

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Practicing Gratitude*  
Kidz Fellowship

Reign of Christ & Dedication Sunday  
November 20, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

#### 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*

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 336

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

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.**

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."

\*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.**

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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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Ladies Christmas Luncheon*  
Leslie Carlton

# 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

## SCRIPTURE READING

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

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).

## 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

Please check our weekly newsletter for an up to date prayer list. Visit [sspres.org/newsletters](http://sspres.org/newsletters)

**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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Young



**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](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](http://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](http://sspres.org/sermons) or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.



**Ways to Give.** Offering boxes can be found at the entrances to 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.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Youth

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jhmatthews7@comcast.net).*

### **Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group**

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

*Gwen Mayberry [gwenmayberry@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto: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 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](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto: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. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299*

*Rev. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903*



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STEWARDSHIP 2023

## PRACTICING gratitude

a grateful response to God's love



View Ministry Investment Report  
& Make Your Commitment at [sspres.org/giving](https://sspres.org/giving)

Thanksgiving

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Thursday, November 24th

7:30-9:30 AM | Social Hall

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/PANCAKE](https://sspres.org/pancake)**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ARE NOW  
COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE

## SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS

For the Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments where  
older, low-income adults (living on less than \$9000  
annually) are provided a good, clean place to live.

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE  
OFFICE BEFORE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

A LIST OF DONATIONS CAN BE  
LOCATED AT [SSPRES.ORG](https://sspres.org)

WALTER  
BRUEGGEMANN

## NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH

AN ADVENT STUDY

## Combined Advent SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning November 27

**SUNDAYS | 9:30AM  
UPPER ROOM**

books available in office for \$10

IT'S THE HOLIDAYS, LET'S CELEBRATE!

## Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 7 • 11:30 AM • Social Hall

\$20 per person • Guests are Welcome!

PAY ONLINE OR DROP OFF IN CHURCH OFFICE

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30TH  
payment is reservation

**SIGNUP AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/LADIESLUNCHEON](https://sspres.org/ladiesluncheon)**

## 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

“I  
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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