

# Service for the Lord's Day

## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Pentecost Painting*  
Jen Norton

Day of Pentecost  
May 28, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Service

#### Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Pat Kent

Ella Kent

Mark Gordon

Lucinda Gordon

#### Acolyte

Arthur Owens

## 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.*

### GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

### THREE CHIMES

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

### PROCESSIONAL

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*  
Chancel Choir, Procession of Children and Youth

Taize`/Berthier

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Chris Bone

One: Come, Holy Spirit, inflame our hearts with the fire of  
Your love. Send forth Your spirit, and renew the face  
of the earth.

**ALL: Come to us, O Holy Spirit. Encourage and inspire  
us to live our lives in the glow of Your light.  
Help us carry our crosses with patience and grow  
daily in the love of the Lord. Grant us whatever is  
best for our salvation and the peace of the world.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started, making Pentecost the church's birthday.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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!"

## \*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 8

**Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

# 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.*

## ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

*Evie Buckley, Jack Shiver, Mary Ellis Shiver, Mary West Turner, Eliana Tsai,  
Ethan Tsai, Arthur Owens, Kerrigan Belitzskov, Mobley Ward, Liam Holland,  
Graham Holland, Grae Frazier, Maddie Kate George, Hunter Callaway, Liz Richardson,  
Katy Lane Richardson, Ford Stroberg, Eloise Whatley, Skylar Seymour, Sierra Seymour*

## FIRST READING

**Psalm 19:1-4**  
*pg 858 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Fill-a Me Up*  
Chancel Choir; Tom Haughney, Soloist

Choplin

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Acts 2:1-21**  
*pg 1692 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

*"The Spiritual and the Material"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*The Lord is My Shepherd*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Mary McDonald

## \*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.*

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.

## 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 326

SINE NOMINE

*For All the Saints*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. M. Hayes

### Prayer List

#### Deaths

Mike Clements

#### Members

Rich Armstrong

Judy Foster

Harlan Hambright

Bill Lueckel

Evan Nicholson

Alison Schueneman

Deryl Warner

#### Friends and Family

Franklin Davis-Green

Addie Hamm

Lisa Sims

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



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:00A 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**





# 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 9:00 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*

*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*

Womens'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**

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. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903*

Learning About  
**Cumberland**

**All are welcome** to join Stephanie Chewing from Onehundredmiles to learn more about our coastal neighbor island, Cumberland.

This is a great learning opportunity for everyone, especially those participating in our June 8th Cumberland trip with BRIDGE Missions!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4 | 9AM | YOUTH SUITE**

PRESENTED BY  
**BRIDGE MISSIONS & 100 MILES**

**CUMBERLAND ISLAND Summer 2023**

**A DAY TRIP FOR SSPC FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**JUNE 8TH | ALL ARE WELCOME**

FERRY WILL DEPART ST MARY'S AT 8AM AND RETURN AT 2:45PM. SIGNUP DEADLINE IS MAY 31. SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/CUMBERLAND](http://SSPRES.ORG/CUMBERLAND)

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)

**VBS**

**VOLUNTEER MEETING**

June 11 | 11AM | Social Hall

**VBS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!**  
SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/VBS](http://SSPRES.ORG/VBS)

## COSTUME JEWELRY DONATIONS

HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY SPARKLE!



Organized by  
SONSHINE FOR THE SOUL

For Residents at  
MAGNOLIA MANOR

TO BE DROPPED OFF IN SONSHINE FOR THE SOUL BOX INSIDE CHURCH OFFICE THROUGH THE END OF JUNE

## This Week | May 28 - June 2

### Sunday, May 28

9:00 am **Adult Sunday School** - Various Locations

10:00 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

### Monday, May 29

**Office Closed for Memorial Day**

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

### Tuesday, May 30

9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

### Wednesday, May 31

1:30 pm **Hands & Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic

3:30 pm **Narnia Book Club** - Frosty's

7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, June 1

**No Activities Scheduled for Today**

### Friday, June 2

**No Activities Scheduled for Today**

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers are in honor of Mrs. Marsha Risi. Who taught over 28 years in St Simons Pres Preschool. From all the children and families she has touched, who love and admire her deeply.

**Pastor Vacation:** Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer will be away on vacation Friday, June 2 through Monday, June 12.

## Elders

### Class of 2024

Lee Dillard  
Leslie Hartman  
Buddy Jones  
Mike Kellar  
John Matthews  
Meg Mimbs  
Jerry Spencer

### Class of 2025

Chris Bone  
Mary Bryson  
Mary Gash  
Jeff Roberts  
Philip Saussy  
Anne Marie Stirewalt  
Will Tsai

### Class of 2026

Sandi Goeldner  
Kevin Lokey  
Lee Malone  
Bryan Neill  
Daryl Rabert  
Tate Simpson  
Carrie Wessel

## Deacons

### Class of 2024

Lynda Bisher  
Nancy Fixx  
Tom Haughney  
Denise Hidalgo  
Michael Johnson  
Jan Rossiter  
Andrew Turner

### Class of 2025

Ami Bishop  
Kelsi Brooks  
Anna Henry  
Sandy Kilgore  
John LaBoone  
Graham Owens  
Joe Wills

### Class of 2026

Anne Aspinwall  
Judy Benjamin  
Jackie Griffin  
David Keen  
Lowell Korb  
Katie Rossiter  
Linda Seierstad

## Staff

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### Leslie McCracken

Clerk of Session

### Doug Marshall

Worship Tech Specialist

### Pat Heran

Chair of Deacons

### Bob Harper

Treasurer



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