

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Ten Commandments
Jen Norton

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Mary Helen Jetton

Kate Head

Brady Head

Acolyte

Arthur Owens

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

This is the Day
Chancel Choir

Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Trinity Fanfare
Chancel Ringers, Suzanne Morrison, Director

A. Guebert

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leslie Carlton

One: Let us come to learn.

ALL: Let us come to witness.

One: Let us come to change.

ALL: Let us come to repent.

One: Let us come to worship.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 408**

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION

The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. -PCUSA Book of Common Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

From Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them are we warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their own errors? Clear us from hidden faults. Keep us back from proud and vain thoughts.; do not let them have dominion over us. Then, with your forgiveness we shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*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.

*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 the earth. Hearing their cry God delivers 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 son home, God is faithful still.

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. -PC(USA) Directory for Worship

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Jack Claiborne

Members

Millard Allen

Harlan Hambright

Pat Kent

Gail Kroeze

Bill Lueckel

Draper Evans Risi

Dorothy Russell

Betty Lou Schoneker

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Martha Armstrong's

twin sister, Mary Whaley

Ellen Fick

Kellie Kelly

Rhett Rhame

Parker Silva

Martha Martin's sister,

Eleanor Goodson

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lynn Forsythe

Mary Grove

Doris Hewell

Bob Stanford

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Usher Training

Jan Rossiter

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

Matthew 22:37-40

pg 1535 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

SECOND READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-10, 12-20

pg 118 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"What Happened to Fear and Trembling?"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Gratitude

Chancel Ringers

A. Guebert

*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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 74

RESIGNATION

When God Restored Our Common Life

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Presented by the nominating committee to be confirmed by the congregation as
Trustees of Saint Simons Presbyterian Church.*

Class of 2024

Jack Hartman
Bob Harper
Brenda Jones

Class of 2025

Jim Farrish
John Matthews
Barbara Dieterman

Class of 2026

Bob Killian
Dee Davis
Sally Miles

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
Amy Bishop, Organist

Ralph Vaughn Williams

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.



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 ginnyconnors1@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



This Week | October 8 -13

Sunday, October 8

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

- 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** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Nominating Committee** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Women's Bible Study** - Youth Suite

Wednesday, October 11

- 10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 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, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

- 6:00 pm **Heartstrings Hoedown** - Social Hall

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father, David Miller Deakin, by Lillian Clarke.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Jack Claiborne (Tom Haughney's stepfather) who passed away on Thursday, September 28. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Jack'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

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