

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



And Now I See
Justine Peterson

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jerry Hardiman
Kathy Wade
Chris Bone
Pat Heran
Angie Votsis

Acolyte

Skylar Seymour

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 215

What Wondrous Love is This
Chancel Choir

American Folk Hymn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Joy in the Morning
Amy Bishop, Organist

Sleeth

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jerry Spencer

One: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

**ALL: and for those who sat in the region and shadow of
death light has dawned."**

One: Let us open our eyes and worship the lord of light and love.

Matthew 4:16

*HYMN OF PRAISE 744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

"God brings all things into
being by the Word. God
offers the Word of grace,
and people respond to that
divine initiative through the
language of worship. They
call God by name, invoke
God's presence, beseech
God in prayer, and stand
before God in silence and
contemplations."
-PCUSA Directory For
Worship

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Isaiah 5:20-23

O God, we who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter; we who are wise in our own eyes, and shrewd in our own sight, we who are heroes in drinking wine and valiant at mixing drink, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of their rights! We O God, ask your forgiveness and pray your Spirit will inspire us instead: to turn darkness into light, evil into good, bitter into sweet, shrewd into humble. Help us find slowness with wine, own our guilt, support the rights of the innocent, poor, and powerless, and start again forgiven loved and free.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voice of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

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.*

"In the Prayer of Confession, we trust God's mercy enough to lay before God not only those sins which may belong to us individually and personally, but also the sins and brokenness of the congregation, the church universal, and the world. We do not confess primarily specific acts of omission or commission, but rather the tragic brokenness of our human condition, in which, even without intending to, we are constantly running away from God and our neighbors."
-The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

FIRST READING

Ephesians 5:8-14
pg 1822 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Chancel Choir

Thomerson/arr. Harlan

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-12
pg 1664 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Light that Shines in the Darkness”

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

What Wondrous Love is This
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Zabel

*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.*

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.

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 450

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Whitsett

Prayer List

Death

Mac Carlton

Hospital

Catherine McCrary

Members

Tom Baltzell

Mike Fixx

Nancy Fixx

Harlan Hambright

Linda Johnston

Evan Nicholson

Cammy Richardson

Chris Pippart

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Bernice Davis

Juanita Goodwin

Wendy Stephens

Karla Trobaugh

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

Hospice

Nancy Thrun

Jerry Torbert, Sr

Lois Vogelman



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

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Community HOLY WEEK

2023

DAY OF AUTHORITY

Monday, April 3 | 12 PM

St. Simons United Methodist

Preaching: Rev. Bob Kasting

Lunch at 12:30 | Cost \$5

Music: Glynn Academy Chorus at 11:30

DAY OF CONFLICT

Tuesday, April 4 | 12 PM

First Baptist Church

Preaching: Rev. Mike Murray

Lunch at 12:30 | Cost \$5

Music: Michael Jennings

DAY OF WITHDRAWAL

Wednesday, April 5 | 12 PM

Wesley Church at Frederica

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

Lunch at 12:30 | Cost \$5

Music: Debbie McIlrath

DAY OF INTIMACY

Thursday, April 6

NO COMMUNITY SERVICE

DAY OF SACRIFICE

Friday, April 7 | 11:30 AM

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Lunch at 11:30am | Cost \$5

Three-Hour Vigil beginning at 12:30pm

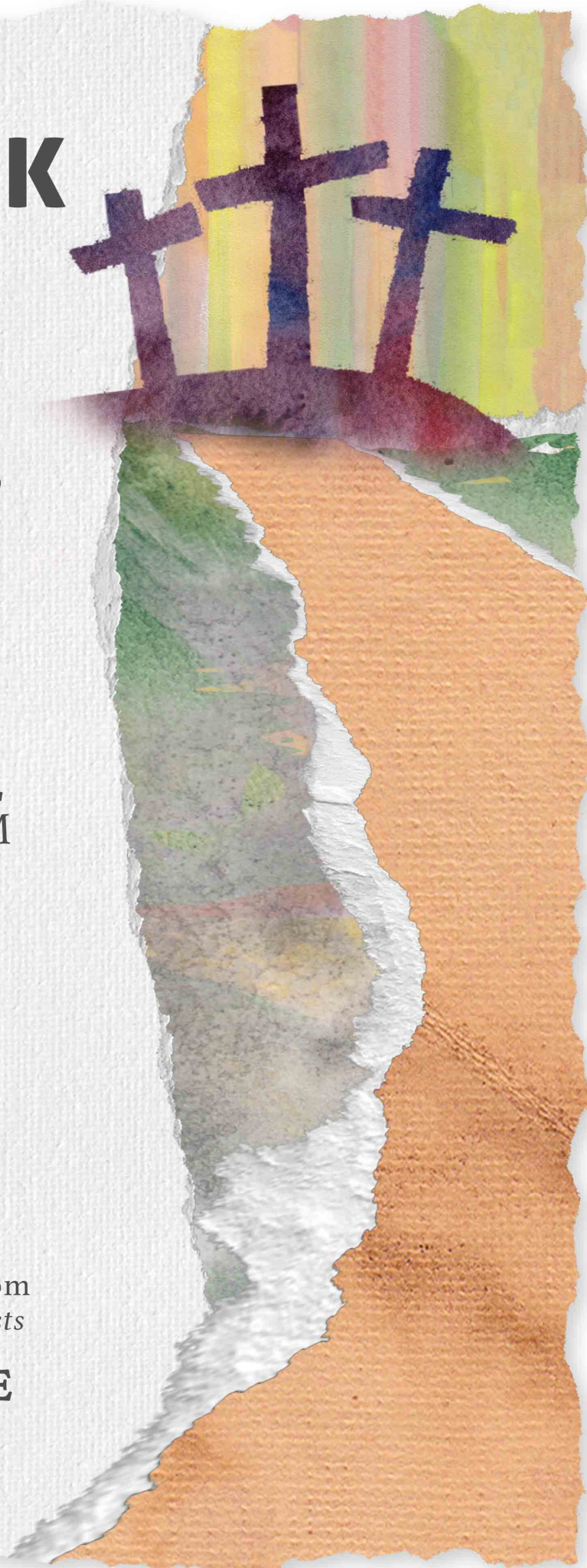
Music: Community Choir & Various Soloists

