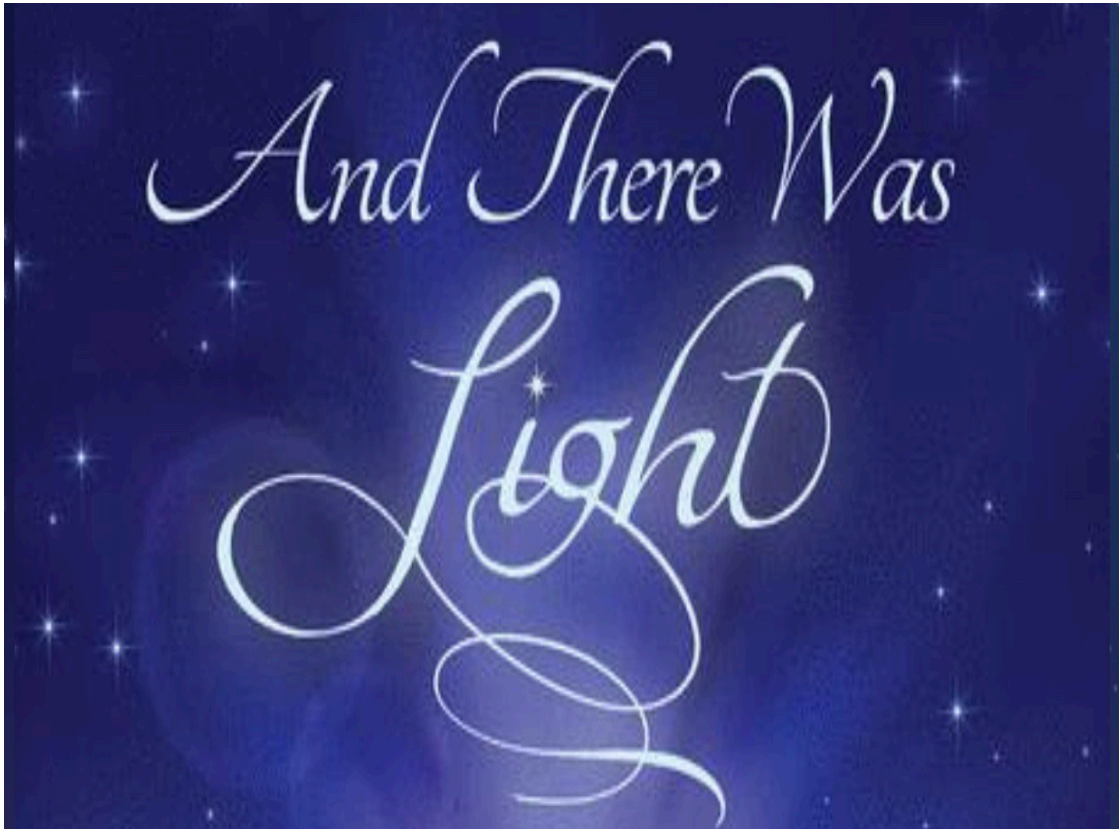


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



By Joseph M. Martin

Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter
Becky Livingston
Buddy Hendrick
Angie Votsis
David Keen

Acolyte

Hunter Callaway

Prayer List
Hospital

Johnny Alexander
Wendy Stephens

Home

Dee Davis
Faye Foster
Harlan Hambricht
Buddy Hendrick
Linda Johnston
Mary Lewis
Lanier Miles
Jamie Scott

Terry Seierstad

Surgery

Jean Sucher
Kathy Wade

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb
Joe Camp
Kathy Chapman
Lynn Forsythe
Dorie Hewell
Gail Kroeze
Bob Stanford
Frances Teel

Hospice

Nancy Thrun

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.

PRELUDE

Masters in this Hall
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leslie Carlton

One: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!

ALL: Jesus, the Light of the World!

One: Glory to the newborn King

ALL: Jesus, the Light of the World!

One: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

**ALL: O, shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the World!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Holland Family:
Drew, Lindsey, Graham, & Liam

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jerry Barnes and Joyce Kitchens
Charles and Andrea Woodroof

OFFERTORY

Une Flambeau, Jeanette Isabella
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Uehlein

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* Please stand if able.

AND THERE WAS LIGHT

By Joseph M. Martin

Orchestrations by Brant Adams, Robert Sterling and Stan Pethel

Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Chancel Ensemble & Orchestra

A FESTIVE CALL TO CHRISTMAS

Chancel Choir, Children, & Congregation

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, He is Born, Ukrainian Bell Carol,
Away in a Manger, O Come, All Ye Faithful*
(Congregation, please sing as directed)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
2. CHOIR
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

THE LIGHT OF HOPE

Narration

CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

Chancel Choir

THE LIGHT OF PEACE

Narration

COME, GOLDEN LIGHT

based on *Many and Great- LACQUIPARLE*

Chancel Choir

THE LIGHT OF JOY

Narration

DAZZLING JOY

incorporating *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Chancel Choir

