# Service for the Lord's Day

St. Simons Presbyterian Church



Practicing Gratitude Kidz Fellowship

#### Ushers

Pattie Boykin Bunnie Lynn Pat Heran Lynda Bisher

**Acolyte** Graham Holland

November is the season in our faith community's life when we invite every member to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to support the mission of the church. An investment in St. Simons Presbyterian's mission is an investment in the well being of our community and beyond. We give thanks for those who, as an act of faith in response to God's grace, are making pledges this morning to support the continuing mission of our church for the year to come.

# 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 647

Give Thanks

Henry Smith/D. Wagner

Congregation and Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

Congregational Meeting

Electing and Installing New Deacons
Lynda Bisher
Michael Johnson

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert

Chancel Ensemble: Anne Marie Stirewalt, Ed Jackson, Trumpets; Judy Foster, Clarinet; Mike Morgan, French Horn; John Simmons, Trombone and Amy Bishop, Organist

\*Call to Worship:

Albert McCaffrey

One: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son;

ALL: In whom we have been reconciled to all things in heaven and earth.

One: Let us give thanks and worship the Lord.

Colossians 1:13

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, and the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the way of peace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Affirmation of Faith (All)

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

\*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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ladies Christmas Luncheon Leslie Carlton The church is not an institution but the gathered community of faith. "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name," Jesus said, "there am I in the midst of them."

# 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.

Anthem

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Chancel Choir and Ensemble

arr. Harry Simeone

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who 'became flesh and lived among us' (John 1:14). SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 23:33-43** pg 1641 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"King of What?"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS



#### OFFERTORY AND COMMITMENT CARD PRESENTATION

During the offertory you are invited to bring your offering and commitment card to the table. If you have responded online then bring yourselves.

Commitments can also be made online using the QR code to the left.

Please ask an usher for assistance if so needed.

OFFERTORY

Come and Give Thanks
Chancel Ensemble and Piano

Larry Shackley

\*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.

#### 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.

Please check our weekly newsletter for an up to date prayer list. Visit sspres.org/ newsletters

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*Hymn of Dedication 327

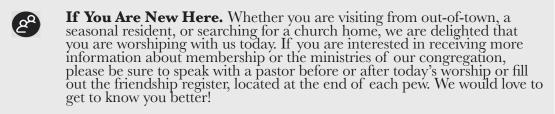
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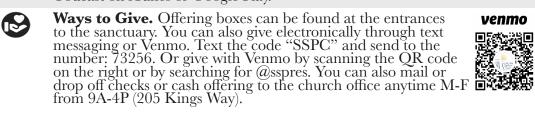
\*Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Amy Bishop, Organist arr. Young



- **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.



## 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.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

**PAL Mentoring Program** 

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.

**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 Fellowship** (Grades 3 to 5) *Monthly on Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

**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 for middle schoolers.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org.

#### 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.

**TGIF/Crossroads Ministry**Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

Madelynne Risi at Madelynne@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 made available for all.

:: Names for the Messiah (Begins 11/28)

By Walter Brueggemann - Upper Room

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room
Men's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Wednesday.
Visitors are always welcome. (Resumes Sept 7th)

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thurdays at 10AM in the Upper Room Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle** 

All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254 Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com or (608) 220-8481

#### Music

#### Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Santuary 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 Gover 904-718-7777

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903





books available in office for \$10

# This Week

November 20-18

Sunday, November 20

8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - Various Locations

10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, November 21

12:00 pm Worship and Music - Upper Room

5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room

6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law

Tuesday, November 22

9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

1:00 pm Who Dealt Bridge Club - Library

Wednesday, November 23

No Activities Today/ Office Closing at 2:00 pm

Thursday, November 24

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

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

Friday, November 25

Office Closed

Chancel Flowers: The Cornucopia of Plenty was beautifully designed by Suzanne Morrison.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with Matt and Meg Robinson on the birth of their son, James Melton (Jack), who was born on November 11. Welcome to the world Jack!

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on

Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call to Worship, 2021-2022.

# To Ponder Prayerfully

# Gratitude

N ORDINARY LIFE, WE HARDLY REALIZE THAT WE RECEIVE A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN WE GIVE AND THAT IT IS ONLY WITH GRATITUDE THAT LIFE BECOMES RICH."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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







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