

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Be Thou My Vision*  
Mike Moyers

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2026 | 10:30 am Service

**Ushers**

Jerry Hardiman  
Lynda Bisher  
Bunnie Lynn  
Pattie Boykin  
Lee Arnold

**Acolyte**

Marigold Willis

# 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 Pre-k and under are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel. Kindergarten and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary to participate in the Communion service.*

INTROIT

*This is the Day*  
Chancel Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

GATHERING WORDS

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rachel Rhodes

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*O God, You Search Me*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. David Lasky

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Daryl Rabert

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills—  
from where does our help come?

**All: Our help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

One: On a high mountain, Christ was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun.

**All: And the disciples were overshadowed by holy glory.**

One: A voice spoke from the cloud:  
“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.”

**All: In awe and trust, we come to listen.**

One: The Lord keeps our going out and our coming in.

**All: Let us worship the Holy One who meets us on the  
mountain and walks with us into the valley.**

\* Please stand if able.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

We are called by God, who alone is holy, into worship. We come before this holy God, however, as people who are sinful and in need of forgiveness and cleansing. We come confident of God's grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**Holy and Glorious God, On the mountain you revealed your splendor, and your disciples fell in fear. We confess that we, too, are afraid—afraid of your holiness, afraid of the change your voice demands. We prefer tents to transformation. We would rather linger where faith feels bright than follow Jesus into valleys shadowed by suffering. You call us to listen to your Beloved Son, yet we listen instead to anxiety, self-protection, and pride. You promise to keep our lives, yet we live as though everything depends on us. Forgive us, O Keeper of Israel. Lift up our eyes again. Touch us with mercy, and lead us in faithful obedience through every step of this Lenten journey.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\*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.*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

**Psalm 121**  
*pg 965 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

**Matthew 17:1-9**  
*pg 1524 NT*

SERMON

*“Up on the Mountain”*

Rev. Rachel Rhodes

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.**

OFFERTORY

*God is My Strong Salvation*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

\*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.*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### COMMUNION MUSIC 517

*Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

MORECAMBE

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 189

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

DEO GRACIAS

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Christ Be Our Light*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. David Lasky

### Prayer List

#### Joys

Joyce Ledingham  
*Turning 95 on March 9th*

#### Members

Mike Fixx  
Nancy Matthews  
Rachel Rhodes  
John Thompson

#### Friends and Family

Karen Allen  
Allyson Jackson  
Jeff Miracle  
Sarah

#### Long-term Care

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



**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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# 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](mailto:pastoralcare@sspres.org). The first available pastor will notify you as soon as possible.



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](https://sspres.org/events)




**day of  
 SERVICE**

**MARCH 28 | 8-1PM**

[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)





Try Something New APRIL 7-9

**experience  
 CHARLESTON**

*Registration Now Open!*  
 ...Deadline is March 15th...

 INFO & SIGNUP AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)



Savannah Presbytery Trip CANTON, NC  
**APRIL 26 - MAY 2** Hurricane Recovery Project

**MISSION TRIP**  
*presbyterian disaster assistance*

We are partnering with Flint River Presbytery to help with Hurricane Helene recovery efforts.

**ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!**

 VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)  
 FOR DETAILS & REGISTRATION



**CHURCH NURSERY  
 VOLUNTEERS  
 NEEDED!**

**BABY SNUGGLES GUARANTEED**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Wednesdays 4-6PM  
 Sundays 8-12pm

**Signup Today!**  
[sspres.org/nursery](https://sspres.org/nursery)



# This Week | March 1 -6

## Sunday, March 1

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Youth Confirmation** - Youth Suite
- 9:30 am **Sunday School Class** - 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 2

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G St
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

## Tuesday, March 3

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

## Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 am **Hands & Hearts Quilting** - 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
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Bells** - Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

## Thursday, March 5

- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room

## Friday, March 6

**Office Closed**

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel Greenery was beautifully designed by Melissa Tsai.

**Dear Beloved:** Please remember to wear your name tag to greet each other as a personally known child of God! Please contact the office if you need a new one! -Membership Committee



**St. Simon's Presbyterian**

**RAINFOREST  
 FALLS**  
 Exploring the Nature of God

**VACATION  
 BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 9-11**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO MEMBERS!**  
 WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON APRIL 1ST

**[SSPRES.ORG/VBS](https://SSPRES.ORG/VBS)**



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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