

# Service for the Lord's Day

## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Living Water*  
Lisa Lancaster

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

**Ushers**

Bettye Russell  
Barbara Powers  
Doug Tingle

**Acolyte**

Grae Frazier

# 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 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.*

INTROIT

*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

*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Statham

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leslie Carlton

**One:** The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them. *(Is. 11:6)*

**ALL:** **They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all (God's) holy mountain, for the earth  
will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.** *(Is. 11:9)*

**One:** Let us worship the Lord.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 104**

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

VALET WILL ICHDIR GEBEN

\* Please stand if able.

Each worship service at  
St. Simons Presbyterian  
is an opportunity for  
growth in our relationship  
with God and others. We  
value all people and after  
the service invite you to  
introduce yourself to those  
around you and get to  
know them.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**God of all, your will for creation to be at peace is beyond our knowledge and understanding. Even in our own lives we live in turmoil and conflict. We hurt and have been hurt. We destroy what you call good and idolize what you know is harmful. Forgive us, and fill us with the grace of knowing your forgiveness. Then help us obey your command to repent, then serve to bring forth your peaceful kingdom.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

Every journey begins with a time of figuring out what to take along and what to leave behind. Similarly, the confession of sin is an opportunity to reflect on those things we're carrying around with us (anxiety, guilt, shame) that, with God's grace, we can safely leave behind.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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.*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Emily Geer, Hank Hutto & Anna Henry*

## 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, Preschool-age children are invited to leave for children's chapel.*

*\*\* Kindergarten and older are invited to remain in the Sanctuary to participate in the Communion Service\*\**

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 3: 1-12**

*pg 1499 NT*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

*"When Water Is Thicker Than Blood"*

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

Doxology, a Greek word meaning "saying of glory," is a brief hymn of praise that follows another hymn or Psalm – in our case the offertory. Doxologies appear in many Christian traditions and have their origin in the Jewish kaddish, which concludes each portion of the synagogue worship service.

### OFFERTORY

*The Jesus Gift*  
Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin

### \*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 heart.

**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

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope, because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 96

WINCHESTER NEW

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*The King Shall Come*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. D. Johnson



**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 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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#### Prayer List

##### Hospital

Joe Camp

Harlan Hambright

##### Home

Dee Davis

Linda Johnston

Mary Lewis

Lanier Miles

Jamie Scott

Jeannine Torbert

##### Surgery

Johnny Alexander

##### Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Bob Stanford

Frances Teel

##### Hospice

Nancy Thrun

# 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.

## 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*

## Children

### **Children's Chapel**

*Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. (Pre K-2nd)*

### **KidZ Crew** (resumes in Jan.)

*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.*

## 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)*

## 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)*

## 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*

## 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.*





## This Week | December 4- 10

### Sunday, December 4

- 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, December 5

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, December 6

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning** - John Law
- 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Library

### Wednesday, December 7

- 9:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:30 am **PW Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 4:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:15 pm **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 8

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

### Friday, December 9

**No Events Scheduled for This Day**

### Saturday, December 10

- 11:00 am **Lydia Thompson Memorial Service** - Sanctuary

**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 Dick Bobb, who passed away on Tuesday, November 22. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Bob's family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Thought For Meditation

“THE FAMILY. WE WERE A STRANGE LITTLE BAND OF CHARACTERS TRUDGING THROUGH LIFE SHARING DISEASES AND TOOTHPASTE, COVETING ONE ANOTHER’S DESSERTS, HIDING SHAMPOO, BORROWING MONEY, LOCKING EACH OTHER OUT OF ROOMS, INFLECTING PAIN AND KISSING TO HEAL IT IN THE SAME INSTANT, LOVING, LAUGHING, DEFENDING, AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE COMMON THREAD THAT BOUND US ALL TOGETHER.”

- ERMA BOMBECK

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