

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Jesus healing the Blind Man, 2008*

Brian Jekel

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Linda Seierstad  
Matt Lemke  
Nancy Paris  
Tom Alexander  
Kathleen Haller

**Acolyte**

Connor Rossiter

# 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**

*This is the Day*  
Chancel Choir

Wagner

**GATHERING WORDS**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*Day of Service*  
Drew Holland

**THREE CHIMES**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Morning Has Broken*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Franklin Ashdown

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Carrie Wessel

One: On this day we gather in oneness with our brothers and sisters  
In the Lord to celebrate God's gifts.

**All: We hear the call to rekindle our spirits and to receive  
strength for our ministry.**

One: Setting aside selfish ambitions and harmful divisions,  
we seek unity and peace.

**All: We will open our hearts to accept God's guidance and to  
walk in God's way.**

One: Thanks be to God for the unity of the Spirit and for the joy  
of worship together.

**All: We lift our voices and sing praises to the God we  
know in Jesus Christ.**

\* Please stand if able.

In words of scripture the people are called to confess the reality of sin in personal and common life. Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we humbly confess our sin. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.  
-Book of Common Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**God of all creation, ruler of all peoples, you know us completely, how mean we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made and the kind deeds we have neglected. Your son healed those who were blind from birth, but those who could see with religious certainty, resisted his ministry of compassion. Forgive us when we hold on to our old answers and set us free to live the new life that you offer in Jesus Christ. Bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit that we may bless others with the courage and mercy we have seen in your son. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities of life and to trust our experience of your expansive grace.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

Blessed be the name of the Lord, to whom we pray. **Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

**One:** May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to love one another. Amen**

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*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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Dara Pickren -Davis

*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 in the Children's Hallway on the other side of the Social Hall.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

**Psalm 23**

*pg 862 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*I Believe*

Mark Miller

Chancel Choir; Laurie Bentley, Soloist

SECOND READING

**John 9:1-41**

*pg 1664 NT*

SERMON

*"Blind But Now I See"*

Rev. Bob Brearley

The preached Word or sermon is to be based upon the written Word. It is a proclamation of Scripture in the conviction that through the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ is present to the gathered people offering grace and calling for obedience. -PCUSA Directory for Worship

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*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.**

## 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.**

OFFERTORY

*Amazing Grace*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bishop

\*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 192

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Ellacombe"*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Jason Payne

### Prayer List

#### Joys

Birth of Dorothy Ellen  
Robinson to Meg & Matthew  
Joyce Ledingham  
*Turning 95 on March 9th*

#### Sorrows

Death of Caroline Plyler

#### Members

Mike Fixx  
Doug French  
Jenny Humphries  
Nancy Matthews  
Bonnie Rabert  
Rachel Rhodes  
Marcia Risi  
Jean Sucher

#### Friends and Family

Jordan Bond and Family  
Allyson Jackson  
Ben Wallace

#### Recent Global Conflict

Active deployed military  
Anticipated deployment  
Civilians & families affected  
Worldwide places of unrest



**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, by completing a prayer request card and placing it in an offering plate, or by visiting [sspres.org/prayer](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30AM 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-Th from 9A-4PM (205 Kings Way).

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# HOLY WEEK

## SSPC + COMMUNITY

All Weekday Services Include a Community Luncheon  
*Suggested \$5 Donation*

**PALM SUNDAY**  
*Sunday, March 29*  
no community service

*St. Simons Presbyterian*  
10:30 AM | Procession of Palms

**DAY OF AUTHORITY**  
*Monday, March 30*  
Rev. Rob James

*St. Simons United Methodist*  
12 PM | Worship Service  
12:30 PM | Luncheon

**DAY OF CONFLICT**  
*Tuesday, March 31*  
Rev. Steve Temmer

*First Baptist Church*  
12 PM | Worship Service  
12:30 PM | Luncheon

**DAY OF WITHDRAWAL**  
*Wednesday, April 1*  
Rev. Mike Murray

*Wesley Church*  
12 PM | Worship Service  
12:30 PM | Luncheon

**DAY OF INTIMACY**  
*Thursday, April 2*  
no community service

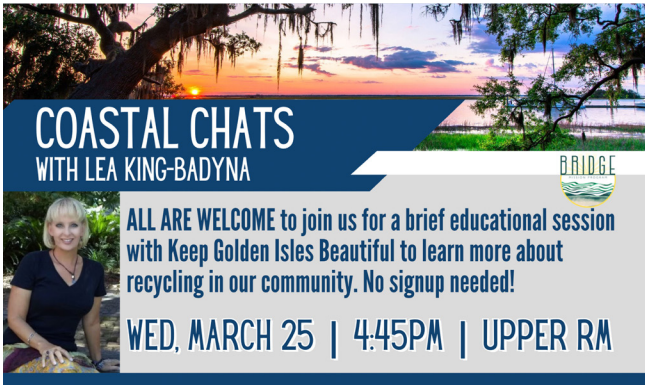
*St. Simons Presbyterian*  
7 PM | Worship & Communion Service  
Rev. Tom Tewell

