

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday: God's Resurrection
Marieve Ortiz

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023 | 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

8:30 Service

Tim Gilsrud

Linda Gilsrud

Mike Kellar

Jan Rossiter

Jeff Roberts

10:30 Service

Jan Rossiter

Gail Dingerson

Mike Kellar

Buddy Hendrick

Doug Tingle

Bunnie Lynn

† Acolyte

Kerrigan Biletzskov

Easter is the central event of our faith, a celebration of our transformation into God's new people. It is not simply the miracle of a dead person raised from a grave, but a celebration of power that can shatter death in order that people can freely serve the God of life. Resurrection shouts "no" to everything in our world that works against God's will, and "yes" to God's victory. – adapted from The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

* Please stand if able.

• 8:30 Service Only

† 10:30 Service Only

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

Christ is Risen

Wagner

Chancel Choir

Chancel Ensemble - Anne Marie Stirewalt, Ed Jackson, Trumpets; Judy Foster, Clarinet; Brendan Johnson, French Horn; John Simmons, Trombone; Mike Bradberry, Tuba; Harlan Hambright, Timpani

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Hosanna, A Joyous Day

arr. Bishop

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Anne Marie Stirewalt

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: This is the day the Lord has made;

ALL: let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Interludes after verses 2 and 3

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of love and forgiveness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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)

The 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.

• SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jon Walker Hodgdon
son of Ryan and Anna Hodgdon

"In the Prayer of Confession, we trust God's mercy enough to lay before God not only those sins which may belong to us individually and personally, but also the sins and brokenness of the congregation, the church universal, and the world. We do not confess primarily specific acts of omission or commission, but rather the tragic brokenness of our human condition, in which, even without intending to, we are constantly running away from God and our neighbors."
-The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

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.

ANTHEM

Come Walk With Me
Chancel Choir

Stroope

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18
pg 1685 NT (NRSV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Call Homeward"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Chancel Choir, Chancel Ensemble

Simeone

*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.*

On Easter Sunday, in addition to the regular offering, we participate in PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Donation can be made using the designated envelopes found in each pew, by scanning the QR code found here or by visiting pcusa.org/give-ogh



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 611

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Interlude after verse 2

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

G. F. Handel

**Hallelujah from "Messiah"*
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Symphony no. V, Toccata
Amy Bishop, Organist

Widor

Prayer List

Hospital

Mary Katherine Arens

Members

Mike Fixx

Nancy Fixx

Harlan Hambricht

Catherine McCrary

Evan Nicholson

Karlene Thompson

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Addie Hamm

Wendy Stephens

Catherine Turner

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

Hospice

Nancy Thrun

Lois Vogelmann

* You are invited to come
up to the choir loft and sing
with us if you feel so moves
and have choral experience.
Music is provided.



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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Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Memory of:

Gee Gee Adams.....	Robert "Tuffy" Adams
Sharon Anderson.....	Robert C. Anderson
Judith Benjamin.....	Nic Benjamin
Helen Benefield Billings.....	Miriam Benefield
Mike Birdsong.....	Ralph & Dot Birdsong
Lynda Bisher and Family.....	Furman Bisher
Amy, Ami, and MacKenzie Bishop.....	Rev. Art Bishop Lanny and Susan Bishop
The Bliven Family.....	Helen and Bill Layng John and Mary Bliven Peter Bliven Barbara Kerstin
Anne Brown.....	Charlie Brown
Mary and Ben Bryson.....	Wells Kilgore John and Betty Bryson
The Buckley Family.....	Ahmaud Arbery
Sarah and Justin Callaway.....	Larry Hunt
Anne and Joe Camp.....	Janie and Jack Marquess
Deanna, Carissa, Andy, and Vashti Clark.....	Judge Glen E. Clark
Dee Davis.....	Eddy Davis Terry Seierstad
Brenda Dohn.....	Dr. Carl Dohn
Marianna Elias.....	Bill Elias Mimi and Sam Franklin
Wells Ellenberg.....	John Ellenberg Gene Anglin
Craig Endicott.....	Hugh Halverstadt
Jim and Jennifer Farish.....	John Taylor Mr and Mrs James E. Farish, Jr
Faye and Rob Foster.....	Ellie and Jack Foster Jack Gorman Faye Cozart Warner
Mary and Jimmy Gash.....	Mary and Tom Gash Dorothy and Allan Wesley
Matthew and Hillary George.....	Joan Williams
Sandi, Alex, and Tripp Goeldner.....	Richard Goeldner II
Patsy Gregory.....	Paul Clark

Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Memory of:

