

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Woman at the Well 4*  
Hyatt Moore

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Bettye Russell  
Ann Marie Stirewalt  
Peggy Dean  
Barbara Powers

**Acolyte**

Eliana Tsai

# 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 699

*Fill My Cup*  
Chancel Choir

Isaiah Jones, Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*Prelude in d Minor*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Greer Anderson

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

**ALL: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

One: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

**ALL: and extol him with music and song.**

**Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

*Psalms 95:1-2;6*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 475**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

The Call to Worship is  
a reminder that, while  
worship is something we  
do, we do it as a response to  
what God has already done.  
God calls us to worship.  
We respond to God's call  
with praise, confession,  
gratitude, and wonder.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**We come to you Jesus, knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our judgment reveals our blindness of conscience. Still, our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, and our lives wait for your coming to us to set us free from the weight of our sins. Come now O Lord. Come now and help us see ourselves as you see us, forgiven, loved, and made new in the light of power and grace.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

Lent is a season of confession. As confession — admitting to God our brokenness — stands near the center of worship, so also confession stands near the center of our Lenten observances.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

## 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 church confesses the  
Scriptures to be the Word  
of God written, witnessing  
to God's self-revelation.  
Where that Word is read and  
proclaimed, Jesus Christ the  
Living Word is present by the  
inward witness of the Holy  
Spirit. For this reason  
the reading, hearing,  
preaching, and confessing  
of the Word are central  
to Christian worship.  
-PCUSA Directory  
for Worship

## FIRST READING

**Psalm 95:1-7**  
*pg 933 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*None Other Lamb*  
Chancel Choir

J. Roff

*None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heav'n or earth or sea, None other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside Thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to Thee. Lord, Thou art life though I be dead, love's fire Thou art, however cold I be: Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but Thee, Amen. - Christina G. Rossetti*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**John 4:5-42**  
*pg 1651 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

*"Has Anyone Ever Seen Through You?"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr: Collingsworth

## \*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 353

SOLID ROCK

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Minor*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

J.S. Bach

### Prayer List

#### Hospital

Catherine McCrary  
Evan Nicholson

#### Members

Tom Baltzell  
Mike Fixx  
Nancy Fixx  
Harlan Hambright  
Linda Johnston  
Cammy Richardson  
Deryl Warner

#### Friends and Family

Bernice Davis  
Juanita Goodwin  
Carlene Schrum  
Wendy Stephens  
Karla Trobaugh

#### Long-term Care

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

#### Hospice

Mac Carlton  
Nancy Thrun  
Jerry Torbert  
Lois Vogelmann



**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](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](http://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](http://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-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](mailto: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](mailto: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

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

### :: Cross Roads Video Discussion

*Led by Madelynne Risi - Library*

Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto: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](mailto:jhmatthews7@comcast.net).

### Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

*Thursdays at 10:00AM in the John Law Room*  
Womens's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Thursday.

Gwen Mayberry [gwenmayberry@gmail.com](mailto:gwenmayberry@gmail.com) or 638-8711.

### 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](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254  
Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.  
Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto: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

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
*Dinner & Dancing!*

WITH LIVE MUSIC BY  
**THE HEARTSTRINGS**

**March 17 | 6PM | Social Hall**

sign up at [sspres.org/luck](http://sspres.org/luck)

A Try Something New Event  
**SONDHEIM, WEBBER  
& FRIENDS**

**MARCH 24 | JAX SYMPHONY**  
*limited to 12 people*

INFO & SIGNUP AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/TSN](http://SSPRES.ORG/TSN)



*Easter*  
**FLOWERS**

EASTER HYDRANGEAS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT \$25 EACH.

Please fill out the dedication form online by  
visiting the link below or by filling out an easter  
flowers envelope located in our church pews.

Payments may be made on our website or in  
the church office M-F from 9-4PM.

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**VBS**  
STELLAR  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**REGISTRATION NOW  
OPEN TO SSPC MEMBERS**

**June 13-15**

 REGISTER AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/VBS](http://SSPRES.ORG/VBS) opens to the  
public April 9th

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

"AMAZING GRACE"

**WORSHIP  
& ART CAMP**

**July 17-21 :: 9-1PM**  
Ages: Rising 1st - 6th Graders

**SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](http://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)**



## This Week | March 12 - March 17

### Sunday, March 12

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am **Girl Scout Sunday** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Head's Home (2208 Bruce Dr)

### Monday, March 13

- 12:00 pm **Worship & Music Council Meeting** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **New Officer Training** - Upper Room
- 5:00 pm **Building & Grounds Committee** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, March 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
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

### Wednesday, March 15

- 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
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 4:30 pm **New Member Class** - Upper Room
- 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 16

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

### Friday, March 17

- 6:00 pm **Saint Patrick's Day Dinner** - Social Hall

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given today in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward G. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Bowie by Buddy and Brenda Jones.

**Girl Scout Sunday:** We are celebrating Girl Scout Sunday today in honor of Girl Scout Troop 072, which meets at St. Simons Presbyterian. The purpose of this special day is to emphasize that we take the Girl Scout Promise seriously - "On my honor, I will try to serve God." It is a time for Girl Scouts to reflect upon the importance of the words, "to serve God."

**Pastor Continuing Education:** Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin will be away at a CREDO conference Tuesday, March 7 until Tuesday, March 14.



To Ponder Prayerfully

# Water

“F OR NINE MONTHS WE BREATHE IN IT. THE SIGHT OF WATER IN OCEANS, RIVERS, AND LAKES IS SOOTHING TO THE SPIRIT AS ALMOST NOTHING ELSE. TO SWIM IN IT IS TO BECOME AS WEIGHTLESS AND UNTRAMMELED AS IN DREAMS.

THE WAKE OF A SHIP, THE FALLING OF A CATARACT, AND THE TUMBLING OF A BROOK CAN HOLD US SPELLBOUND FOR HOURS, AND IN TIMES OF DROUGHT WE FEEL AS PARCHED IN OUR BEING AS THE LAWN THAT CRACKLES BENEATH OUR FEET.

AIR IS OUR ELEMENT, BUT WATER IS OUR HEART’S DELIGHT. “MY FLESH FAINTS FOR THEE,” THE PSALMIST SINGS, “AS IN A DRY AND WEARY LAND WHERE NO WATER IS” (63:1). AND AMONG THE LAST THINGS THAT JESUS EVER SAID, AND AMONG THE MOST HUMAN, WERE THE WORDS, “I THIRST” (JOHN 19:28).

-FREDERICK BÜCHNER

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