

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Let Us Beat Swords Into Ploughshares
Evgeniy Vuchetich

First Sunday in Advent
November 27, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Thomas Arvin
Buddy Hendrick
Mark Gordon
Lucinda Gordon

Acolyte

Kerrigan Biletzskov

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

Jesus, the Light of the World
Chancel Choir

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

People Look East
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Albert McCaffrey

One: Let us go into the house of the Lord!

ALL: Let us meet God with joy!

One: God builds us up like a great city.

ALL: May peace be within our walls.

One: Let us seek the goodness of God;

ALL: let us go into the house of the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

* Please stand if able.

Welcome to worship this first Sunday of Advent. Throughout this season, we prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus Christ into the world on Christmas, and we celebrate in faith that Christ is here and Christ will come again. During this season of Advent, we'll anticipate Christ's coming by seeking out the glimmers of light that shines in the darkness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be revealed.

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GRETOREX

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Callaway Family:
Justin, Sarah, Hunter, Chase, and Jack

The four Sundays of Advent have been given various designations, but a traditional set of meanings is one that we use in worship. The candles of the Advent wreath stand for God's promises of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We pray for these words to be fulfilled in your life and in the lives of the whole world.

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

pg 1062 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir; Mark Propst, Director

SECOND READING

Matthew 24:36-44

pg 1539 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Wait, Watch, and Listen"

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

O Veni Emmanuel
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky

*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.*

The offering is closely tied to
the church's calling to serve
the poor and to reach out to
those outside it.

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

**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 92

WAITING (Cason)

While We are Waiting, Come

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. McConnell



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 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

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

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

Thursdays 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 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

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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

The 2022 Community Messiah Chorus Presents

HANDEL'S

MESSIAH

PART THE FIRST

December 3rd | 3PM | SSPC Sanctuary
Livestream at sspres.org/messiah

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

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)

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)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

EVERY ADVENT SEASON MANY OF OUR FOLKS ORDER
POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF LOVED ONES AND
THEN SEE HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY LOOK AT CHRISTMAS TIME.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR DEACONS FUND.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DECEMBER 12.

\$15 EACH | ORDER AT [SSPRES.ORG/POINSETTIA](https://sspres.org/poinsettia)

This Week | Nov 27- Dec 3

Sunday, November 27

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, November 28

- 6:30 pm **Messiah Practice** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, November 29

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Library

Wednesday, November 30

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:15 pm **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 1

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **Pastor Nominating Committee** - Upper Room

Friday, December 2

No Activities Planned for Today

Saturday, December 3

- 3:00 pm **Messiah Performance** - Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning
are given in honor of Mary Margaret Shiver
from Jeff, Jack, Mary Ellis, and John Shiver.

Christmas Wreaths: The wreaths on the front
doors of the church are given by Ron and Alex
Binkney in honor of Alex's parents, Bill and Meg Way.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call to
Worship, 2022-2023.

To Ponder Prayerfully

In Light of Hope

“THE FUTURE BELONGS TO GOD, BUT THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THAT FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO HAVE GLIMPSED GOD’S LIGHT AND ARE WILLING TO TRUST THAT ENOUGH LIGHT LIES AHEAD.”

— STACEY SIMPSON DUKE

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