAISE 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of mercy, we forget the essential message you brought to us through the prophets and then in Jesus Christ. We forget that loving You means loving our neighbor. Heal our wounded spirits and our broken relationships. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness. Open a way for us to understand one another in truth and love. Tamp down our enthusiasm for our own security and gain; Enable our hearts to be sore in compassion for those who could use help from Jesus' earthly hands. May our hands be your hands: open, loving, and without limits.

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 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.

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.

FIRST READING

Psalm 25:1-9

pg 863 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mark 10:35-45

pg 1571NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Kate Buckley

"Raining on Our Parade: A lesson in Table Etiquette"

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Go into the World

Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

*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 853

SIYAHAMBA

We are Marching in the Light of God

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

May the God of Hope Go With You Argentine Folk Melody
Amy Bishop, Organist

PRAYER LIST

Weddings

Amanda Goyer & Luke Kendziorski

Joys

Great Day of Service turnout!

Still celebrating our 77th Anniversary

Members

Millard Allen

Helen Castrillo

Harlan Hambright

Pat Kent

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Gail Kroeze

Bill Lueckel

Draper Evans Risi

Dorothy Russell

Betty Lou Schoneker

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Ellen Fixx

Kellie Kelly

Rhett Rhame

Parker Silva

Martha Martin's sister, Eleanor

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford



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-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.

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.

(Resumes September 10)

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.

:: Get Out of Your Head by Jennie Allen

"20/30/40s" Women - Parlor

:: Words of Life by Adam Hamilton

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

:: Surprised by Scripture by N.T. Wright

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 ginnycconnors1@gmail.com

or (912) 672-1916

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

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S

School of the Laity

OCTOBER 7-8 AT EPWORTH OR ONLINE

- Old Testament Survey
- History, Mission, & Polity
- Survey of World Religions

INFO & REGISTRATION
AT [SSPRES.ORG/LAITY](https://sspres.org/laity)



OCT. 13TH | 6PM | SOCIAL HALL
RSVP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



MAP BOX PACKING

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

OCTOBER 17TH | 9AM - 12PM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

October 25, 2023

Front Drive at SSPC | 5-7PM

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOODS FOR SPARROWS
NEED AS YOUR TICKET! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
[signup at sspres.org/fall](https://sspres.org/fall)

SERVING THE HOMELESS

Providing Meals for Those in
Need at the Brunswick
Salvation Army Shelter

VOLUNTEER AT
[SSPRES.ORG/SALVATION](https://sspres.org/salvation)

When: 2nd and 4th
Mondays of Each
Month at 3:30PM

Where: SSPC Kitchen



This Week | October 1 - 6

Sunday, October 1

- 8:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Kidz Fellowship Movie** - Children's Hall
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

Monday, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Team** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Women's Bible Study** - Youth Suite

Wednesday, October 4

- 10:00 am **Grief Support Group** - Parlor
- 10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:00 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 5

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - Library
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, October 6

No Activities Planned for Today

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

Congregational Meeting: Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, October 8th after the 10:30 am service. The purposes of the meeting will be to elect new trustees for the Board of Trustees.

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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