

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Temptation in the Wilderness
Briton Rivière

First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jerry Hardiman
Angie Votsis
Lynda Bisher
Chris Bone
Bunnie Lynn

Acolyte

Liam Holland

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

We Shall Walk in Peace
Chancel Choir

arr. Earlene Rentz

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. Lau

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Meg Mimbs

One: For forty days and forty nights,

ALL: led by the Spirit, Christ fasted in the wilderness.

One: For forty days and forty nights,

**ALL: we prepare ourselves to meet
the crucified and risen Christ.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 472

Kum Ba Yah

KUMBA YAH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

* Please stand if able.

The season of Lent, which begins today is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days-like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Nineveh to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism 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)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.
Against you, you alone, I have sinned, and done what is evil in your
sight. You desire truth in your being; therefore teach us wisdom in
our secret heart. Wash us that we shall be whiter than snow
and let us hear joy and gladness as you hide your face from our
sins and blot out all our transgressions. Create in us a clear heart
O God, And put a new and right spirit within us.**

Psalm 51

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)

The 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.**

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.*

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus
Chancel Choir

arr. L. L. Fleming

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11
pg 1499 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Temptation"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

My God is a Rock arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw
Chancel Choir; Bud Longley, Soloist

*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."

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 313

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

Lord, Make Us More Holy

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on a "Morning Song"
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky

Prayer List

Home

Anne Aspinwall
Tom Baltzell
Felicia Cammon
Bernice Davis
Brenda Dohn
Jim Farish
Juanita Goodwin
Mike Fixx
Nancy Fixx
Jimmy Gash
Harlan Hambright
Linda Johnston
Dale Moffett
Evan Nicholson
Cammy Richardson
Carlene Schrum
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).

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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.

:: The Return of the Prodigal Son

by Henri J M Nouwen

Led by Rev. Steve and Nat - Upper Room

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 or (608) 220-8481

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



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MAP PROVIDES LIFESAVING MEDICINE TO THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD.

FEBRUARY 28TH | 9AM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK

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SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

THE ISLAND
CONCERT
ASSOCIATION
BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS

2023 SEASON
ARKAI MUSIC

JONATHAN MIRON, VIOLIN
PHILIP SHEEGOG, CELLO
JEREMY SMITH, PERCUSSION

Tuesday, February 28th
SSPC Sanctuary | 7PM

ISLANDCONCERTASSOCIATION.ORG



THE RETURN OF THE
PRODIGAL
SON



HENRI J.M. NOUWEN

FEBRUARY 26TH - APRIL 2ND
COMBINED LENTEN

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

9:30 AM | UPPER RM

led by **Nat Scott
& Rev. Steve Goyer**

Books are available in the office for \$10

REGISTRATION
FEE IS \$10.

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

DEADLINE IS
FEB 28

INFO & REGISTRATION AT SSPRES.ORG/LAITY

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Dinner & Dancing!

WITH LIVE MUSIC BY
THE HEARTSTRINGS

March 17 | 6PM | Social Hall

sign up at sspres.org/luck

This Week | February 26-March 3

Sunday, February 26

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm **TSN Ghost Pirates Hockey** - Savannah
- 5:00 pm **KidZ Fellowship** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suit

Monday, February 27

- 4:30 pm **Narnia Book Club (3rd-5th)** - Frosty's
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:00 am **Map Packing** - 4700 Glynco Pwky
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Anne Newton Marquess from her family.

Pastor Vacation: Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin will be away on vacation and serving the greater church February 28 - March 5.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Holy of Holies

“THE HOLLOWNESS WE ALL FEEL IS NOT A SIGN OF SOMETHING GONE WRONG. IT IS THE HOLY OF HOLIES INSIDE US, THE UNCLUTTERED THRONE ROOM OF THE LORD OUR GOD. NOTHING ON EARTH CAN FILL IT, BUT THAT DOES NOT STOP US FROM TRYING. WHENEVER WE START FEELING TOO EMPTY INSIDE, WE STICK OUR PACIFIERS INTO OUR MOUTHS AND SUCK FOR ALL WE ARE WORTH. THEY DO NOT NOURISH US, BUT AT LEAST THE PLUG THE HOLE FOR A WHILE”

-BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

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