

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Shine
Mike Moyers

First Sunday in Advent
December 3, 2023 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter
Mary Helen Jetton
Gail Dingerson
Anna K. Mansfield
Kate Buckley

Acolyte

Connor Rossiter

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 505

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
Chancel Choir

Kendrick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

People, Look East
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. M. McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Meg Mimbs

One: We are waiting for the coming of the Lord.

All: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

One: Let us prepare for his coming as we worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 1-3;5)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Wessel Family
Carrie, Tadd, Carolina, John Cannon, and Sarah

* 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 who comes to us in unexpected ways, pry open our hearts to make room for your coming. We confess our lackluster faith, our Christmas frenzy, and our false expectations that blind us from your light. Jerk us awake to be ready, push us to move in your direction, open our eyes and ears to perceive your coming. Then when you come, enable us to respond in hope and faith.

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)

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Isaiah 64:1-12

pg 1161 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"O Come, O Come, O God Come!"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Bethlehem Procession

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

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 82

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. McConnell

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Lillian Clarke

Gail Kroeze

Anita Belcher

Lee Jameson

James Hawkins

Members

Millard Allen

Joyce Fendig

Ellen Fixx

Harlan Hambright

Pat Kent

Joyce Kitchens

Stephen Nelms

Dorothy Russell

Stephen Scarlett

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Jack Franklin

Mary Garcia

Mike H.

Rhett Rhame

Lisa Sims

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Joan Cummings

Doris Hewell

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Bill Lueckel



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 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-Th from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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Advent Calendar

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sun, December 3

Start of Advent Sunday School

- A Charlie Brown Christmas
All Ages - Youth Suite
- Heaven and Earth
Combined Adult - Upper Room
- The Wonder of Advent
20s/30s/40s Women - Parlor

Sun, December 3

Youth Progressive Supper - 5 pm

Wed, December 6

Ladies Christmas Luncheon - 11:30 am

Thurs, December 7-8

TSN St. Augustine Christmas Lights Tour

Wed, December 13

Caroling on the Trolley - 4 pm & 5 pm

Fri, December 15

Live Nativity - 6 pm & 7 pm

Fri, December 15

Youth Lock-In

Sat, December 16

WD Salvation Army Bell Ringing - 10 am-8 pm

Sun, December 17

Chancel Choir & Orchestra - 10:30 am

Sun, December 17

Movie Night (I Heard the Bells) - 6:30PM

Thurs, December 21

Longest Night Service - 7 pm

Sun, December 24

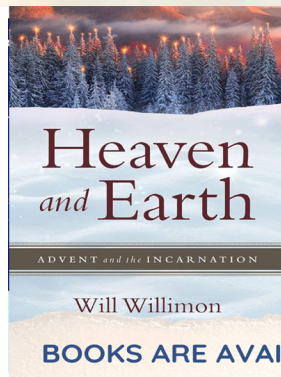
- Worship, Carols, & Nativity Tableau - 10:30 am
- Lessons, Carols, & Candles
with Nativity Tableau - 5:30 pm
- Candlelight & Communion Service - 9 pm

A Charlie Brown Christmas **Family Advent SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES**

A Class for ALL Ages!

DECEMBER 3RD - 24TH
9:30AM | Youth Suite

*Isn't there anyone who knows
what Christmas is all about?*



COMBINED ADULT ADVENT **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Watch out! God is on the way!

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

December 3-24

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10



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 11.

\$20 EACH | ORDER AT SSPRES.ORG/POINSETTIA



ST. AUGUSTINE NIGHT OF LIGHTS

December 7-8
SAVE THE DATE

Contact Nat Scott for Info:
nat@sspres.org



live Nativity VOLUNTEERS

GRADES 3RD - 12TH

FRIDAY, DEC 15TH
6PM & 7PM

 SIGN UP AT
SSPRES.ORG/LIVE-NATIVITY



SALVATION ARMY

SATURDAY
DEC 16TH BELL RINGING

ONE HOUR SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR
SINGLES OR GROUPS FROM 10AM - 8PM

SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS





Movie Night

Featured Movie
I HEARD THE BELLS
Sunday, Dec 17 at 6:30PM

Movie Snacks will be Provided
ALL ARE WELCOME!

This Week | December 3 - 8

- Sunday, December 3**
 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 Progressive Dinner** - Off-Campus
- Monday, December 4**
 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- Tuesday, December 5**
 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 **Mission Committee** - Upper Room
 4:00 pm **Nominating Committee** - John Law
- Wednesday, December 6**
 10:00 am **Grief Support Group** - Parlor
 10:15 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
 11:30 am **Ladies Christmas Luncheon** - Social Hall
 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary
- Thursday, December 7**
 9:00 am **TSN St. Augustine Lights Tour** - Off Campus
 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- Friday, December 8**
No Activities Planned for This Date

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

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of James Hawkins and Gail Kroeze who both passed away on Saturday Nov. 25, and Lillian Clarke who passed away on Sunday, Nov. 26. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround James, Gail, and Lillian's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

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.

Advent Paraments: Advent is a season of preparation, a time of , waiting, anticipating the "coming of Christ". In church history, blue is symbolic of hope and also of Mary, the mother of Jesus, so I used blue as the background with accents of purple and pink. Purple symbolizes preparation and also the color of the first, second, and fourth Advent candles, Hope, Peace, and Love. Pink is a liturgical color for Joy and the third Advent candle. My intention with these fabrics is to express the time of waiting and preparation during the Advent season. The paraments were beautifully created by Sandy Kilgore.



CAROLING ON THE TROLLEY

ALL ARE WELCOME!
DECEMBER 13 | 4PM & 5PM
 FOLLOWED BY CHILL IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6PM

BE SURE SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/CAROLING



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

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