

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Baptism of the Christ
Daniel Bonnell

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jerry Hardiman
Chris Bone
Pat Heran
Pattie Boykin
Bunnie Lynn

Acolyte

Sarah Wessel

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 799

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry
Chancel Choir

I LOVE THE LORD

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

My Lord, What a Morning
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Robert Lau

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Philip Saussy

One: Show us your ways, Lord.

ALL: Guide us in your truth, and teach us.

**For you are God, our Savior, and our hope
is in you all day long.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 254:5

*HYMN OF PRAISE 792

There is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

* Please stand if able.

In the early church, the forty days of Lent were a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism of new believers at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Psalms 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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.

*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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
OF NEW CHURCH OFFICER

CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

ALL: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

ALL: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

For the health of our souls we confess the reality of sin and selfishness in our personal and common life. We are not the perfect people of God, but we are the forgiven followers of Christ. God is merciful beyond all expectations, and we are given new chances to live the kind and generous life of faith. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life. God is not finished with us yet.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

WELCOME NEW OFFICER

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Armin Maier
Amy Bone's mother
Walter Stackhouse

Members

Eric Andreae
Jim Bishop
Harlan Hambricht
Joyce Kitchens
Ellen Knesek Knowlton
Roger Schoneker
Lisa Sims

Jerry Spencer
Karlene Thompson
Sheryl Vaughters

Friends and Family

Tom Barksdale
Ellen Fixx
Sandra Power
Phil Purdy
Rhett Rhame
Scott Smith
Mary Whaley
Julie Williams

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

1 Peter 3:18-22

pg 1890 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. David Lantz III

Chancel Choir, Soloist Rhonda Hambricht

SECOND READING

Mark 1:9-15

pg 1552 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Test We All Face"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Kum Ba Yah

arr. Behnke

Amy Bishop, Organist; David Stewart, Drums

*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.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 741

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide My Feet

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water

arr. Hayes

Amy Bishop, Organist; Rhonda Hambright, Piano

"All the things in this world are gifts from God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily. As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us to develop as loving persons. But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal." –St. Ignatius of Loyola



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.

:: Living Well Through Lent

All Ages - Social Hall

:: REMEMBER: God's Covenants and the Cross

by Susan Robb - 20/30/40s - Parlor

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.

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.

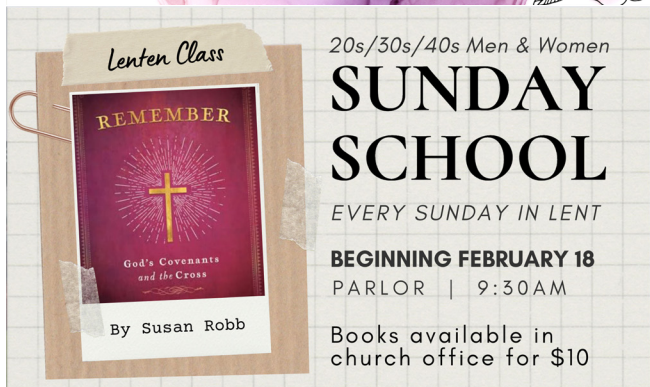
Rev. Steve Goyer 904-718-7777

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

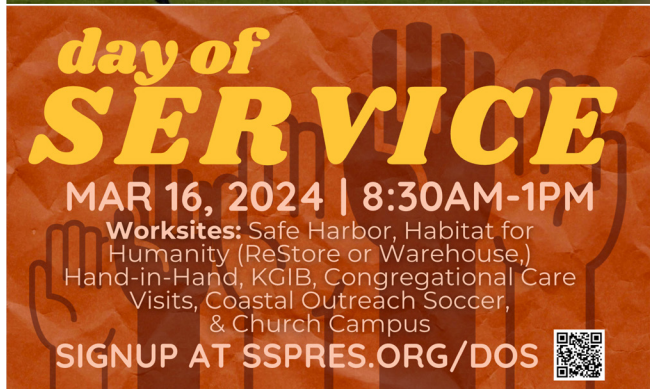


Lenten Class
REMEMBER
 God's Covenants and the Cross
 By Susan Robb

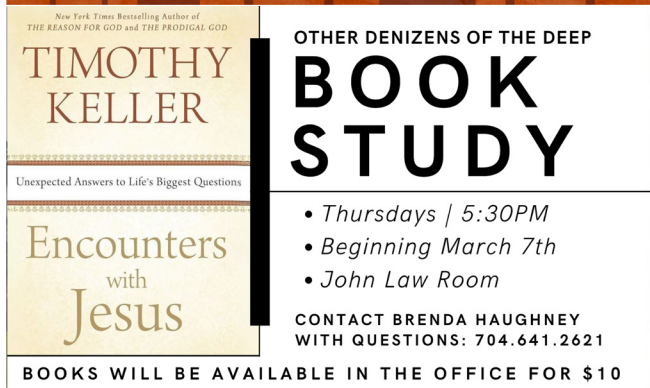
20s/30s/40s Men & Women
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 EVERY SUNDAY IN LENT
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18
 PARLOR | 9:30AM
 Books available in church office for \$10



TRY SOMETHING NEW
SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL
 OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA
FEB 24TH | FULL DAY EVENT
 CARPOOLING AVAILABLE IN CHURCH VAN
 FULL DETAILS AND SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



day of SERVICE
MAR 16, 2024 | 8:30AM-1PM
Worksites: Safe Harbor, Habitat for Humanity (ReStore or Warehouse), Hand-in-Hand, KGIB, Congregational Care Visits, Coastal Outreach Soccer, & Church Campus
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OTHER DENIZENS OF THE DEEP BOOK STUDY
 • Thursdays | 5:30PM
 • Beginning March 7th
 • John Law Room
 CONTACT BRENDA HAUGHNEY
 WITH QUESTIONS: 704.641.2621
 BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

This Week | February 18-23

Sunday, February 18

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, February 19

Office Closed for President's Day

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting**- Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 20

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 21

- 10:00 am **Grief Group**- Parlor
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:00 pm **Hands and Hearts Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir**-Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care**- John Law
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, February 23

No Activities Scheduled for this Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in honor of Rhonda Hambright for her dedication to the February Festival Concert Series by the flower ministry.

Welcome New Members: A warm welcome to new members; Mary Lu & Roland Pamm and Barbara & Paul Bahlman. Both couples joined the SSPC family after the new member class on February 13.

February Festival: Join ICA for a free concert in the sanctuary on Tuesday at 7PM. This week we will welcome Trio Lucente: Claudia Schaer (Violin), Jisso Ok (Cello), and Olga Gurevich (Piano).

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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Bob Harper

Treasurer



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