

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Bevy Herd of Swans on Misty Foggy Autumn Fall Lake
Matthew Gibson

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 19, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Bettye Russell

Greer Anderson

Mobley Grace Ward

Tracy Saussy

Acolyte

Hunter Callaway

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

Praise His Holy Name!
Chancel Choir

Keith Hampton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory
Chancel Ensemble

arr. Ed Hogan

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Meg Mimbs

One: The day has dawned,
the morning star rises in our hearts.

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ!

One: God speaks to us in cloud and flame,
in mysterious words and dazzling visions

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ!

One: The Lord loves justice and equity,
and is exalted over all the people.

ALL: We witness the glory of Christ!
Praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 127**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

* 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 deeper faith as we prepare to begin the Lenten journey toward the agony of the cross and the victory of the empty tomb.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us up in mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our savior.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

Author and theologian Frederick Buechner says, "If we are to know Christ at all, we will find Christ in the midst of confession, tears, and great laughter."

*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)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily task and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

Psalm 99
pg 936 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet
Chancel Choir; Annie Akins, Soloist; David Stewart, Drums

Robert Ray

SECOND READING

Matthew 17:1-9
pg 1524 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Misty Witness"

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Serve the Lord with Gladness
Chancel Choir

Rollo Dilworth

*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.*

Frederick Buechner says this about the transfiguration of Christ: "It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it the disciples were almost blinded... Every once and so often, something so touching, so incandescent, so alive transfigures the human face that it's almost beyond bearing."

Note: Doxology is part of the Offertory anthem, please join as director indicates.

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 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When the Roll/Victory in Jesus
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bishop

Prayer List

Deaths

Mary Avram
Ron Brown
Susan Gussman
Doug McCracken

Home

Tom Baltzell
Jann Briscoe
Felicia Cammon
Bernice Davis
Brenda Dohn
Jim Farish
Juanita Goodwin
Mike Fixx
Nancy Fixx
Jimmy Gash
Harlan Hambright
Linda Johnston
Dale Moffett
Evan Nicholson
Wendy Stevens
Deryl Warner

Long-term Care

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

Hospice

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).

venmo



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

DEEP & WIDE
A LENTEN JOURNEY
2023

SIGN UP FOR DAILY
LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AT
SSPRES.ORG.LENT

*Written By
Rev. Kate Buckley*

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

**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/lent



THE ISLAND
CONCERT
ASSOCIATION
BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS

2023 SEASON
SEIPP / SHEETS DUO
RANDALL SHEETS, ORGAN
CHUCK SEIPP, TRUMPET

Tuesday, February 21st
SSPC Sanctuary | 7PM
ISLANDCONCERTASSOCIATION.ORG



REGISTRATION
FEE IS \$110.

COURSES ARE
AVAILABLE
IN-PERSON AT
EPWORTH OR
ONLINE WITH
ZOOM.

DEADLINE IS
FEB 28

Savannah Presbytery's
SCHOOL OF THE LAITY
March 11-12 at Epworth

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY
with Dr. Kaye Nickell

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP
with Rev. Rick Douylliez

ELECTIVE: THE REVELATION TO JOHN
with Dr. Bob Bryant

INFO & REGISTRATION AT SSPRES.ORG/LAITY



This Week | February 19-24

Sunday, February 19

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, February 20

Office Closed for President's Day

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

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 22

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:30 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Lent Event** - Social Hall
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, February 24

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today to the Glory of God.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Avram and Susan Gussman**, who passed away on Thursday, February 9. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Mary and Susan'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 Call to Worship (2022-2023)

To Ponder Prayerfully

Glory and Magnificence

“GOD’S GLORY AND MAGNIFICENCE AND POWER AND MAJESTY ARE UNSURPASSABLE, WE SAY; BUT WE MUST ALSO DECLARE GOD’S GLORY AND MAGNIFICENCE AND POWER AND MAJESTY ARE SURPASSED BY GOD’S WILLINGNESS TO SHED THEM ALL IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT FINALLY RECOGNIZE GOD’S LOVE AND GENTLENESS.”

-PATRICK J. WILLSON

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Ministers: All members of the church

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

Interim Pastor
steve@sspres.org

Nat Scott

Congregational Life
nat@sspres.org

Rhonda Hambright

Music Director
rhonda@sspres.org

Jeannine Torbert

Finance /Administration
jeannine@sspres.org

Madelynne Risi

BRIDGE Director
madelynne@sspres.org

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Assoc. Pastor of Youth & Mission
annie@sspres.org

Frieda Warner

Children’s Ministry/CE
frieda@sspres.org

Amy Bishop

Organist
amy@sspres.org

Walter Lynn

Building Coordinator
walter@sspres.org

Judy Cauley

Preschool Director
judy@sspres.org

Rev. Laurie Bentley

Parish Associate
laurie@sspres.org

Donna Purdy

Administrative Assistant
donna@sspres.org

Suzanne Morrison

Handbells
suzanne@sspres.org

Ada Owens

Dir. of Communications
ada@sspres.org

Leslie McCracken

Clerk of Session

Pat Heran

Chair of Deacons

Iris Ellis

Children’s Choir Director

Doug Marshall

Worship Tech Specialist

Bob Harper

Treasurer



Savannah Presbyte



*St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah
Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

205 Kings Way | St. Simons Island, GA 31522 | 912-638-2220



www.sspres.org



facebook.com/saintsimonspresbyterian



instagram.com/saintsimonspres