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 9 | 6:30 AM

St. Simons Pier

Preaching: Rev. Kim Peterson



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Youth Sunday

Worship Lead by SSPC Youth
March 26 | 10:30 am

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ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP



We welcome Nan Henson, of Enneagram Atlanta as our facilitator & coach. Learn how this centuries-old system can be a powerful tool for understanding yourself & others. As we see our automatic patterns and those of the people in our lives more clearly, we have an opportunity to develop more compassion, humility and love for one another.

MAR 25 | 10AM - 2PM | CHRIST CHURCH PARISH HALL

There is a \$20 requested donation to offset the cost of lunch & materials

➤ RSVP BY TEXTING "EVENTS" TO 912-689-3501

The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe

MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT

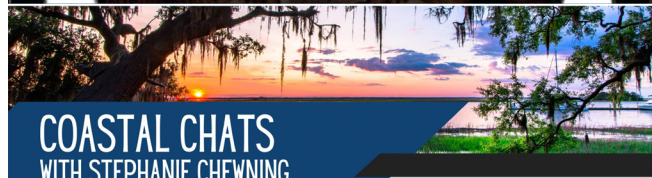
MARCH 26 | 5PM | YOUTH SUITE
 A Churchwide Gathering!

SIGNUP AT
SSPRES.ORG/MOVIE




COASTAL CHATS

WITH STEPHANIE CHEWNING



Come join us for an educational moment with Onehundredmiles to learn more about our local sea turtles and barrier island dynamics.



BARRIER ISLAND DYNAMICS Wed, Mar 29 | 4:30pm | Upper Rm
SEA TURTLES Wed, Apr 19 | 4:30pm | Upper Rm

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR....

day of SERVICE

APRIL 1, 2023 | 8:00AM-1PM
 Gather at Church for Breakfast & Devotion at 8AM
 CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
 INFO & SIGNUP AT
 SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS



This Week | March 19 - March 25

Sunday, March 19

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, March 20

- 4:00 pm **New Officer Training** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

- 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
- 1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 1:30 pm **Hands & Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 4:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm **New Member Class** - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Bell Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 23

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

Friday, March 24

- 8:00 am **TSN - Symphony Coffee Series** - Jacksonville

Saturday, March 25

- 10:00 am **Enneagram Workshop** - Christ Church Frederica

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in gratitude of the Pastoral Nominating Committee by Anne Aspinwall.

Pastor Vacation: Rev. Laurie Bentley will be away at vacation Monday, March 20 until Friday, March 25.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with Richard and Amy Hunt on the marriage of the son, Richard Hunt III to Charlotte Gunn, the marriage to place on Saturday, March 18.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Mac Carlton, who passed away on Thursday, March 9. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Leslie and Mac's family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Lent

“**I**N MANY CULTURES THERE IS AN ANCIENT CUSTOM OF GIVING A TENTH OF EACH YEAR’S INCOME TO SOME HOLY USE. FOR CHRISTIANS, TO OBSERVE THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT IS TO DO THE SAME THING WITH ROUGHLY A TENTH OF EACH YEAR’S DAYS. AFTER BEING BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE RIVER JORDAN, JESUS WENT OFF ALONE INTO THE WILDERNESS, WHERE HE SPENT FORTY DAYS ASKING HIMSELF THE QUESTION WHAT IT MEANT TO BE JESUS. DURING LENT, CHRISTIANS ARE SUPPOSED TO ASK ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THEMSELVES.

IF YOU HAD TO BET EVERYTHING YOU HAVE ON WHETHER THERE IS A GOD OR WHETHER THERE ISN’T, WHICH SIDE WOULD BET YOUR MONEY AND WHY?

WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR FACE IN THE MIRROR, WHAT DO YOU SEE IN IT THAT YOU MOST LIKE AND WHAT DO YOU SEE IN IT THAT YOU MOST DEPLORE?

IF YOU HAD ONLY ONE LAST MESSAGE TO LEAVE TO THE HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU, WHAT WOULD IT BE IN TWENTY-FIVE WORDS OR LESS?

OF ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE IN YOUR LIFE, WHICH IS THE ONE YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO UNDO? WHICH IS THE ONE THAT MAKES YOU HAPPIEST TO REMEMBER?”

-FREDERICK BÜECHNER : *BEYOND WORDS*

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