

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Holy Spirit Outpouring*  
Deb Brown Maher

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Beytte Russell

Pat Heran

Greer Anderson

Mobley Anderson

Anne Marie Stire walt

**Acolyte**

Mary Ellis Shiver

# 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

*O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*A Song for Mother's Day*  
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

E. S. Higgins

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Chris Bone

One: Our God gathers us here.

**ALL: We have been tested, we have suffered,  
but God has brought us through.**

One: Come, let us tell of what God has done for us.

**ALL: We cried aloud to God, and God listened  
and answered.**

One: Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

**ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 2**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

\* Please stand if able.

The church is not an  
institution but the gathered  
community of faith.

"Wherever two or more  
are gathered in my name,"  
Jesus said, "there am I in the  
midst of them."

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**O God, there are times we don't know what to say to ourselves, or to you. What is the truth of our lives we are too scared to see; too proud to share? Prod us gently, yet insistently, to look at ourselves with honesty. We are complex creatures; our lives confused and overrun; our spirits crippled; our responses to larger issues lame. Help us to clear the garbage away, to see clearly and hear plainly. Loosen the particular bond which fetters each of us, that we may straighten up-unwind-find movement possible once again toward you, toward ourselves, toward others.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

Every journey begins with a time of figuring out what to take along and what to leave behind. Similarly, the confession of sin is an opportunity to reflect on those things we're carrying around with us (anxiety, guilt, shame) that, with God's grace, we can safely leave behind.

## \*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)

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and bind us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the water of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

## BAPTISM

*James Melton Robinson*  
son of Meg and Matt Robinson

# 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

**Genesis 1:1-5**  
*pg 1 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*  
Chancel Choir

Stainer

## SECOND READING

**John 14:15-27**  
*pg 1676 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Prayer for Illumination turns our attention to God to ask that we hear God's word in order to better know God's will for our lives. This time also allows a moment for the congregation to "get settled" and ready to hear God's word in scripture and proclamation.

## SERMON

*"Catching the Wind"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*I Love the Lord*  
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

J. Southbridge

## \*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 366

HYFRYDOL

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

S. Wesley/A. L. Page

### Prayer List

**Congrats Graduates**

**Baptism**

James Melton Robinson

**Memorial Service**

Mary Avram

**Rehab**

Rich Armstrong

**Hospital**

Alison Schueneman

**Members**

Harlan Hambricht

Sandra Hathaway

Bud Longley

Nancy Matthews

Evan Nicholson

Arthur Owens

Lisa Sims

Jeannine Torbert

Deryl Warner

**Friends and Family**

Addie Hamm

Tom Mansfield

Wendy Stephens

Those who are grieving

Those who are homeless

**Long-term Care**

Mary Katherine Arens

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](https://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](https://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](https://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).

**venmo**





# Congratulations

*Class of 2023*

## High School Graduates

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**Ashton LeRoy**, Prospect Ridge Academy High School, will be attending Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Grandson of Chris and Pat Heran



**Fielder Armstrong Odegard** Lovett School, will be attending Texas Christian University  
Grandson of Richard and Martha Armstrong



**Whitmarsh Tennant**, Frederica Academy, will be enlisting in Army Infantry Airborne Ranger Selection  
Son of Tracey Tennant and Jonathan Tennant



**Mark Shirah**, Glynn Academy, will be attending Georgia Tech  
Son of Jay & Ramey Shirah



**Charlotte Truett**, Glynn Academy, will be attending Georgia College  
Daughter of Thad & Leigh Truett

## College Graduates

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**Matthew Aspinwall**, Butler University School of Education, will be pursuing a career in teaching  
Grandson of Anne and Mike Aspinwall



**Alastair Campbell**, United States Naval Academy, will be attending Naval flight school in Pensacola  
Son of Nicole Narciso Campbell



**Aiden Lokey**, Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia, will be pursuing travel and work in the outdoor industry  
Son of Kevin & Linda Lokey



