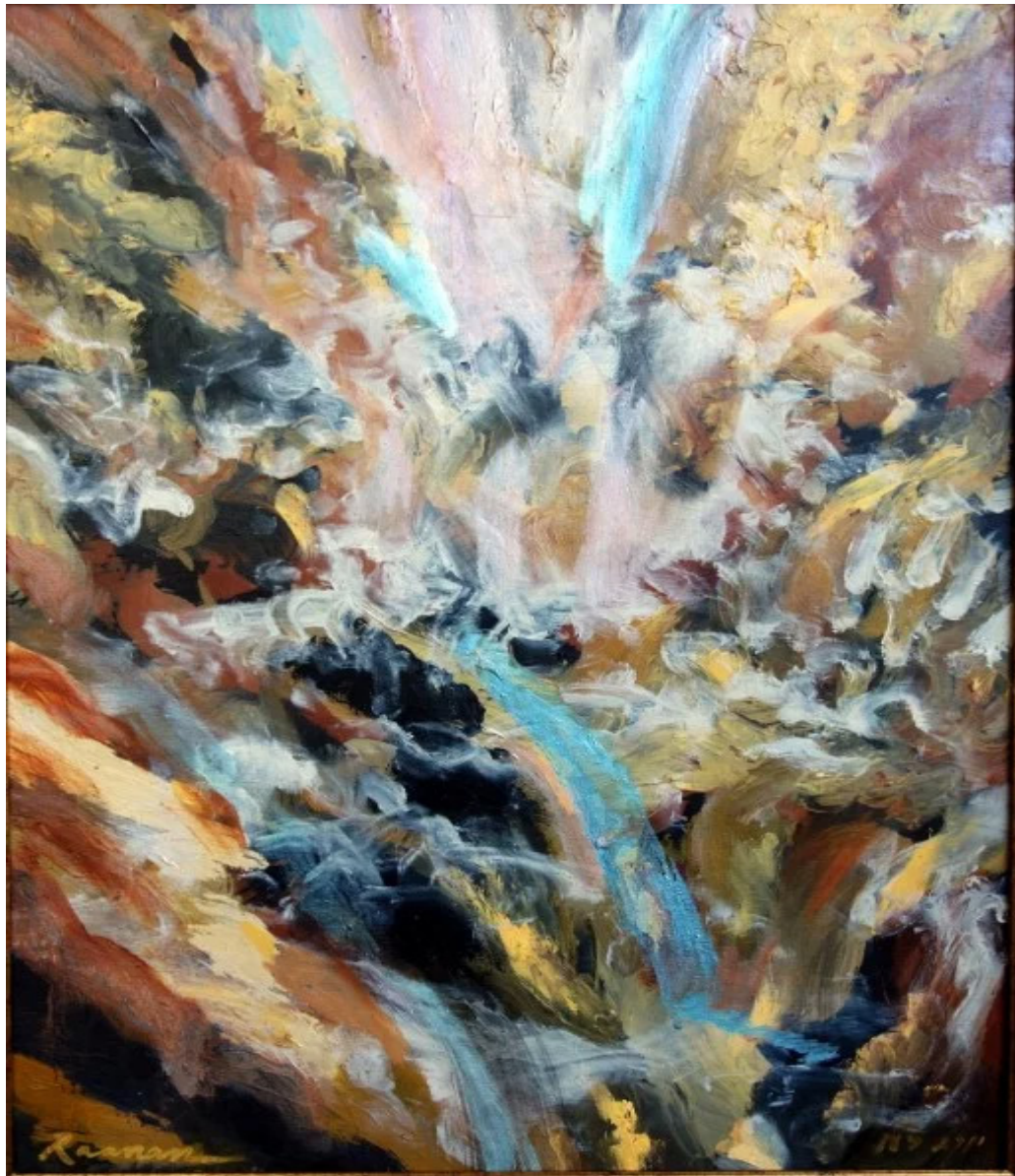


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Water Out of the Rock
Yoram Raanan

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Kathy Wade

Lee Arnold

Sandi Goeldner

Debbie States

Sharon Bowman

Tim Darrah

Acolyte

Elle Blenkinsop

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

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee
Amy Bishop, Organist

Handel, arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Taylor Brooks

One: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

All: Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.

