

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Abraham and Sarah
Rene Gross

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Mark Gordon

Lucinda Gordon

Ella Kent

Pat Kent

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

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. Deanie Strength

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

There is Joy in You
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

Afro-Cuban/J.M. Michel

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

John Dieterman

One: You who fear the Lord, praise God!

**ALL: For he has not despised or scorned the
suffering of the afflicted one. He has not
hidden his face but has listened to our
cry for help.**

One: From You comes the theme of our praise in
the great assembly.

**ALL: Let us proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!**

Psalm 22

*HYMN OF PRAISE 273

He is King of Kings

African American Spiritual

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)

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross, your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw us to yourself, that as we confess Jesus as Lord, we may put aside the deeds that lead to death and accept the life of your kingdom.

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, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

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. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In 1983, the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church U.S. reunited after a separation of 124 years. A new confession, in addition to the confessional documents of the two previous denominations, seemed to be needed as common theological ground to provide support for creating and building the identity of the new denomination. In typical Presbyterian manner, the whole church was included in the process of writing this new confession. A special committee worked for five years to produce a draft of A Brief Statement of Faith, which was ultimately finalized and added to The Book of Confessions in 1991.

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Faye Gowen
Jan Payne's mother
Amy Bone's mother
Steve Mosley
Armin Maier
Walter Stackhouse

Members

Eric Andreae
Jim Bishop
Harlan Hambright
Joyce Kitchens
Ellen Knesek Knowlton
Lisa Sims
Jerry Spencer
Karlene Thompson
Sheryl Vaughters
Frieda Warner
Johnny Warren

Friends and Family

Tom Barksdale
Ellen Fixx
Bill Ford
Peter Kuderewski
Sandra Power
Phil Purdy
Rhett Rhame
Scott Smith
Kay Stratton
Mary Whaley

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens
Joann Bobb
Lena Cooper
Doris Hewell
Bill Lueckel
Wendy Stephens
Joalice Patterson Welton

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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

pg 22 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name!

Chancel Choir

Keith Hampton

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

pg 1752 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Living on Credit"

Rev. Deanie Strength

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

Boch/Debussy

*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 313

African American Spiritual

Lord, Make Us More Holy

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Christ There is No East or West
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

Spiritual/arr. Wood

"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.

Ginny Connors at ginnycconnors1@gmail.com or (912) 672-1916

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**



SAVE THE DATE

try something new

cannon's point

preserve tour

Monday, March 4th

info & signup coming soon
 questions: nat@sspres.org

New York Times Bestselling Author of
 THE REASON FOR GOD and THE PRODIGAL GOD

TIMOTHY KELLER

Unexpected Answers to Life's Biggest Questions

Encounters with Jesus

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

A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT

SPANISH DINNER & WINE TASTING

Pairings with Sommelier Ruth Ryberg

MARCH 15th | 6 PM

THE HOME OF ANNA HENRY
 100 Druid Oaks Ln, SSI

 **MORE INFORMATION & EVENT SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)**





day of SERVICE

MAR 16, 2024 | 8:00AM-1PM

Worksites: Safe Harbor, Habitat for Humanity (ReStore or Warehouse), Hand-in-Hand, KGIB, Congregational Care Visits, Coastal Outreach Soccer, & Church Campus

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/DOS](https://sspres.org/dos)





This Week | February 25- March 1

Sunday, February 25

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble/Group** - Various Locations

Monday, February 26

- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

- 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 **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 29

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Mission Committee** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, March 1

No Activities Scheduled for this Date

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in honor of John Shiver's 9th birthday. Love, Jack and Mary Ellis Shiver.

February Festival: Join ICA for a free concert in the sanctuary on Tuesday at 7PM. This week we will welcome Konrad Paszkudzki Trio: Konrad Paszkudzki (Piano), Michael Valeanu (Guitar), and Dylan Shamat (Bass).

Guest Pastor: Rev. Deanie Strength graduated from the University of Alabama (B.A.) and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at St. Simons Presbyterian Church where she served as Associate Pastor from 1999- 2006. She was Parish Associate at Skidaway Community Church (PCUSA) in Savannah and now is the Stated Clerk/Director of Administration of Savannah Presbytery, our mid-council which governs and supports the mission of 33 PCUSA churches and more than 60 ministers in the southeast corner of Georgia. She and Joey live in Savannah with their family.

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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Savannah Presbytery



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