

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Beatitudes
Joseph Matar

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Anna Henry

Tim Gilsrud

Linda Gilsrud

Kathy Wade

Kate Buckley

Doug Tingle

Acolyte

Jack Shiver

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/Rose Augustine

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Kum Ba Yah
Amy Bishop, Organist; David Stewart, Percussion

Arr. Behnke

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Meg Mimbs

One: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,

ALL: Who walk according to the law of the LORD.

**Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—**

One: With all our heart, let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 119:1-2

*HYMN OF PRAISE 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

God brings all things into
being by the Word. God
offers the Word of grace,
and people respond to that
divine initiative through the
language of worship. They
call God by name, invoke
God's presence, beseech
God in prayer, and stand
before God in silence and
contemplations. -PCUSA
Directory For Worship

* Please stand if able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Almighty God, you set before us life and prosperity, but we too often turn towards death and adversity. We block out your commandments and bow down to other gods, convenience, complete self-reliance, greed, bitterness. Show us that our longing for gods that we can see and touch will not bring life. Turn us back to you, mysterious and Holy God, that we may know your law and commandments and strive to walk in your ways in the name of Christ.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME 582

VASILE

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, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Deut. 30:15-17

God sets before us today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For God commands us today to love the LORD our God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then we will live and increase, and the LORD our God will bless us in the land....

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.*

The scriptures bear witness
to the word of God, revealed
most fully in Jesus Christ,
the Word who 'became
flesh and lived among us'
(John 1:14).

FIRST READING

Psalm 119:1-8
pg 957 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

It's Me, O Lord

arr. Ulreich

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:21-37
pg 1502 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Law or Love?"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

The Kingdom
Chancel Choir

arr. Thomas

*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.*

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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 741

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rock-a-my-Soul
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bober

Prayer List

Deaths

Ron Brown
Doug McCracken

Home

Tom Baltzell
Jann Briscoe
Dee Davis
Brenda Dohn
Mike Fixx
Nancy Fixx
Harlan Hambricht
Jean Hurst
Linda Johnston
Mike Kellar
Dale Moffett
Wendy Stevens
Jean Sucher
Deryl Warner

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb
Kathy Chapman
Lynn Forsythe
Doris Hewell
Gail Kroeze
Bob Stanford

Hospice

Mary Avram
Nancy Thrun



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 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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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 January 25)

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.

:: Singing Our Faith

Led by Nat Scott - Upper Room

:: Finding My Way Home

Rejoice Class - John Law

:: Cross Roads Video Discussion

Led by Madelynne Risi - Library

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 5:30PM in the John Law Room

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Other Denizens of the Deep Book Study

Thursdays at 5:30PM in the John Law Room (Jan.5-Feb16.)

Brenda Haughney brh1234@gmail.com or (704)-641-2621.

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

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

THE ISLAND
CONCERT
ASSOCIATION
BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS
2023 SEASON
KAYLA WILLIAMS
CHRIS MCCARTHY - VIOLA / PIANO
Tuesday, February 14th
SSPC Sanctuary | 7PM
ISLANDCONCERTASSOCIATION.ORG



LENT EVENT

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
5 pm | Youth Suite

WED NIGHT SUPPER
6 pm | Social Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE
6:45 pm | Sanctuary

info & dinner signup at sspres.org/lenet

SAINT SIMONS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



DRIVE THRU ASHES
Ash Wednesday | Feb 22 | 8-1 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

IMPOSITION OF ASHES ON THE FRONT
DRIVEWAY OF THE CHURCH | 205 KINGS WAY, SSI

SAVANNAH
GHOST PIRATES

HOCKEY TRY SOMETHING NEW **MATCH**

FEB 26TH | MATCH AT 3PM | \$22
We will depart after late worship. Limited to 10 ppl.



SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/TSN](https://sspres.org/tsn)

SY 23-24
GRADES
2-12

CAMP MONTGOMERY
SUMMER CAMP
2023

19-34
JUNE



SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY IS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE THEIR
SUMMER CAMP AS THEY PARTNER WITH CAMP MONTGOMERY,
A PC(USA) CONFERENCE CENTER, IN STARKE, FLORIDA!

REGISTRATION: [SSPRES.ORG/MONTGOMERY](https://sspres.org/montgomery)

This Week | February 12-17

Sunday, February 12

- 8:30 am **Worship Service (Abridged)** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Youth Treasure Hunt** - Jekyll Island

Monday, February 13

- 12:00 pm **Worship and Music Committee** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Narnia Book Club** - Frosty's
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI 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
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 am **Grief Support Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 4:30 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 16

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - John Law

Friday, February 17

- 9:00 am **Quilts by the Sea** - Fernandina

Chancel Flowers: "Wishing our church family a Happy Valentines Day!" from Jeff, Mary Margaret, Jack, Mary Ellis, and John Shiver.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of **Doug McCracken** (cousin of Leslie McCracken), who passed away on Tuesday, February 7, and **Ron Brown** (brother of Joyce Ledingham), who passed away on Sunday, February 5. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Doug and Ron's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

2023 Chancel Flowers Signup: It's time to signup for 2023 Chancel Flowers! We will return to using our flower signup chart this year, which can be located in the back hallway, between the social hall and the sanctuary.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the Book of Common Worship.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Kinds of Law

“THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO KINDS OF LAW:

(1) LAW AS THE WAY THINGS OUGHT TO BE, AND (2) LAW AS THE WAY THINGS ARE.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE FIRST IS “NO TRESPASSING.” AN EXAMPLE OF THE SECOND IS THE LAW OF GRAVITY. GOD’S LAW HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN SPELLED OUT IN TERMS OF CATEGORY NO. 1, A COMPENDIUM OF DOS AND DON’TS. THESE DOS AND DON’TS ARE THE WORK OF MORALISTS AND, WHEN OBEYED, SERVE THE USEFUL PURPOSE OF KEEPING US FROM EACH OTHER’S THROATS. THEY CAN’T MAKE US HUMAN, BUT THEY CAN HELP KEEP US HONEST.

GOD’S LAW IN ITSELF, HOWEVER, COMES UNDER CATEGORY NO. 2 AND IS THE WORK OF GOD. IT HAS BEEN STATED IN SEVEN WORDS: “WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE ABIDES IN DEATH” (1 JOHN 3:14). LIKE IT OR NOT, THAT’S HOW IT IS. IF YOU DON’T BELIEVE IT, YOU CAN ALWAYS PUT IT TO THE TEST JUST THE WAY IF YOU DON’T BELIEVE THE LAW OF GRAVITY, YOU CAN ALWAYS STEP OUT A TENTH-STORY WINDOW.

- FREDERICK BUECHNER

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