

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Palm Sunday
Kristina Linton

Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter
Becky D. Livingston
David Keen
Bain Head
Brady Head
Kate Head

Acolyte

Evie Buckley

On Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, we enter again into the drama of the triumphal entry, trial, last supper, and crucifixion, remembering together the suffering love, poignant prayers, and prophetic teachings of our Lord. During Holy Week, we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and on to the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), all of Holy Week focuses on the passion. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servant hood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

PROCESSIONAL OF PALMS

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord
Cole Seaton, Soloist; Chancel Choir

Schwartz

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Palm Sunday
Children's Choirs, Iris Ellis, Director; Chancel Choir

Carlton Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ann Marie Stirewalt

One: Look! Your king is coming-
O humble and riding on a donkey.

ALL: Hosanna to the Son of David!

One: Lay your cloaks before him;
spread palms to honor him.

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

One: Raise your voices. Lift your hearts.
Rejoice- our Savior comes.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road. It is draining. It is demanding. It is fraught with danger. You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary, but weariness and fear overtake us. Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you, to deny you, to abandon you. Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world and to respond with compassion. As the darkness gathers, renew our faith, fill us with hope, and startle us with your grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME 582

VASILE

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Joan Cummings
Gail Dingerson
Mary Helen Jetton
Rich Orsetti
Sue Rinehart
Debbie States
Hannah Warren
Johnny Warren*

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.

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 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.

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship. -PCUSA Directory for Worship.

FIRST READING

Psalm 118: 1-2,19-29
pg 956 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11
pg 1531 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir

Martin

*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

Panis Angelicus

Franck

Cole Seaton and Rhonda Hambright

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 498

BEACH SPRING

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Lord is My Light
Amy Bishop, Organist

M. McDonald

Prayer List

Deaths

Mike Clements
Winn Phillips
Jayne Schonhoff
Brian Vance

Hospital

Catherine McCrary

Members

Judy Benjamin
Mike Fixx
Nancy Fixx
Harlan Hambright
Jay Hunter
Marcia Kester
Evan Nicholson
Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Wendy Stephens
Karla Trobaugh

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb
Kathy Chapman
Lynn Forsythe
Doris Hewell
Gail Kroeze
Bob Stanford

Hospice

Nancy Thrun
Lois Vogelmann



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, or by visiting sspres.org/prayer.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30A 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-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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Community HOLY WEEK

2023

DAY OF AUTHORITY

Monday, April 3 | 12 PM

St. Simons United Methodist

Preaching: Rev. Bob Kasting

Lunch at 12:30 | Cost \$5

Music: Glynn Academy Chorus at 11:30

DAY OF CONFLICT

Tuesday, April 4 | 12 PM

First Baptist Church

Preaching: Rev. Tom Jones

Lunch at 12:30 | Cost \$5

Music: Michael Jennings

DAY OF WITHDRAWAL

Wednesday, April 5 | 12 PM

Wesley Church at Frederica

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

Lunch at 12:30 | Cost \$5

Music: Debbie McIlrath

DAY OF INTIMACY

Thursday, April 6

NO COMMUNITY SERVICE

DAY OF SACRIFICE

Friday, April 7 | 11:30 AM

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Lunch at 11:30am | Cost \$5

Three-Hour Vigil beginning at 12:30pm

Music: Community Choir & Various Soloists

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 9 | 6:30 AM

St. Simons Pier

Preaching: Rev. Kim Peterson



Easter FLOWERS

DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT \$25 EACH.

Please fill out the dedication form online by visiting the link below or by filling out an easter flowers envelope located in our church pews.

Payments may be made on our website or in the church office M-F from 9-4PM.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE



MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6

Communion & Tenebrae Service | 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCHEON & WORSHIP

April 7th at St. Simons Presbyterian
11:30 AM Luncheon | 12:30 PM Worship Service

ALL ARE WELCOME

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:30AM Sunrise Service at the Pier

8:30 & 10:30 AM Full Worship Service

11:30 AM Potluck Luncheon (bring a side!)

12:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn

Donate YOUR DRESSER

Hand in Hand of Glynn is in need of dressers with drawers up to 7 feet wide. We will pick it up and deliver it to the tiny houses being built for the homeless through Hand in Hand of Glynn. Thanks for your help!



If you have one that you can donate, please contact
Brenda Haughney at brh1234@gmail.com.

This Week | April 2 - April 7

Sunday, April 2

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **New Member Class** - Social Hall
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm **Hunger Action Packing** - Gathering Place
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, April 3

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street Brunswick
- 10:00 am **Hunger Action Packing** - Gathering Place
- 12:00 pm **Community Holy Week Service** - St. Simons UMC
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, April 4

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning** - John Law
- 12:00 pm **Community Holy Week Service** - First Baptist

Wednesday, April 5

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **Community Holy Week Service** - Wesley
- 1:30 pm **Hands & Hearts Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Bell Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae** - Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

- 11:30 am **Community Holy Week Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 12:30 pm **Good Friday Three-Hour Vigil** - Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel Palms were beautifully decorated by Suzanne Morrison and her dedicated team.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Mike Clements (Lee Baxter's brother), who passed away recently. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Lee and Mike's family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call to Worship (2019-2020).

To Ponder Prayerfully

Tougher Hope

“JESUS HOLDS HIS DISCIPLES AND THE CHURCH TO A HIGHER STANDARD AND A TOUGHER HOPE. THE BLEAKER THE WORLD LOOKS, THE GREATER THE TEMPTATION TO GIVE UP HOPE THAT IN GOD’S TIME JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED AND ALL WILL BE MADE WHOLE. PRAISE BE TO GOD THAT EVERY EASTER, HOPE IS RENEWED, SO THAT THE CHURCH MAY CELEBRATE THE TRIUMPH OF THIS SPECIAL DAY IN CONFIDENCE, FAITHFULNESS, AND PATIENCE. COME, LORD JESUS!”

-DIANE G. CHEN

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