One: Even in the deserts of our lives,

All: God is among us.

One: Come, let us worship and bow down;

All: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, and return us to paths of righteousness.

Silence for Personal Confession

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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!"

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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 95

pg 933 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lenten Chorale
Chancel Choir

Claude L. Bass

SECOND READING

Exodus 17:1-7

pg 114 OT

SERMON

"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?"

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

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.

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.

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 *Celtic Dance on "Pleading Savior"* arr. Sondra K. Tucker
Chancel Ringers, Suzanne Morrison; Director

*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 353 SOLID ROCK
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional* Daniel Gawthrop
Amy Bishop, Organist



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.



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

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Prayer List

Joys

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

Sorrows

Death of Caroline Plyler

Members

Deanna Clark
Mike Fixx
John Foster
Doug French
Nancy Matthews
Rachel Rhodes
Page Shelton
Jean Sucher
John Thompson

Friends and Family

Karen Allen
Jordon Bond and Family
Allyson Jackson
Jeff Miracle
Ben Wallace
Sarah

Recent Global Conflict

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

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

*First Monday of Every Month.
1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA*

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

Missions

Share God's love with service locally and globally. Missions include Angel Tree Christmas Gifts, Hunger Action Team, and summer mission trips.

*Madelynne Risi at madelynne@sspres.org
or 638-2220.*

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. (Pre K-2nd)

KidZ Crew

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ Ensemble (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Before KidZ Fellowship

Meet in the Music Attic at 4PM.

Use the Veranda Door

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun.

Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

Dara Pickren-Davis at dara@sspres.org or

638-2220

Youth

Youth Ensemble

Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM

Meet in the Music Attic -

Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00-8:00 PM

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A SSI

Transportation to school is available.

Adults

Try Something New Ministry

A group that is all about loving, connecting, serving, learning, and celebrating together.

Nat Scott at Nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM in various locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be served in the Britt Room.

:: Following the Call

Meets in the Upper Room

Nat Scott at Nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the Upper Room

Men's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10:00AM in the John Law Room

Women's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Thursday.

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.

Circles meet for Bible Study each month. See

Something for Everyone for more group activities.

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com

or (912) 672-1916

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, births, deaths, or prayer request, contact the church office at 912-638-2220 ext 8, or email pastoralcare@sspres.org. The first available pastor will notify you as soon as possible.

day of SERVICE

MARCH 28 | 8-1PM

SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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

SSPC MISSIONS & OUTREACH

COFFEE & CONVO SAFE HARBOR

An opportunity to learn more and tour Safe Harbor, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

March 16 | 10am
1526 Norwich St

signup at **sspres.org/events**

Try Something New

APRIL 7-9

experience CHARLESTON

Registration Now Open!

...Deadline is March 15th...

INFO & SIGNUP AT **SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS**

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**

This Week | March 8 - 13

Sunday, March 8

- 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 9

- 10:00 am **Worship and Music** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Britt Room
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

Wednesday, March 11

- 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 **Mission Committee** - John Law
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Building and Grounds** - John Law

Friday, March 13

Office Closed

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Betty and Nick Camp by Anne and Joe Camp.

Girl Scout Sunday: We are celebrating Girl Scout Sunday today in honor of Girl Scout Troop 072, which meets at St. Simons Presbyterian. The purpose of this special day is to emphasize that we take the Girl Scout Promise seriously - "On my honor, I will try to serve God." It is a time for Girl Scouts to reflect upon the importance of the words, "to serve God."

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Caroline Plyler who passed away on Saturday, February 28. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Caroline's family and friends near and far who mourn her passing.

Christian Celebration: We share in the celebration with Meg and Matthew Robinson the birth of their daughter, Dorothy Ellen Robinson, who joined us in this world on Monday, March 2. Welcome to the world, Dorothy!

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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