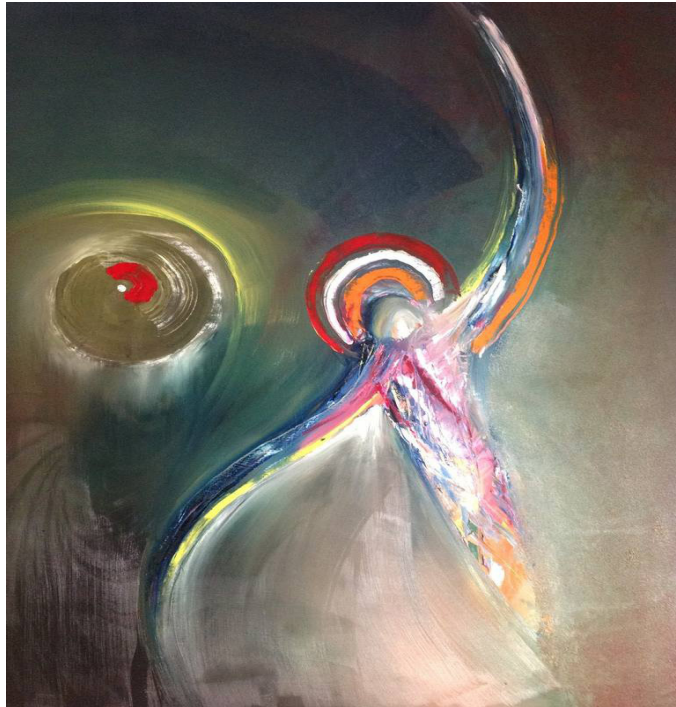


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ascension of Christ
Jos Luis Bentez

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jerry Hardiman
Angie Votsis
Kathy Wade
Bunnie Lynn
Anne Aspinwall

Acolyte

Grae Frazier

The tubular bells (chimes)
and crash cymbals used in
the morning worship were
given to the Glory of God by
David and Audrey Stewart to
the Music Ministry.

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

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord
Chancel Choir; Jess Hunter, Chimes

Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune
Amy Bishop, Organist

Carolyn Hamlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Chris Bone

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

**ALL: For the Lord, the Most High,
is awesome; a great king over all the earth.**

One: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**ALL: Sing Praises to God, sing praises;
For God is King over all the earth.
God sits on his holy throne.**

One: Let us come before God in praise and thanksgiving.

Psalm 47

*HYMN OF PRAISE 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Christ, who was and is and is to come, we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there. Forgive us for believing that you have left us. Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us. Forgive us for waiting idly for your return instead of doing the work you have called us to do. You are above us, around us, before us, and within us; help us to embody you in our time and place, today, tomorrow, and forevermore.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Integral to reunion was the preparation of a Brief Statement of Faith. While recognizing realities of diversity and disagreement in both the church and the world, members of the drafting committee sought to articulate Presbyterians' common identity.

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

Psalm 47
pg 885 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Worship the King

LYONS/arr. Hogan

Chancel Ensemble - Ed Jackson, Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpets;
Judy Foster, Clarinet; Mike Morgan, French Horn; John Simmons, Trombone;
Harlan Hambright, Timpani; Cymbals, Jess Hunter

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-11

pg 1691 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“From Top Down, to Bottom Up”

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

ALL: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

ALL: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

WELCOME NEW OFFICERS

As we offer our gifts, we
praise God for letting us
have use of all the resources
the Lord has provided and
the opportunity to serve on
God's behalf. The Doxology
is an ancient chorus of
praise with a vision to join
all the created beings of
all times and places who
forever sing praise to God.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

O Clap Your Hands

R. Vaughn-Williams

Chancel Choir, Chancel Ensemble

*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 265

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet in G
Amy Bishop, Organist

David German

Prayer List

Deaths

Mary Avram

Mike Clement

Albert Fendig Shelander, Sr.

Rehab

Rich Armstrong

Alison Schueneman

Members

Harlan Hambricht

Sandra Hathaway

Evan Nicholson

Brenda Pentecost

Lisa Sims

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Franklin Davis-Green

Addie Hamm

Wendy Stephens

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.



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.

Joe Wills at willsjoe@gmail.com

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.

(Will resume in the Fall)

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

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

(Will resume in the Fall)

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

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

(Will resume in the Fall)

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

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

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

(Will resume in the Fall)

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.

:: Sharing the Stories of Fred Craddock

Led by Rev. Steve, Nat, and Frieda - Upper Room

:: 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. *(Will resume in the Fall)*

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. *(Will resume in the Fall)*

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. *(Will resume in the Fall)*

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

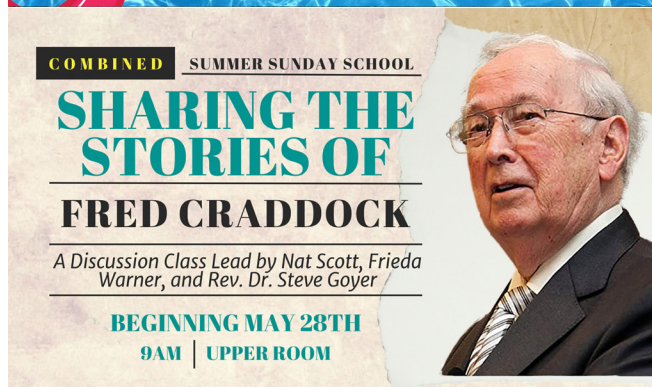
Pastoral Care

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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. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903



This Week | May 21 -May 26

Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am **New Officers Ordination and Installation** -Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Youth Pool Party** - Head's House

Monday, May 22

- 11:00 am **Mary Avram Service** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team**- John Law
- 3:30 pm **Narnia Book Club** - Frosty's
- 4:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 25

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Friday, May 26

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in honor of Laura and Caroline Cooper by John and Julie Cherry.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Albert Fendig Shelander, Sr. (BB Shelander's father), who passed away recently. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround and Albert's family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

Reminder: Remember to wear red or flame colors for Pentecost next Sunday, May 28th. We will also be recognizing our amazing acolytes on May 28th for their love and dedication to this church.

Officer Class of 2026

ELDER

SANDI GOELDNER

KEVIN LOKEY

LEE MALONE

BRYAN NEILL

DARYL RABERT

TATE SIMPSON

CARRIE WESSEL

TRUSTEE

BOB KILLIAN

DEACON

ANNE ASPINWALL

JUDY BENJAMIN

LYNDA BISCHER*

JACKIE GRIFFIN

MICHAEL JOHNSON*

DAVID KEEN

LOWELL KORB

GRAHAM OWENS*

KATIE ROSSITER

LINDA SEIERSTAD

**COMPLETING UNFINISHED TERMS*

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