THE LIGHT OF LOVE

Narration

BEAUTIFUL NAME

incorporating *Still, Still, Still*

Chancel Choir & Children

JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Narration

DREAMER OF STARS

Laurie Bentley, Soloist

Chancel Choir

THE LIGHT OF GLORY

Narration

ANGEL SONG

Chancel Choir

THE LIGHT OF WISDOM

Narration

SILVER AND SHADOWS

Anne Nermoe and Bud Longley, Soloists

Chancel Choir

THE LIGHT EVERLASTING

Narration

JOYOUS CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

Chancel Choir, Children, & Congregation

*Ding, Dong , Merrily on High, While the Shepherds Watched Their Flock,
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!*
(Congregation, please sing as directed)

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the World! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. CHOIR
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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* BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

POSTLUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Hayes

MUSICIANS

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

Laurie Bentley
Marcia Dobbin
Brenda Haughney
Rixie Hendry
Linda Jackson
Kelly Johnson
Kathy Lindsay
Ginnie Schroder
Sheryl Vaughters

Alto

Jane Drake
Luanne Lea
Nancy Matthews
Lisa NcNeal
Ann Nermoe
Ellen Smith
Audrey Stewart
Mary Jo Townsend

Tenor

Tom Haughney
Anna Henry
Frank Lea
Mark Lochstampfor
David Stewart
Judy Stipp

Bass

Richard Hathaway
Bud Longley
Fleming Martin
Mark Propst

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Flute 1.....	Les Roettges
Flute 2/ Piccolo.....	Carolyn Menke
Oboe.....	Liam Nunn
Recorder.....	Mary Jo Townsend
Clarinet 1.....	AnnMarie Morrison
Clarinet 2.....	Judy Foster
Bassoon.....	Ehren Hoehn
French Horn	Mike Morgan
Trumpet 1.....	Anne Marie Stirewalt
Trumpet 2.....	Ed Jackson
Trombone 1.....	Aiden Cromwell
Trombone 2	John Simmons
Percussion 1.....	Jess Hunter
Percussion 2.....	Meme Walton
Timpani.....	Simon Newman
Keyboard 1.....	Amy Bishop
Keyboard 2.....	Iris Ellis
Violin 1.....	Stephenie Powell
Violin 2.....	Ester Hollingsworth
Viola.....	Brooke Zell
Cello.....	Lindsay Luppino

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 *(Resumes in January)*

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

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.

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

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

Christmas Eve Services



CAROLS & CANDLES

4:00PM AN ABBREVIATED SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY TABLEAU

LESSONS, CAROLS, & CANDLES

5:30PM A FULL SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY TABLEAU

CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

9:00PM AN ABBREVIATED SERVICE WITH CAROLS AND COMMUNION

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN'S NATIVITY TABLEAU.

SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/CHRISTMAS-EVE

5:30PM LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE AT SSPRES.ORG

the Longest Night

A WINTER SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING

Wednesday, December 21
7 PM | Sanctuary

LIVESTREAM AT SSPRES.ORG

Do What You Have the
POWER to Do
Studies of Six New Testament Women
HELEN BRUCH PEARSON



OTHER DENIZENS OF THE DEEP

BOOK STUDY

- Thursdays | 5:30PM
- January 5 - February 16
- John Law Room

CONTACT BRENDA HAUGHNEY
WITH QUESTIONS: 704.641.2621

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

The Season of Giving is Upon Us

SERRV SHOP

FAIR TRADE GIFTS, HANDMADE CRAFTS
& FOODS SOURCED GLOBALLY FROM
ARTISANS AROUND THE WORLD.

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 16TH
LOCATED IN THE BACK HALLWAY

This Week | December 18-24

Sunday, December 18

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **New Members Meeting** - Social Hall
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, December 19

- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, December 20

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21

- 10:00 am **Grief Support Group** - John Law
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Longest Night Service** - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 22

- 4:30 pm **Pastor Nominating Committee** - Upper Room

Friday, December 23

No Activities Scheduled for this Date

Saturday, December 24 a

- 4:00 pm **Carols and Candles** - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm **Lessons, Carols, and Candles** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 pm **Candlelight and Communion** - Sanctuary

Joy Gift Offering: Today's special Christmas offering goes to supporting retired PC(USA) Church Workers & PC(USA) Racial Ethnic Schools & Colleges
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.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Heavy With Wonder

“**T**O BECOME AWARE OF THE INEFFABLE IS TO PART COMPANY WITH WORDS... THE TANGENT TO THE CURVE OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE LIES BEYOND THE LIMITS OF LANGUAGE. THE WORLD OF THINGS WE PERCEIVE IS BUT A VEIL. IT'S FLUTTER IS MUSIC, ITS ORNAMENT SCIENCE, BUT WHAT IT CONCEALS IS INSCRUTABLE. ITS SILENCE REMAINS UNBROKEN; NO WORDS CAN CARRY IT AWAY.

SOMETIMES WE WISH THE WORLD COULD SING AND TELL US ABOUT THAT WHICH MADE IT PREGNANT WITH FEAR-FILLING GRANDEUR.

SOMETIMES WE WISH OUR OWN HEART WOULD SING OF THAT WHICH MADE IT HEAVY WITH WONDER.”

— I ASKED FOR WONDER, BY ABRAHAM HESCHEL

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