**Tripp Goeldner**, Florida State, has earned a Bachelors of Science  
Son of Sandi Goeldner

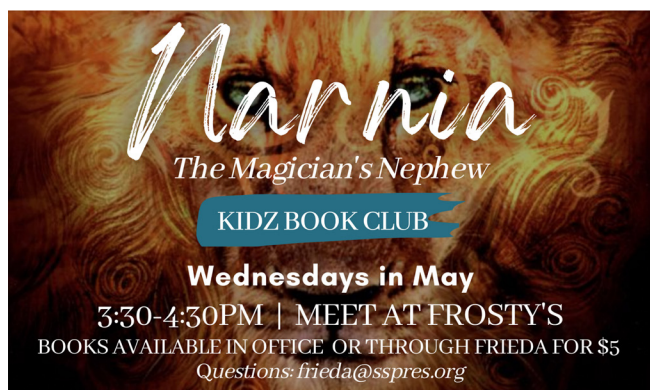


**Curry Hartman**, University of Georgia, will be pursuing a career with Morgan Stanley wealth management in Atlanta  
Son of Ben & Leslie Hartman



**Catie Johnson Stewart**, The Citadel, has earned a Masters in Education in Literacy Education  
Daughter of Michael & Julie Johnson





**Narnia**  
The Magician's Nephew  
KIDZ BOOK CLUB  
Wednesdays in May  
3:30-4:30PM | MEET AT FROSTY'S  
BOOKS AVAILABLE IN OFFICE OR THROUGH FRIEDA FOR \$5  
Questions: [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org)



• ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN, 2023 •  
**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
SUNDAY, MAY 28 Merge to ONE worship service at 10:00AM  
-Combined Sunday School at 9am  
SUNDAY, SEPT 10 Back to 8:30AM & 10:30AM worship times  
-Sunday School at 9:30AM



**VBS**  
STELLAR  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
JUNE 13-15  
VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/VBS](http://SSPRES.ORG/VBS)  
TO VOLUNTEER



TRY SOMETHING NEW  
**Dinner and a Show**  
JOIN SSPC FRIENDS FOR FOOD & DRINKS  
TOGETHER AT SILVER BLUFF, FOLLOWED BY  
PENGUIN PROJECT'S PRESENTATION OF DISNEY'S  
THE LION KING, JR. AT THE RITZ THEATRE  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR  
JUST DINNER, JUST THE SHOW, OR BOTH!  
JUNE 15TH | 5PM DINNER | 7PM SHOW  
MORE INFO AT [SSPRES.ORG/TSN](http://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](http://SSPRES.ORG/LAITY)

## This Week | May 14 - May 19

### Sunday, May 14

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

### Monday, May 15

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

### Tuesday, May 16

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

### Wednesday, May 17

- 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
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 18

**No Activities Scheduled for Today**

### Friday, May 19

**No Activities Scheduled for Today**

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given today in memory of Norma Keys by Leslie Carlton.

**Congregational Meeting:** Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 21, at the end of the 10:30 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to formally and prayerfully conclude our relationship with Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# The Miracle Takes Place

“IT IS A CRUCIAL THING TO COME TO A POINT OF DECISION, TO WEIGH COURSES OF ACTION, TO SENSE THE MEANING OF DIRECTIONS. IT IS IN SUCH A MOMENT THAT WE KNOW WHETHER WE ARE ON THE SIDE OF LIFE OR OF DEATH, AND THE CHOICE IS OURS TO MAKE. TO AFFIRM LIFE IS TO ACCEPT GROWTH, TO ACCEPT CHALLENGE, TO MOVE WITH ALL OF OUR FULL-ORBED INTENT IN RESPONSE TO THE DEEPEST THAT STIRS WITHIN. THEN THE MIRACLE TAKES PLACE; THE DEEPEST THING IN US SOMEHOW MAKES CONTACT WITH THE DEEPEST THING IN LIFE, AND WE KNOW THAT THE DECISION IS RIGHT-THAT THE DECISION IS ON THE SIDE OF LIFE AND NOT DEATH. OF COURSE, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT, IT MAY CAUSE MUCH HEADACHE AND DISTURBANCE OF A KIND, EVEN UPEHAVAL, BUT THE ISSUE IS NEVER IN DOUBT.”

-HOWARD THURMAN, "MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART"

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