

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Cure*  
Daniel Pape

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 | 10:30 am Worship Service

#### Ushers

Betty Russell

John Harper

Tracy Saussy

Barbara Powers

#### Acolyte

Ali Shewell

#### Instrumentalists for Today:

**Harps** - Melissa Tsai,

Lynda Kennedy,

Rhonda Hambright

**Recorder**- Robin Hoy

**Fiddle** - Jason Cherne

**Cello** - Sawyer Neill

**Guitar** - Ann Nermoe

**Percussion** -

Harlan Hambright

**Piano** - Amy Bishop

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.

## 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

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Celtic Group

NETTLETON, arr. Hambright

### GATHERING WORDS

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

### THREE CHIMES

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

### PRELUDE

*Ash Grove (Let All Things Now Living)*

Traditional

Robin Hoy, Recorder; Melissa Tsai, Lynda Kennedy, Rhonda Hambright, Harps

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Will Tsai

One: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,

**ALL: A broken and contrite heart, O God,  
you will not despise.**

One: Let us worship God with all our heart and  
mind and soul.

*Psalm 51*

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 664

*Morning Has Broken*  
(vs. 1-3; repeat vs. 1)

BUNESSAN

\* Please stand if able.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

In our prayers we praise our God as the Creator of all that is, and we offer thanksgivings for the blessings of life that sustain us in the journey. And sometimes we confess that we have disappointed God and ourselves by living the selfish life. Confession is difficult, but it is good for the soul. It is an act of honesty that deepens our awareness of our brokenness, and it creates space for God to renew us and transform us.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

### \*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)

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.**

## PRAYER LIST

### Deaths

Wade Carrigan

Edward Lochstampfor

### Members

Jim Bishop

Jan Briscoe

Harlan Hambright

Joyce Kitchens

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Bob Miles

Dale Moffett

Marie Richardson

Lisa Sims

Jerry Spencer

Karlene Thompson

Sheryl Vaughters

Frieda Warner

### Friends and Family

Linda Borrelli

Ellen Fixx

Bill Ford

Frankie

Bill Goeldner

Robert & Cheryl McCarthy

Rhett Rhame

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

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

*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

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*pg 1227 OT*

**One:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*In the Valley Flows a River*  
Chancel Choir and Celtic Group

Nolan, Adapted by Martin

### SECOND READING

**John 12:20-33**

*pg 1671 NT*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

*"The Cost of All Things New"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*All Through the Night*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

AR HYD Y NOS, Traditional Welsh

After we receive our offerings, we take a moment to dedicate them to God's work in our community and in the world. This ritual of setting apart concludes the offering by reminding us that we give not just to an organization but to a faith community called to make God's love visible.

## \*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 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

## \* CHORAL BENEDICTION

*A Celtic Blessing*  
Chancel Choir and Celtic Group

Thompson, arr. Martin

## POSTLUDE

*Canticle of the Turning*  
Celtic Group

Irish Melody



**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-Th from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

**venmo**





# Holy Week

## **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 24  
**NO COMMUNITY SERVICE**

10:30 AM | SSPC PROCESSION OF PALMS

## **DAY OF AUTHORITY** **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Monday, March 25 | 12 PM

St. Simons United Methodist | Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer  
Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5  
Glynn Academy Chamber Choir - 11:45 AM

## **DAY OF CONFLICT** **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Tuesday, March 26 | 12 PM

First Baptist Church | Rev. Mike Murray  
Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5

## **DAY OF WITHDRAWAL** **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Wednesday, March 27 | 12 PM

Wesley Church at Frederica | Rev. Dr. Steve Smith  
Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5  
Glynn Academy Chamber Choir - 11:45 AM

## **DAY OF INTIMACY**

Thursday, March 28  
**NO COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **ST SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Communion & Tenebrae | 7:00 PM

## **DAY OF SACRIFICE** **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Friday, March 29 | 11:30 AM

St. Simons Presbyterian Church  
Lunch at 11:30am | Donation \$5  
Three-Hour Vigil beginning at 12:30pm  
Glynn Academy Choir Members and the Community

## **EASTER SUNDAY** **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Worship Service | 6:30 AM

St. Simons Pier | Pastor Lucas Ramirez

## **ST SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Full Worship Service | 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Potluck Luncheon | 11:45 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt | 12:30 PM







HELP US WELCOME  
REV. JIM JACKSON  
*with*  
**LEMONADE  
ON THE LAWN**  
FOLLOWING LATE WORSHIP  
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17!



*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.  
VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/EASTERFLOWERS](http://SSPRES.ORG/EASTERFLOWERS)



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7PM Worship Service | Sanctuary



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**LUNCHEON & WORSHIP**  
March 29th at St. Simons Presbyterian  
11:30AM LUNCHEON | THREE-HOUR VIGIL FROM 12:30-3:30PM  
THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT



**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**  
**SCUBA**  
*diving into friendship with God*  
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO MEMBERS!  
Will open to the public on April 1st  
**JUNE 11-13 | [SSPRES.ORG/VBS](http://SSPRES.ORG/VBS)**

## This Week | March 17- March 22

### Sunday, March 17

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

### Monday, March 18

- 12:00 pm **Worship and Music** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, March 19

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **Codependents Anon** - John Law

### Wednesday, March 20

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:00 pm **Hand and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 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, March 21

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

### Friday, March 22

- 9:00 am **Board of Trustees** - Upper Room

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given today by the Flower Ministry to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Edward Lochstampf (Mark Lochstampf's father) who passed away on Saturday, March 9, and Wade Carrigan (Jane Payne's father) who passed away on Friday, March 8. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Wade and Edward's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

## 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  
Tom Haughney  
Denise Hidalgo  
Michael Johnson  
Jan Rossiter  
Andrew Turner

### Class of 2025

Kelsi Brooks  
Anna Henry  
Sandy Kilgore  
Graham Owens  
Joe Wills

### Class of 2026

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

## Staff

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### Bob Harper

Treasurer



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