

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Mary Helen Jetton

Lee Malone

Mark Gordon

Lucinda Gordon

Acolyte

Evie Buckley

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. Following the Word for Children those up to 2nd grade are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel.

INTROIT

Praise the Lord

Wagner

Chancel Choir, Chancel Ensemble - Trumpets - Anne Marie Stirewalt, Ed Jackson;
Clarinet - Judy Foster; French Horn - Mike Morgan; Trombone - John Simmons; Tuba -
Mike Bradberry; Percussion - Iris Ellis, Harlan Hambright; Organ - Amy Bishop

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Variations on "A Mighty Fortress"
Amy Bishop, Organist

Aber

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Buddy Jones

One: Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

ALL: and who meditates on his law day and night.

One: Let us come before the Lord in grateful worship.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 667**

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

Whatever personal reasons
lead us to church, another
reason, whether we are
aware of it or not, invites our
attention. God has called
the church to assemble
and offer its service as a
corporate priesthood.
-Book of Common Worship
Companion

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God and grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as a light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

*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.

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Bob Stanford

Members

Millard Allen

Harlan Hambright

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Martha Armstrong's

twin sister, Mary Whaley

Mike Chapman

Ellen Fixx

Jan Foster

Mike H.

Kellie Kelly

Rhett Rhame

Nancy Smith

Wendy Stephens

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lillian Clarke

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bill Lueckel

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.

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, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for children's chapel.

FIRST READING

Psalm 1

pg 844 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Reliance

Paul Curnow

Chancel Ensemble

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34-40

pg 1535 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Our Moral Imperative"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation
Chancel Choir, Chancel Ensemble

Dan Forrest

*Commissioned for the concert celebrating the reopening of Duke University Chapel,
September 29, 2016, Rodney Wynkoop conducting*

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

CONGREGATION

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA

Samuel Wesley, 1864

arr. DAN FORREST

(ASCAP)

(Instrumental) Congregation, unison, with choir



1. The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ, her Lord; she



is His new cre - a - tion by wa-ter and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to



be His ho-ly bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

(Instrumental)

(Stanza 2: Choir)

(Stanza 3: Choir)

(Instrumental)



Congregation, unison, with choir



4. Yet she on earth hath un-ion with God the Three in One, and mys-tic sweet com-



mun-ion with those whose rest is won: O hap-py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that



we like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

***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.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

We go forth to love and
serve the Lord in daily living.
In doing so, we seek to
fulfill our chief end: to glorify
and enjoy God forever.
-PCUSA Directory for
Worship

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 203**

CHEREPONI

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festive Fanfare
Amy Bishop, Organist

J. S. Bach



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).

venmo




A DAY TRIP TO
OKEFENOKEE SWAMP
 With **BRIDGE Missions**

NOV 4th | ALL ARE WELCOME!
limited to 14 ppl | RSVP by Oct 31st
 SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/OKEFENOKEE](https://sspres.org/okefenokee) 

DISCOVER
 ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A DISCUSSION CLASS ON THE HISTORY OF
 ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND
 WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN.

LED BY REV. DR. STEVE GOYER
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
 5PM | UPPER ROOM 

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/DISCOVER](https://sspres.org/discover)

Sunday, November 12th
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church,
 we would love to recognize you at worship
 on Sunday, November 12th!

VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://sspres.org/membership) TO LET US
 KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR CALL THE
 OFFICE AT 912-638-2220 

PORCHFEST: WITH TRY SOMETHING NEW
PORCH O'CALL
AT 707 DARTMOUTH

LUNCH AT 12:30PM | BAND AT 1PM
 PORCH: 707 DARTMOUTH, BRUNSWICK

SSPC GATHERING HOSTED BY
 JERRY & NORA SUE SPENCER
BOXED LUNCHES FROM
 YELLOW DELI & HOMEMADE DESSERTS
 AVAILABLE BY RSVP ONLY

LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE  **SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/PORCH](https://sspres.org/porch)**

NOV 12 

Angel Tree
VOLUNTEERS

THE SEASON OF GIVING IS NEAR
& HELP WILL BE NEEDED WITH...
 SHOPPING (USING DONATIONS),
 DECORATING, & DELIVERING

VOLUNTEER AT
[SSPRES.ORG/ANGEL](https://sspres.org/angel) 



This Week | October 29 - November 4

Sunday, October 29

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** -SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law

Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

No Activities Planned for this Date

Saturday, November 4

- 8:00 am **BRIDGE Okefenokee Trip** - Off Campus

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Marquess, from his family.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Stanford who passed away on Tuesday, October 24. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Bob's family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

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

Staff

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

Interim Pastor
steve@sspres.org

Amy Bishop

Organist
amy@sspres.org

Frieda Warner

Children's Ministry/CE
frieda@sspres.org

Donna Purdy

Administrative Assistant
donna@sspres.org

Doug Marshall

Worship Tech Specialist

Rev. Laurie Bentley

Parish Associate
laurie@sspres.org

Suzanne Morrison

Handbells
suzanne@sspres.org

Eliza Ours

Youth Director
eliza@sspres.org

David Keen

Interim Facility Manager
david@sspres.org

Leslie McCracken

Clerk of Session

Rhonda Hambricht

Music Director
rhonda@sspres.org

Nat Scott

Congregational Life
nat@sspresv.org

Jeannine Torbert

Finance /Administration
jeannine@sspres.org

Madelynne Risi

Mission & Outreach
madelynne@sspres.org

Anne Aspinwall

Chair of Deacons

Ada Owens

Communications
ada@sspres.org

Ashley Biletzskov

Preschool Director
ashley@sspres.org

Bob Harper

Treasurer



Savannah Presbytery



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

205 Kings Way | St. Simons Island, GA 31522 | 912-638-2220



www.sspres.org



facebook.com/saintsimonspresbyterian



instagram.com/saintsimonspres