

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Triumphal Entry*  
Paige Payne

**Palm Sunday**

March 29, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Anne Aspinwall

Katie Rossiter

Nancy Paris

Anne Marie Stirewalt

**Acolyte**

Charleston Risi

# 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.*

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. Please join the children and youth in waving palms during the processional hymn.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

INTROIT

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, from "Godspell"*  
Cole Seaton, soloist

Steven Schwartz

PROCESSIONAL OF PALMS

*Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna*  
Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

arr. Shawn Gingrich

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*Ride Through Jerusalem*  
Children's Choirs

Michael Bedford

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Taylor Brooks

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**ALL: Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Rejoice, for your King comes in humility and peace.

**ALL: We lift our branches and our voices in praise.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

**ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

\* Please stand if able.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**Humble and Sovereign King, we join the crowd in shouting “Hosanna!” yet we confess how quickly our praise can fade. We welcome you when you come in glory, but resist you when you come in humility. We long for a savior who conquers, not one who rides in on a borrowed donkey. You overturn our expectations. You refuse the sword. You walk the road that leads to the cross. Forgive us for wanting triumph without sacrifice, for celebration without surrender, for palms without Passion. Hosanna means “Save us”— and we confess we need saving from our pride, our fear, and our shallow faith. Enter our hearts again, O Christ. Cleanse what needs cleansing. Turn our cheers into lasting discipleship. In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

*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

## 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 Children’s Hallway on the other side of the Social Hall.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

#### Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**ALL: His steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Let the people of God say—

**ALL: His steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness,  
that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

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.

**ALL: This is the gate of the Lord; through it the faithful enter.**

One: We thank you, O God, for you have answered us and have become our salvation.

**ALL: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This is the Lord's doing;

**ALL: It is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Save us, we pray, O Lord! Grant us your help and blessing.

**ALL: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: The Lord is God; he has given us light.

**ALL: We bind our praises together and lift them before the altar.**

One: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you.

**ALL: You are our God; we will extol you.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good—

**ALL: His steadfast love endures forever!**

ANTHEM

*Hosanna in the Highest*  
Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers

Tuttle, arr. Raney

SECOND READING

**Matthew 21:1-11**  
*pg 1531 NT*

SERMON

*"Pick Your Power"*

Rev. Judy Pidcock

\*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.**

When the Bible has been read, its message is proclaimed in a sermon. The God who speaks in scripture speaks to us now. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the sermon, offering grace and calling for obedience.

## 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 SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
Chancel Ringers

arr. Mitchell Eithun

\*DOXOLOGY (606)

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 215

*What Wondrous Love is This?*

WONDROUS LOVE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

J. S. Bach, 1729



**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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### Prayer List

#### Joys

Lily Roberts  
*selected as National  
Honor Society  
scholarship semifinalist*  
Mobley Grace Ward  
and Amelia Macaulay  
*for academic awards at  
St. Francis middle school*  
Albert Fendig  
*15th Plein Air Affair*

#### Deaths

Jean Sucher

#### Members

Jann Briscoe  
Doug French  
Bonnie Rabert  
Rachel Rhodes  
Marsha Risi  
Kay Roberson  
Page Shelton  
Johnny Warren

#### Friends and Family

Karen "Tucker" Allen  
Allyson Mayberry Jackson  
Toddy M.  
Dr. Suzanne Mericle  
Ben Wallace  
Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell

#### Recent Global Conflict

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

#### Long-term Care

Rich Armstrong  
Sue Chambless  
Claudette French  
Marcia Kester  
Mary Lewis  
Dwight Plyler  
Betty Lou Schoneker  
Alison Schueneman  
Frances Teel

#### EVERYONE, DUST

#### OFF YOUR FINEST!

An anonymous donor has offered to support our music program in a festive and fun way this Easter. For every Easter hat or bonnet spotted in the sanctuary on Easter morning, the donor will give \$50 to St. Simons Presbyterian's music ministry. So bring your Easter flair and join the fun as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection together.

# 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

**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

**GO GENTLEMEN'S QUARTET**  
*presented by Golden Isles Live*



**TRY SOMETHING NEW  
CONCERT**  
*plus dinner catering*

**APRIL 17** DINNER | 5:30 PM  
SHOW | 7 PM  
*only 19 tickets available | \$20/pp*

**RSVP REQUIRED**  
[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](http://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)

WORSHIP LED BY SSPC YOUTH

# YOUTH SUNDAY

April 19 | 8:30 & 10:30 am

# 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](http://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](http://sspres.org/events)

**blue skies**  
LOCAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

JUNE 14-17 | ST. SIMONS ISLAND  
*Volunteer to offer hope and rest to families facing pediatric cancer.*

ALL AGES WELCOME!  
[sspres.org/events](http://sspres.org/events)



## This Week | March 29 - April 3

### Sunday, March 29

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Confirmation Class** - 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 30

- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Meeting** - Upper Room
- 12:00pm **Holy Week Service** - Saint Simons UMC
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, March 31

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-Fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law
- 12:00 pm **Holy Week Service** - First Baptist SSI

### Wednesday, April 1

- 10:00 am **Hands & Hearts Ministry** - Music Attic
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 12:00 pm **Holy Week Service** - Wesley at Frederica
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 2

- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Building and Grounds** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Maudy Thursday Service** - Sanctuary

### Friday, April 3

- 11:30 am **Community Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 12:30 pm **Good Friday Three- Hour Vigil** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Good Friday Presentation** - Sanctuary

**Guest Pastor:** Today we welcome the Rev. Judy Pidcock to our pulpit. Judy serves as Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she recently returned following a season of retirement. She and her husband, Jim, make their home in Raleigh. During her years of ministry there, Judy devoted herself especially to the care and connection of senior adults, offering a steady and compassionate pastoral presence through visits, gatherings, and shared life in the congregation.

We are especially glad to welcome Judy because of a shared connection—her nephew-in-law currently serves as Associate Pastor at Morrisville Presbyterian Church, where Rachel previously served and had the joy of working alongside him for most of her time there. This connection is a reminder of the bonds we share across the wider church.

We are delighted to welcome Judy and Jim today and look forward to the word she will bring.

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.  
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Sean Hidalgo  
Tripper Mansfield  
Elizabeth Shewell  
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