

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Bettye Russell

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Ella Kent

Pat Kent

Acolyte

Sam Clements

Worship begins as we
prepare ourselves to come
before God, hopefully,
before we come to the
sanctuary. As we enter, it is
good to greet each other...
until the introit when we
are called to attend to
the service. It is right to
remember, in worship, God
is our audience. The work
we do together is meant
to glorify God in grateful
thanksgiving.

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

To God Be the Glory

Doane/arr. Hambright

Chancel Choir, Mark Lochstampfor, Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

God's Peace

Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

BEACH SPRING/
arr. Adams & Austin

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bryan Neill

One: Let justice roll down like waters,

ALL: And righteousness like a mighty stream,

One: Let us worship the Lord as we prepare for God's coming.

Amos 5:24

*HYMN OF PRAISE 475

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God, creator of the heavens and earth, of time and space, of every living thing in all the universe, forgive us we pray when we forget who and whose we are. We say we want to see you, to know you, to serve you, but we would rather you know, see, and serve us. We say we want you to come again, but we do not want to prepare for your coming by working for justice to roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. Forgive and invigorate us to our lives according to the way of Jesus, that we may, at all times, be ready for your coming into our midst.

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.

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!"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dianne Banner

JoAnn & Jerry Mooney

Elizabeth Shewell

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

Michael Johnson

Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast

Jim Bishop

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Tharpe Lokey

JoAnn Starr

Members

Millard Allen

Helen Castrillo

Joyce Fendig

Harlan Hambricht

J. P. Harlan

Mary Katherine Harlan

Anna Henry

Stephen Nelms

The Owens Family

Dorothy Russell

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Mike Chapman

Ellen Fixx

Jan Foster

Mary Garcia

Mike H.

Kellie Kelly

Holly Lamb

Rhett Rhame

Nancy Smith

Scott Smith

Wendy Stephens

Katie Wakeland

Mary Whaley

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lillian Clarke

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

Amos 5:18-24

pg 1426 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

Chancel Choir

arr. Sheldon Curry

SECOND READING

Matthew 24:1-8

pg 1538 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Keep Calm and Carry On"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

An Expression of Joy
Chancel Ringers

John A. Behnke

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. In worship the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, are claimed and set free by him, and are led to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and their material goods. -PCUSA Directory for Worship

*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 687

ST. ANNE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Choral Song
Amy Bishop, Organist

Wesley



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.
(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

Thanksgiving
**PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST**

Thursday, November 23rd
 7:30-9:30 AM | Social Hall

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/PANCAKE




**SAFE HARBOR
 DONATIONS**

SOCKS & UNDIES
 ALL SIZES & GENDERS
 Must be new & in package
 DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF
 IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
 THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF
 NOVEMBER!




SSPC MISSIONS & OUTREACH
**LUNCH & LEARN AT
 SAFE HARBOR**

Nov 14 | 11am-1pm | Cost \$15pp
 1526 Norwich St

An opportunity to learn more and tour
 Safe Harbor, a nonprofit organization
 dedicated to serving vulnerable individuals
 and families in our community.

LUNCH CATERED BY REID'S.
 LIMITED TO 25 PPL.

signup at
sspres.org/outreach




**ANGEL
 TREE**

ANGELS CAN BE FOUND
 IN GATHERING SPACE,
 SANCTUARY, & SOCIAL HALL.

GIFTS DUE BY DECEMBER 5th
 (drop-off in church office)

PEW ANGELS ARE ALSO
 AVAILABLE FOR MONETARY
 DONATIONS TOWARDS GIFTS.

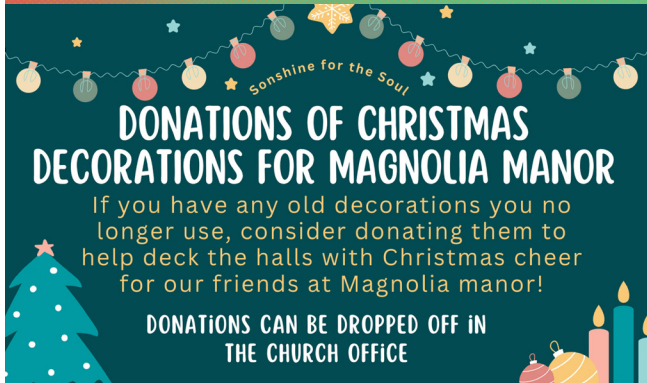



Sonshine for the Soul

**DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS
 DECORATIONS FOR MAGNOLIA MANOR**

If you have any old decorations you no
 longer use, consider donating them to
 help deck the halls with Christmas cheer
 for our friends at Magnolia manor!

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN
 THE CHURCH OFFICE



This Week | November 12 -17

Sunday, November 12

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 9:30 am **New Member Class** - Britt Room
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm **Porch Fest** - Spencer's Porch
- 1:00 pm **Hunger Action Packing** - Gathering Space

Monday, November 13

- 9:00 am **Hunger Action Packing** - Gathering Space
- 12:00 pm **Worship and Music** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Messiah Practice** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, November 14

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Lunch and Learn** - Safe Harbor
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

Wednesday, November 15

- 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 **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 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 16

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

Friday, November 17

No Activities Planned for this Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today by Sandi, Alex, and Tripp Goeldner in memory of Rich Goeldner; a wonderful husband and father.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Tharpe Lokey (Kevin Lokey's brother) who passed away on Saturday, November 4. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Tharpe'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
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 Jackie Griffin
 David Keen
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