

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Prayer of St Francis

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jerry Hardiman

Pat Heran

Bunnie Lynn

Pattie Boykin

Anne Aspinwall

Acolyte

Virginia Kate Ramba

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 336

We Gather Together
Chancel Choir

KREMSER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. J. Payne

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leslie Hartman

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**ALL: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you formed the earth and the world,
from ever lasting, to everlasting you are God.**

One: Let us worship the Lord our God.

Psalm 90:2

***HYMN OF PRAISE 367**

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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)

Philippians 2:5-11

In our relationships with one another, let us have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Dianne Banner
Elizabeth Shewell*

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ladies Christmas Luncheon
Ginny Conners

Thanksgiving Breakfast
Jim Bishop

PRAYER LIST

Weddings

Callie Doyle & Matthew Sardo

Deaths

Phyllis Carrigan

Members

Millard Allen

Helen Castrillo

Joyce Fendig

Harlan Hambright

Anna Henry

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Stephen Nelms

Jan Payne

Dorothy Russell

Lisa Sims and her
father, Robert Carlisle

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Mike Chapman

Ellen Fixx

Jan Foster

Mary Garcia

Mike H.

Georgina Hurtado

Kellie Kelly

Joyce Kitchens

Holly Lamb

Rhett Rhame

Nancy Smith

Scott Smith

Wendy Stephens

Katie Wakeland

Mary Whaley

St. Francis Xavier students, flu

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lillian Clarke

James Hawkins

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

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

Psalms 90:1-6, 10-17

pg 1535 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Bringing in the Sheaves

arr. John Coates, Jr.

Chancel Choir, Bud Longley, Soloist

SECOND READING

Matthew 25:14-30

pg 1541 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"It's Not About Money"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts, a Shaker Melody
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Callahan

*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 643

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Now Thank We All Our God

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Amy Bishop, Organist

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“God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission it bears witness to God’s reign over all life”
-Presbyterian Book of Common Worship



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).

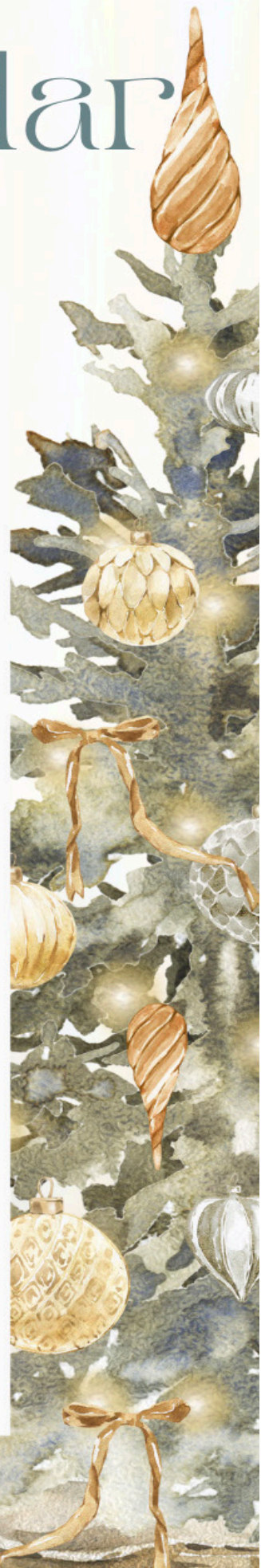
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Advent Calendar

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Wed, November 29	Advent Festival - 5 pm
Thurs, November 30	Church Decorating Day - 10 am
Sat, December 2	Messiah (SSPC) - 3 pm
Sun, December 3	Start of Advent Sunday School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Charlie Brown Christmas All Ages - Youth Suite• Heaven and Earth Combined Adult - Upper Room
Sun, December 3	Youth Progressive Supper - 5 pm
Wed, December 6	Ladies Christmas Luncheon - 11:30 am
Thurs, December 7-8	TSN St. Augustine Christmas Lights Tour
Wed, December 13	Caroling on the Trolley - 4 pm & 5 pm
Fri, December 15	Live Nativity - 6 pm & 7 pm
Fri, December 15	Youth Lock-In
Sat, December 16	WD Salvation Army Bell Ringing - 10 am-8 pm
Sun, December 17	Chancel Choir & Orchestra - 10:30 am
Thurs, December 21	Longest Night Service - 7 pm
Sun, December 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship, Carols, & Nativity Tableau - 10:30 am• Lessons, Carols, & Candles with Nativity Tableau - 5:30 pm• Candlelight & Communion Service - 9 pm





This Week | November 19 -24

Sunday, November 19

- 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, November 20

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, November 21

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, November 22

No Activities Planned for this Date

Thursday, November 23

Office Closed

- 7:30 am **Pancake Breakfast** - Social Hall

Friday, November 24

No Activities Planned for this Date

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Hank, Liz, Jennifer, & Will Ream in loving memory of Henry P. Ream III. The Cornucopia of Plenty was beautifully designed by Suzanne Morrison.



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

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