

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jesus and the Lamb
Katherine Brown

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Thomas Arvin

Pat Kent

Ella Kent

Mark Gordon

Lucinda Gordon

Acolyte

Mobley Ward

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

Praise the Lord
Chancel Choir

Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Adagio and Fugue
Amy Bishop, Organist

J. James 1745

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Anne Marie Stirewalt

One: The Lord is Our Shepherd,

ALL: We shall not want

One: Let us lie down in green pastures,

**ALL: Let us gather by still waters
and worship the Lord.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Call to Worship is
a reminder that, while
worship is something we
do, we do it as a response to
what God has already done.
God calls us to worship.
We respond to God's call
with praise, confession,
gratitude, and wonder.

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

We come to you as one body, O God, seemingly good, carefully polished, yet each harboring in our hearts a multitude of stains. Forgive us for what we have hidden from others if not from you; and for that which we cannot bare to see in ourselves.

Wandering and weary, lost in a tangle of pride and deception, all we like sheep have gone astray. Shepherd us, O God, and call us back we pray. That repentant and forgiven, we may find again our souls restored, our bodies strengthened, and our heads held high beside the still waters of your redeeming grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATOREX

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In the Assurance of Pardon 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

*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.*

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:7-15
pg 1341 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd
Chancel Choir and Soloist Katelyn Silva

Goodall

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10
pg 1666 NT

The scriptures bear witness
to the word of God, revealed
most fully in Jesus Christ,
the Word who 'became
flesh and lived among us'
(John 1:14).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"All We, Like Sheep?"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Prelude on "Evan"
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. G. Young

*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.*

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.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March in D
Amy Bishop, Organist

D. Johnson

Prayer List

Weddings

Emelee Brown -Matt Birdsong

Deaths

Wilma Knight

Nancy Thrun

Lois Vogelmann

Members

Rich Armstrong

Harlan Hambright

Sandra Hathaway

Ladye Heisel

Catherine McCrary

Dale (Sylvia) Moffett

Evan Nicholson

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Mary Katherine Arens

Daughter of Rev. Dr. Alan Baroody

Mary Fish

Addie Hamm

Jeremy Parnell

Lisa Sims

Those who are grieving

Those who are homeless

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford



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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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.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.

Community & Global Missions

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

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 Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

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

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

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.

TGIF/Crossroads Ministry

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

Madelynne Risi at Madelynne@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 made available for all.

:: What's So Amazing About Grace

by Philip Yancey

Led by Rev. Steve and Nat - Upper Room

:: Finding My Way Home

by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Rejoice Class- John Law

:: Cross Roads Video Discussion

Led by Madelynne Risi - Library

Frieda Warner at frieda@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) Circle

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.

Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com or (608) 220-8481

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. If you need pastoral care after hours please contact one of our pastors.

Rev. Steve Goyer 904-718-7777

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903

**KidZ Crew
Pizza Party!**
May 3 :: 4-6PM
Celebrating the end of
the season with
BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES,
PIZZA, & MORE!




 **MAP BOX PACKING**
MAP PROVIDES LIFESAVING MEDICINE TO
THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD.
MAY 9TH | 9AM - 12PM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK
ALL ARE WELCOME!
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/MAP



A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT
**A MEAL WITH
FRIENDS**
MAY 11TH • 6PM • 1509 BRUNSWICK
Be sure to Register - Limited to 28 People
Deepen relationships and create new ones over good
food and good fellowship as part of St. Simons
Presbyterian's ministry to God's "older children."
SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/TSN



Savannah Presbytery's
SCHOOL OF THE LAITY
June 23-25 at Epworth or Online
*This June session is the beginning
of a NEW COHORT (Class of 2025)*
CLASSES WILL KICKOFF WITH
INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE
led by Dr. Bob Bryant
DEADLINE IS MAY 25
INFO & REGISTRATION AT SSPRES.ORG/LAITY



VBS
STELLAR
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
JUNE 13-15
VISIT SSPRES.ORG/VBS
TO VOLUNTEER



This Week | April 30 - May 5

Sunday, April 30

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning Meeting** - John Law

Wednesday, May 3

- 10:00 am **Grief Support Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 4:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 4

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, May 5

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers are given today in glory to God and in loving memory of David Stirewalt by Anne Marie Stirewalt.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Wilma Knight who passed away on Sunday, April 23. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Wilma's family and friends near and far who mourn her passing.

Pastor Vacation: Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin will be away on vacation Sunday, April 30 through May 1.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Rowing

“ONE OF THE FIRST ADMONITIONS OF A GOOD ROWING COACH, AFTER THE FUNDAMENTALS ARE OVER, IS ‘PULL YOUR OWN WEIGHT.’ AND THE YOUNG OARSMAN DOES JUST THAT WHEN HE FINDS OUT THE BOAT GOES MUCH BETTER WHEN HE DOES. THERE IS CERTAINLY A SOCIAL IMPLICATION HERE.”

“WHERE IS THE SPIRITUAL VALUE IN ROWING?; THE LOSING OF SELF ENTIRELY, TO THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF THE CREW AS A WHOLE.”

“MEN AS FIT AS YOU, WHEN YOUR EVERYDAY STRENGTH IS GONE, CAN DRAW ON A MYSTERIOUS RESERVOIR OF POWER FAR GREATER. THEN IT IS, THAT YOU CAN REACH FOR THE STARS. THAT IS THE WAY CHAMPIONS ARE MADE.”

-GEORGE POCKOCK

-BOYS IN THE BOAT- DANIEL JAMES BROWN

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