**DAY OF SACRIFICE**  
*Friday, April 3*

*St. Simons Presbyterian*  
11:30 AM | Luncheon  
12:30 PM | Three Hour Vigil  
*Congregants are invited to come and go during the vigil, which will feature seven brief homilies by seven pastors on the Seven Last Words of Christ.*  
7 PM | Good Friday Presentation  
*Choirs from St. Simons Presbyterian, St. Marks Episcopal, and Glynn Academy, Instruments, and Narration.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*Sunday, April 5*

*St. Simons Pier*  
6:30 AM | Sunrise Worship Service  
*St. Simons Presbyterian*  
8:30 & 10:30 AM | Full Worship Service  
11:45 AM | Potluck Luncheon  
12:30 AM | Easter Egg Hunt



**COASTAL CHATS**  
WITH LEA KING-BADYNA

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for a brief educational session with Keep Golden Isles Beautiful to learn more about recycling in our community. No signup needed!

WED, MARCH 25 | 4:45PM | UPPER RM



**EASTER FLOWERS**

EASTER HYDRANGEAS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT \$25 EACH

Dedication envelopes are available in pews or can be found online using the link below.

order at [sspres.org/events](https://sspres.org/events)



Kidz Chew Musical

**CALLED**

March 25 | 6:30PM | Social Hall

Signup for Supper at [sspres.org/supper](https://sspres.org/supper)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Your time makes a lasting difference in helping our children grow in faith.

NURSERY • KIDZ CHURCH • YOUTH  
No Weekly Commitments

Call the church office at 638-2220 or Signup Online [sspres.org/children](https://sspres.org/children)



Summer, 2026

**SUMMER CAMPS**

Registrations Now Open!

June 10-12 VBS	Rising Pre-K - 6th
June 14-19 CAMP DOGWOOD	Rising 2nd - 12th
July 5-12 CROSS MISSIONS	Rising 9th - 12th
July 19-25 MONTREAT CONFERENCE	Rising 9th - 12th

signup at [sspres.org/events](https://sspres.org/events)

**This Week** | March 15 - 20

**Sunday, March 15**

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Youth Confirmation** - Youth Suite
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Middle School Youth** - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm **Youth Dinner** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **High School Youth** - Youth Suite
- 6:30 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic

**Monday, March 16**

- 10:00 am **Coffee and Conversation** - Safe Harbor
- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Meeting** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life** - Upper Room
- 5:00 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

**Tuesday, March 17**

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

**Wednesday, March 18**

- 9:00 am **Trustee Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor
- 10:00 am **Hands and Hearts Quilting** - Music Attic
- 1:15 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Bells** - Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 19**

- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room

**Friday, March 20**

**Office Closed**

**Saturday, March 21**

- 4:00 pm **Tapas & Wine Dinner** - Anna Henry's Home

**Chancel Flowers:** Today's flowers are donated in loving memory of Bob Reid by his family.

**Guest Preacher:** The Rev. Bob Brearley served as Senior Pastor of St. Simons Presbyterian Church from 1998 until his retirement in 2018. Throughout his tenure, Rev. Brearley became known throughout the community for his kindness and grace when connecting with others in the congregation, the general community, and other ministers. Rev. Brearley now resides in Columbia, South Carolina, with his wife, Mary Ann, and we are delighted to welcome him back into the pulpit today!

Elders

**Class of 2026**

Sandi Goeldner  
Kevin Lokey  
Lee Malone  
Bryan Neill  
Bob Prater  
Daryl Rabert  
Carrie Wessel

**Class of 2027**

Taylor Brooks  
Fred Griffith  
Becky Livingston  
Molly Macaulay  
Bettye Russell  
Mary Margaret Shiver  
Doug Tingle

**Class of 2028**

Keith Griffin  
Richard Hathaway  
Buddy Hendrick  
Denise Hidalgo  
Ella Kent  
Catherine McCrary  
Matt Robinson

Deacons

**Class of 2026**

Anne Aspinwall  
Judy Benjamin  
Jackie Griffin  
David Keen  
Lowell Korb  
Katie Rossiter  
Linda Seierstad

**Class of 2027**

Pattie Boykin  
Randy Ellis  
Portia Hendrick  
Drew Holland  
Bunnie Lynn  
Judy Scarlett  
Kathy Wade

**Class of 2028**

Wheeler Bryan, Jr.  
Peggy Dean  
Sean Hidalgo  
Tripper Mansfield  
Elizabeth Shewell  
Debbie States  
Emelie Tingle

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**Bob Harper**

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