

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dry Bones
Roberta Kay

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Linda Gilsud

Tim Gilsud

Doug Tingle

Acolyte

Lanier Cannon

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. Laurie Bentley

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Children's Ministry
Rhonda Hambright

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Robert Hobby

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Daryl Rabert

One: As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit,
and the Spirit dwells in us.

**All: We are alive in the Spirit through the
righteousness of God.**

One: In humility and faith, we come to worship the One
who gives us life, hope, and healing.

**All: God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still.
Praise the Lord!**

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of resurrection, We know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths – however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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.

GLORIA PATRI

In the Assurance of God's Grace we are reminded once again that God's grace sets us free from guilt and fear. As Walter Brueggemann says, "you can keep singing. You can keep hoping. And because you sing and hope, you can act in freedom, unburdened, uncoerced, unafraid, and without cynicism. The song goes on. It is a subversive, revolutionary song. And we get to sign on to sing and to live it... unafraid!"

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Ann Lochstampfor

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 130

pg 969 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir

Gilbert M. Martin

SECOND READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

pg 1345 OT

SERMON

“Can These Bones Live?”

Rev. Laurie Bentley

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

After we hear the good news, we stand to say what we believe in an Affirmation of Faith. Often these words come from the church's creeds and confessions. In these writings, we remember and tell the world who we are, what we believe, and how we hope to live according to God's Way.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separates people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

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

KidZ Crew Musical




CALLLED

March 25 | 6:30PM | Social Hall

Signup for Supper at sspres.org/supper




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



day of SERVICE



MARCH 28 | 8-1PM

[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)




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



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

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This Week | March 22 - 28

Sunday, March 22

- 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 23

- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 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
- 6:30 pm **KidZ Crew Musical** - Social Hall
- 7:15 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 26

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, March 27

Office Closed

Saturday, March 28

- 8:00 am **Day of Service** - Various Locations

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Janie and Jack Marquess by Anne and Joe Camp.

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




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

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Tripper Mansfield
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