Fred, Melissa, and Emmeline Griffith.....	E.F. Griffith, Jr. and Mary T. Griffith
Rhonda and Harlan Hambright and Joe Gossett.....	Ron and Emily Helton Frank and Hazel Hambright Ben Gossett
Pat & Chris Heran.....	Betty and Chuck Bernasco
The Jansen Family.....	Sharon Jansen
Joyce Kallaher	Bernard W. Lee Sr. Joseph P. Kallaher
Mike and Nardis Kellar	Malcolm Weldon Candice Kellar
Sandy Kilgore	Wells Kilgore
Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Killian.....	Mr. and Mrs. Randall W. Gowen Judge and Mrs. William R. Killian
Ellen Kuehm.....	Florence E. Bossard Mary Lou and Fred Kuehm John and Joann Eichner
Becky D. Livingston	Ivan S. Livingston
William and Charlotte Lueckel	Marion Lueckel
Harriett Matheny.....	Ermine and Billy Matheny
Sally Miles, Morgan and Drew Shealy.....	Lanier Miles
Freda Thompson Roulhac.....	Edward Lee Thompson George E. Roulhac
Linda Seierstad.....	Terry Seierstad
Elizabeth Shewell.....	Patricia and Scott Shewell
Anne Marie Stirewalt.....	David Stirewalt Jim and Bonnie Stembridge Earle and Tina Stirewalt
Margie Stockton.....	Winn Philips
Sheryl Vaughters.....	Margaret Foster
Frieda, Hart, and Jackson Warner and Eliza and Luke Ours.....	Gene and Ruby Fowinkle
Carolina, John Cannon, and Sarah Wessel.....	Our Grandfather
John, Toby, and Janice Williams.....	Alvin and Nell Williams Gene and Rae Vandebord
Dickey and Charlotte Zell.....	Lucy Zell

Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Honor of:

Bramble Family.....Joan Cummings

Anne Brown..... Susan, Jeff, Lauren, and Emily Gray

Elaine and Bob Bryan..... Tim and Nan Bryan
Caroline, Charlotte, and Tim Bryan

The Buckley Family.....For all the love they lavish on others,
the Congregational Care Team of SSPC

Coco and Mark Bujold..... Our Family

Laura, Jonathan, Luke and Caroline Cooper.....John and Julie Cherry
Patti and David Cooper

Barbara and John Dieterman..... Our Loving Grandchildren
Emma, Avery, Brody, Luca and Gianna

Jim and Jennifer Farish..... Vickie Taylor
Reta Farish

Linda and Tim Gilsrud..... Our Grandchildren

Steve and Anita Goyer..... To the Glory of God
and in gratitude to St Simons Presbyterian

Keith and Jackie Griffin..... Jeannette Griffin
Our Grandchildren: Thurman, Sawyer,
Samuel, Cannon, Harper, Amelie,
Rivers, Myles, and Chandler

Nancy Harper..... Hands and Heart Ministry

Hill, Curry, and Spence Hartman..... Jack and Susan Hartman
Pat and Jim Hill

Portia and Buddy Hendrick..... Payne Hendrick
Annie Nelson, Liza Nelson, and Tripp Nelson

Buddy and Brenda Jones..... Our Children and Our Grandchildren

Easter Flowers

Given By:

In Honor of:

John and Nancy Matthews..... Our Grandchildren

Ed McClain and Jim Blanton..... Courtney, Jeff, and Lily Roberts

Lisa McNeal..... Mary McNeal

Frances and Dennie McCrary..... Catherine McCrary

Bob and Priscilla Miles..... Our Children and Grandchildren

Barbara Powers..... My Husband Rick
My church family for the ongoing caring and support

Marie Richardson..... Anne Aspinwall

Kay Roberson..... Sue Roberson

The Shiver Family..... Brenda and Tom Haughey

Holly Thaw..... Debbie Thaw
Kathryn Cheek

Frieda Warner..... All the Children at SSPC
All the Volunteers at SSPC

Johnny and Hannah Warren..... Michelle Warren Wallace
Heather Warren Johnson

Carolina, John Cannon, and Sarah Wessel..... Our Grandparents

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
Womens'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



This Week | April 9 - April 14

Sunday, April 9

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Easter Potluck Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 12:30 pm **Easter Egg Hunt** - Church Lawn

Monday, April 10

Office Closed

- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, April 11

- 9:30 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 2:00 pm **Youth Beach Day** - Goulds Inlet
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

Wednesday, April 12

- 1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Bell Ringers** - Bell Room

Thursday, April 13

No Events Scheduled for Today

Friday, April 14

No Events Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: If you purchased an Easter Hydrangea, please feel free to take one home with you after the 10:30 AM worship service.

Special Offering: Give to One Great Hour of Sharing, and join in God's call to share our bread with the hungry, to aid and shelter people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression. Please make checks to SSPC and mark them "One Great Hour".

Pastors Vacation: Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer will be away April 10-14.

To Ponder Prayerfully

All Is Well

“THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER DAY IS THAT ALL IS WELL. AND AS A CHRISTIAN, I SAY THIS NOT WITH THE EASY OPTIMISM OF ONE WHO HAS NEVER KNOWN A TIME WHEN ALL WAS NOT WELL BUT AS ONE WHO HAS FACED THE CROSS IN ALL ITS OBSCENITY AS WELL AS IN ALL ITS GLORY, WHO HAS KNOWN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WHAT IT IS LIKE TO LIVE SEPARATED FROM GOD. IN THE END, HIS WILL, NOT OURS, IS DONE. LOVE IS THE VICTOR. DEATH IS NOT THE END. THE END IS LIFE. HIS LIFE AND OUR LIVES THROUGH HIM, IN HIM. EXISTENCE HAS GREATER DEPTHS OF BEAUTY, MYSTERY, AND BENEDICTION THAN THE WILDEST VISIONARY HAS EVER DARED TO DREAM. CHRIST OUR LORD HAS RISEN.”

-FREDERICK BUECHNER

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