

# Service for the Lord's Day

## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Radiant Light*  
Elizabeth Wang

All Saints Sunday  
November 5, 2023 | 10:30 am Service

#### Ushers

Anna Henry

Linda Gilsrud

Tim Gilsrud

Judy Benjamin

Lowell Korb

#### Acolyte

Sarah Wessel

The order of worship is called a liturgy, which quite literally means “work of the people.” What we do together in prayer and praise, listening for and responding to God, proclaiming and confessing our faith, and engaging in forms of self-offering during this time of worship, is our work in this service.

## 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.*

INTROIT 510

*We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

Bryan Jeffery Leech

Chancel Choir; Bud Longley and Ann Nermoe, Guitars

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations (Psalm 117)*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

E. L. Diemer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bryan Neill

One: Amen!

**All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks  
and honor and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

*Revelation 7:12*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 620

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS (ALL)

**Almighty God, Lord of all life, we bless you for all your true and faithful servants whom you have gathered out of every nation and tongue, that they should be where you are. We bless you for those dear to our remembrance, who by faith journeyed with you through this life and are now at home in your house: Claude Hollis, Richard Hernandez, Lydia Thompson, Dick Bobb, Stephen Upton, Terry Seierstad, Lanier Miles, Mary Avram, Sue Gussman, Mac Carlton, Lois Vogelmann, Nancy Thrun, Wilma Knight, Kathy Chapman, Lynda Lemmon, Nancy Lanasa, Verna Carlisle, Mary Grove, B. B. Shelander, and Bob Stanford.**

CALL FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

*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)

Hebrews 12:1-2

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Angel Tree*

Melissa Tsai

*Stewardship*

Andrew and Becca Turner

Presbyterian pastor and author Frederick Buechner has famously said, "To confess sins to God is not to tell God that God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us and God. When we confess our sins, they become the bridge."

# 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 those Pre-k and under are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel. Kindergarten and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary to participate in the Communion service.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*pg 1921 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

*"Lining Up For the Promise Land"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*In Remembrance*

Jeffery L. Ames

Chancel Choir; Mike Morgan, French Horn

In Remembrance  
Latin translation - May  
everlasting light shine  
upon them, O Lord, with  
thy saints in eternity, for  
thou art merciful.

## \*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.*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 326

SINE NOMINE

*For All the Saints*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Minuet Finale - Fireworks Suite*

G. F. Handel

Amy Bishop, Organist



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



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](https://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](https://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-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

**venmo**



## PRAYER LIST

### Weddings

Sarah Wilson & William Westbrook

### Joys

A great Fall Festival

### Deaths

Bob Stanford

JoAnn Starr

### Members

Millard Allen

Helen Castrillo

Joyce Fendig

Harlan Hambright

J. P. Harlan

Anna Henry

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Dorothy Russell

Deryl Warner

### Friends and Family

Mike Chapman

Ellen Fix

Jan Foster

Mary Garcia

Mike H.

Kellie Kelly

Rhett Rhame

Nancy Smith

Wendy Stephens

Katie Wakeland

Mary Whaley (Martha

Armstrong's twin sister)

### Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lillian Clarke

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bill Lueckel

# 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 ginnycconnors1@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

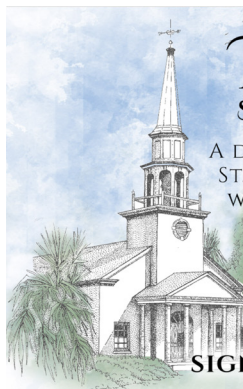
### Pastoral Care

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*





# DISCOVER


ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A DISCUSSION CLASS ON THE HISTORY OF ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN.

LED BY REV. DR. STEVE GOYER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH  
5PM | UPPER ROOM

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/DISCOVER](http://SSPRES.ORG/DISCOVER)



## Sunday, November 12th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

*If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at worship on Sunday, November 12th!*

VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](http://SSPRES.ORG/MEMBERSHIP) TO LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 912-638-2220



## 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!




## ANGEL TREE

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

GIFTS DUE BY DECEMBER 3rd (drop-off in church office)

PEW ANGELS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR MONETARY DONATIONS TOWARDS GIFTS.




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](http://sspres.org/outreach)



This Week | November 5 - 10

### Sunday, November 5

- 8:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Kidz Fellowship** - Britt Room
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

### Monday, November 6

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 4:00 pm **Congregational Life Committee** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Messiah Practice** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, November 7

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Team** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Nominating Committee** - John Law
- 5:00 pm **New Member Class** - Upper Room

### Wednesday, November 8

- 10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 9

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - Library
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

### Friday, November 10

- 9:30 am **Board of Trustees Meeting** - Upper Room

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel Greenery is given to the glory of God by the greenery committee.

**All Saints Memorial Ribbons:** Please feel free to take your loved ones' ribbons with you at the conclusion of the service.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of JoAnn Starr who passed away on Monday, October 30. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround JoAnn's family and friends near and far who mourn her passing.



## Thanksgiving PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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## 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  
Judy Benjamin  
Jackie Griffin  
David Keen  
Lowell Korb  
Katie Rossiter  
Linda Seierstad

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Savannah Presbytery



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

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