

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Here Comes the Sun
Kume Bryant

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Anna Henry

Bettye Russell

Doug Tingle

Gail Dingerson

Randy Ellis

Iris Ellis

Acolyte

Arthur Owens

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

He Has Done Marvelous Things
Chancel Choir

Traditional

GATHERING WORDS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Reach Out to Jesus Carmichael, arr. Mickelson
Amy Bishop, Organ; Rhonda Hambright, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Philip Saussy

**ALL: The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Psalm 50:1

*HYMN OF PRAISE 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

* Please stand if able.

Each year, the Sunday immediately prior to Ash Wednesday is set aside to remember the event of the Transfiguration of the Lord. In the story of Jesus' transfiguration, we are assured that Jesus is the hope of the ages, the One who fulfilled the Law given through Moses, the one dreamed of by the prophets, of whom Elijah is the greatest. In celebrating this event, we are invited to a deeper faith as we prepare to begin the Lenten journey toward the agony of the cross and the victory of the empty tomb.

“Everybody prays whether they think of it as praying or not. The odd silence you fall into when something very beautiful is happening or something very good or very bad. The stammer of pain at somebody else’s pain. The stammer of joy at somebody else’s joy. Whatever words or sounds you use for sighing with over your own life. These are all prayers in their way. These are all spoken not just to yourself but to something even more familiar than yourself and even more strange than the world.”

-Frederick Buechner

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be. 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.

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Faye Hardiman's mother

Steve Mosley

Ann Payne's mother

Members

Eric Andrae

Dee Davis

Harlan Hambricht

Joyce Kitchens

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Roger Schoneker

Lisa Sims

Jerry Spencer

Karlene Thompson

Sheryl Vaughters

Friends and Family

Tom Barksdale

Ellen Fixx

Susie Ledingham

Sandra Power

Phil Purdy

Rhett Rhame

Scott Smith

Mary Whaley

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Doris Hewell

Bill Lueckel

Wendy Stephens

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

pg 1797 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Elijah Rock
Chancel Choir

Roger Emerson

SECOND READING

Mark 9:1-9

pg 1567 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Blinded by the Lights"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Inception

Jason W. Krug

Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

*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.*

“And if a relationship with God is to count rather than be a casual affair, there have to be deliberate decisions as regards the use of time, money and prayer which will consolidate the relationship and affirm its worth.”

–John Bell

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 127

WE’LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Jesus the Light of the World)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amen

African American Spiritual

Choir & Congregation



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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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.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Ensemble

Sunday evenings at 5:15 PM 8-12 grade;

6:30PM 6 & 7 Grade..

Meet in the Music Attic - Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM 6 & 7 grade;

6:30PM 8-12 grade.

Dinner for all grades at 6:00 PM

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.

:: Revelation/Extravagant Hope by Margaret Feinberg

"20/30/40s" Women - Parlor

:: Revive Us by Robby Gallaty

"20/30/40s" Men - Ashantilly Room

:: The Gospel of Mark by Amy-Jill Levine

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

Women'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

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



Living Well Through Lent

LOVING GOD, OURSELVES & OTHERS
A Lenten Sunday School Series for all ages on learning how to make the most of our time here on Earth.

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18
 9:30AM | Social Hall

Details at sspres.org/events





rending & ready

Lenten Devotional
 2024



SIGN UP FOR DAILY DEVOTIONALS AT [SSPRES.ORG/LENT](https://sspres.org/lent)

*Written By
 Rev. Kate Buckley*

Membership Opportunities

DISCOVER SSPC CLASS & NEW MEMBER CEREMONY

February 13 | 5PM | ALL ARE WELCOME!

**COME AS YOU ARE.
 YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!**



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



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

DRIVE-THRU ASHES
 8 am - 1PM | Front Drive

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
 5 pm | Social Hall

WED NIGHT SUPPER
 6 pm | Social Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE
 6:45 pm | Sanctuary



info & supper signup at sspres.org/lent




SSPC MISSIONS & OUTREACH

TOUR & INFO SESSION AT HAND-IN-HAND

Feb 15 | 11AM-12:30PM

"A Mighty Cause to End Homelessness in Glynn County"

LUNCH INCLUDED & CARPOOLING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED!

signup at sspres.org/outreach



This Week | February 11-16

Sunday, February 11

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm **Love One Another Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 4:00 pm **KIDZ Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **KIDZ Fellowship** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Mid-High Youth Group** - Britt Room
- 5:15 pm **Sr. High Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Dinner** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **Sr. High Youth Group** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **Mid-High Ensemble** - Music Attic

Monday, February 12

- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 13

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room
- 5:00 pm **New Member Class** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 14

- 8:00 am **Drive Thru Ashes** - Front Drive
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Lent Event** - Gathering Hall
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Lent Service** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Hand in Hand Tour** - Off Campus
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, February 16

No Activities Scheduled for this Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in memory of my parents Mary and Sam Irvin by Anne Aspinwall.

February Festival: Join ICA for a free concert in the sanctuary on Tuesday at 7PM. This week we will welcome Aimee Toner (flute) and Mia Venezia (harp) for gorgeous music from the Classical, Romantic and Impressionist periods.

Elders

Class of 2024

Lee Dillard
Fred Griffith
Leslie Hartman
Buddy Jones
Mike Kellar
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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