



# 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.*

## 8:30-Usher

Linda Seierstad

Kathy Cathey

Mary Helen Jetton

## 10:30-Ushers

Matt Lemke

Nancy Paris

Linda Seierstad

Kathleen Haller

Lisa Silva

## Youth Ushes

Hunter Callaway

William Mansfield

Jack Shiver

Arthur Owens

## Acolyte

Virginia Ramba

## INTROIT

*Jubilance*

Jason W. Krug

The Youth Bell Squad - Chase Busby, Graham Holland, Liam Holland,  
Julia Lemke, Eliana Tsai, Ethan Tsai

## GATHERING WORDS

Mary Ellis Shiver

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Cross Mission Trip*

Arthur Owens

## THREE CHIMES

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

## PRELUDE

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Chase Busby, Trombone; Graham Holland, French Horn

John Zundel

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Gracie Busby

One: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

**All: How long will you hide your face from me?**

One: How long must I bear pain in my soul and have  
sorrow in my heart all day long?

**All: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

One: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

**All: But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt  
bountifully with me.**

We would like to thank the youth of the church for leading us in worship today. May their words and songs be both an encouragement and a challenge to us all; may our hearts be open to Christ's redeeming work within them, and may our lives bring glory to God!

† 10:30 Service Only

\* Please stand if able.

\*OPENING HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Geer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**Ever-present God, we admit that we are not always good listeners. We don't listen to one another. We're always thinking about what we're going to say next. We choose words that harm, hurt, and divide. We don't listen to you. We miss when you are asking of us. Open our ears, God, to hear you in the silence, in the chaos, and in the voices of those around us.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Lily Busby  
Sawyer Neill

\*GLORIA PATRI 582

Liam Holland, Saxophone; Ethan Tsai, Drums

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

GLORY TO GOD

**Prayer List**

**Sorrows**

Death of Leslie Carlton

Death of Gerry Peck

Son-in-law of

Ken & Karla Trobaugh

**Members**

Carissa Clark

Doug French

Jerry Spencer

John Thompson

Johnny Warren

**Friends and Family**

Jordan Bond

Papa' Castrillo

Allyson Mayberry Jackson

Ned Johnson

Tonia Pickren

Ben Wallace

Berry

Sarah

**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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN †

Anna Grace Mansfield & Mobley Ward

*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

Emmeline Griffith & Layla Davanzo

FIRST READING

**Habakkuk 1:2-4**

Graham Holland

*pg 1456 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

We welcome seniors, Emmeline Griffith and Layla Davanzo, to the pulpit. These students have been active participants of St. Simons Presbyterian Church for many years. Their willingness to share this morning is such a gift to us as a church.

ANTHEM

*Christ is Mine Forevermore* Rich Thompson & Jonny Robinson  
Youth, Graham Holland, French Horn; Chase Busby, Trombone;  
Ethan Tsai, Drums

SECOND READING

**Jonah 4:1-5**  
*pg 1438 OT*

Amelia Macaulay

SERMONS

*"Unexpected Answers"*

Emmeline Griffith & Layla Davanzo

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Mary West Turner

**We believe God is always with us and is the Holy Trinity. Jesus is the light of the world. His love is everlasting. The Holy Spirit provides strength, peace and is ever present. As we trust and reflect through prayer, we allow ourselves to be open with God. We commit ourselves to worship, serve and teach one another in faith, striving to be kind to our neighbors.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gigi Cate

**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.**

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

Rhianna Post

OFFERTORY

*It is Well With My Soul*  
The Youth Bell Squad

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

\*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rhianna Post

Today's Affirmation of Faith was written by the 2026 Confirmation Class, along with their mentors. It reflects what they learned about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, prayer, the church, and serving their community.

*Chase Busby, Hunter Callaway, Graham Holland, Liam Holland,  
Amelia Macaulay, William Mansfield, and Mary West Turner*

Mentors: Taylor Brooks, Ben Bryson, Nancy Harper, Brady Head, Brenda Jones,  
Tyler Mimbs, Rich Orsetti

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Confirmation Class

LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Loving and merciful God, uphold these your children by your Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 192

*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. Jim Jackson

\*BENEDICTION

Landri Bennett

\*BENEDICTION SONG

POSTLUDE

*Spirit Song*

arr. Carter

Amy Bishop, Organist

Youth will be standing at each exit of the sanctuary for a meet-and-greet. Anyone wearing a name tag with a gold star on it is from this year's Confirmation class. Be sure to welcome them as a new member of the church!



**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 worshipping 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.

**KIDZ CREW PARTY**  
 Celebrating the end of the season!  
**APRIL 29 | 4-6PM**

*You're Invited*  
 Grand Opening Celebration  
**The Village**  
 Safe Harbor Center's Maternity Group Home  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7 | 1PM**  
 1716 Ellis Street  
**RSVP AT SSPRES.ORG**

**GRADUATE SUNDAY**  
 On May 10, we will be recognizing our graduates both high school & college.  
 Please take a moment to give us some information about this great accomplishment!  
**PLEASE PROVIDE INFO ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG/GRADUATE**

Children's Ministry  
**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**  
**ADULT VOLUNTEERS**  
 Wed, May 6 6-7:30 PM **OR** Sun, May 31 12-1:30 PM **NEW DATE**  
**YOUTH VBS VOLUNTEERS**  
 Sun, June 7, During Youth  
 Meals Provided  
 RSVP at [sspres.org/events](http://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](http://sspres.org/events)

**This Week** | April 19- 24

**Sunday, April 19**

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Membership Committee** - Upper Room

**Monday, April 20**

- 5:00 pm **Diaconate Meeting**- Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

**Tuesday, April 21**

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

**Wednesday, April 22**

- 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 **Last Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 23**

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care Team** - John aw

**Friday, April 24**

**Office Closed**

**Chancel Flowers:** Today's flowers are given in honor of the SSPC Youth by Alyssa Lee.

**Announcement:** There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service on April 26, 2026. At this meeting, the congregation will formally elect new church officers. You can find the names of the new officers in the newsletter.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Leslie Carlton who passed away on Wednesday, April 15. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Leslie's family and friends near and far who mourn her passing.

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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