

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rejoice in the Lord, and be Glad
SSPC KidZ Crew

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Angie Votsis
John LaBoone
Jerry Hardiman
Bunnie Lynn
Lynda Bisher

Acolyte

Jack Callaway

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

Make a Joyful Noise
Chancel Choir

Wagner

GATHERING WORDS

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

As we gather in worship, we remember and rejoice that God has appointed one day in seven to be kept holy, set aside as the occasion for the people of God to worship corporately. God has also commended daily worship by the people, whether gathered in assembly or at home. -PCUSA Directory For Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

He is Exalted
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. F. Bock

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Buddy Hendrick

One: Praise God. I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**All: God's work is full of honor and majesty,
and God's righteousness endures forever.**

One: Praise God in the sanctuary and remember the
wonderful works God has done.

All: God's praise endures forever!

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

One: God’s law is perfect; it revives the soul.

All: Forgive us, O God, for we obey not your commandments.

One: God’s testimony is sure; it makes wise the simple.

All: Forgive us, O God, for we place status above service.

One: God’s precepts are right; they rejoice the heart.

All: Forgive us, O God, for we take delight in false gods.

One: God’s commandment is pure; it enlightens the eyes.

All: Forgive us, O God, for we overlook our neighbor’s needs.

One: God’s ordinances are true; they are altogether righteous.

All: O God, have mercy upon us; only you can save us.

In Christ redeem us and cleanse us of sin.

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.

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

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 32

pg 869 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Give Me Grace to Follow Jesus
Chancel Choir

Glenn A. Pickett

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14-16

pg 1692 NT

SERMON

“Peter Stood Up”

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves’ accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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

Hymn to Joy
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. L. Larson

*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 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. R. Williams



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

Christ is Risen!

Deaths

Scott Smith

Son of Marj Smith

Jean Sucher

Members

Doug French

Rachel Rhodes

Marsha Risi

Kay Roberson

Marj Smith

Johnny Warren

Friends and Family

Karen "Tucker" Allen

Rev. Burt Cramer

Allyson Mayberry Jackson

Ned Johnson

Dr. Suzanne Mericle

Ben Wallace

Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell

Daniki's Family

Sarah

Toddy M.

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

Revs. Jann Briscoe & Page Shelton

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.



COASTAL CHATS
WITH STEPHANIE CHEWNING

Come join us for an educational moment with Onehundredmiles to learn more about our barrier island dynamics. **NO SIGNUP NEEDED. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

WED, APRIL 15 | 4:45PM | UPPER RM



GO GENTLEMEN'S QUARTET
presented by Golden Isles Live

TRY SOMETHING NEW
CONCERT
plus dinner outing

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

RSVP REQUIRED
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS



COASTAL OUTREACH SOCCER
bonus day of SERVICE!

APRIL 18 | 9-12PM
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS



WORSHIP LED BY SSPC YOUTH

YOUTH SUNDAY

April 19 | 8:30 & 10:30 am



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 | April 12- 17

- Sunday, April 12**
- 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
 - 11:30 am **Youth Confirmation Luncheon** - Britt Room
 - 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, April 13**
- 10:00 am **Worship and Music** - Upper Room
 - 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - John Law
 - 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- Tuesday, April 14**
- 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, April 15**
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Upper Room
 - 10:00 am **Hands and Hearts Ministry** - Upper Room
 - 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
 - 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
 - 1:15 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
 - 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
 - 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary
- Thursday, April 16**
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- Friday, April 17**
- Office Closed**
 - 5:00 pm **TSN - Dinner and Concert** Off Campus

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Faye and Jerry Hardiman in memory of our parents, Ruth & J.C. Hardiman and Marie & Milton Wright.

Announcement: We will hold a Congregational Meeting immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service on April 26, 2026. The purpose of this meeting is for the Congregation to formally elect new officers of the church.

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

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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