

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rock Cairn at Canyon lands National Park
Neal Herbert

Communion Sunday
May 7, 2023 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Bain Head

Brady Head

Kate Head

Acolyte

Eliana Tsai

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.

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

Jesus, Lead Thou On
Amy Bishop, Organist

P. Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Chris Bone

One: The Lord is our refuge;

**ALL: Our rock and our fortress.
Let us exult and rejoice in God's
steadfast love.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

Each worship service at St. Simons Presbyterian is an opportunity for growth in our relationship with God and others. We value all people and after the service invite you to introduce yourself to those around you and get to know them.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour out upon us the abundance of your mercy and forgive us those things for which our conscience is afraid to address, our heart too broken to confess, and our spirit too timid to name. Then, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, bring us strength, courage, and a deep awareness of your love and reconciliation.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

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)

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.

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

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 those Pre-k and under are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel. Kindergarten and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary to participate in the Communion service.

FIRST READING

Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16

pg 867 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 14:1-14

pg 1675 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Way Before Us "

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

The Solid Rock
Chancel Choir

Kenyan Hymn (Scheer), Bradbury/
arr. Hambright

*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.*

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy
Amy Bishop, Organist

G. Young

Prayer List

Deaths

Wilma Knight

Members

Rich Armstrong

Laurie Bentley

Kathy Chapman

Harlan Hambright

Sandra Hathaway

Ladye Heisel

Catherine McCrary

Dale (Sylvia) Moffett

Evan Nicholson

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Mary Katherine Arens

Barbara Artinian

Daughter of Rev. Dr. Alan Baroody

Mary Fish

Addie Hamm

Tom Mansfield

Jeremy Parnell

Lisa Sims

Wendy Stephens

Catherine Turner

Those who are grieving

Those who are homeless

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

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.
(Will resume in the Fall)

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

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

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



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



GRADUATE SUNDAY

On May 14, we will be recognizing our graduates
both high school & college.

Please take a moment to give us some
information about this great accomplishment!

**PLEASE PROVIDE INFO ONLINE
AT [SSPRES.ORG/GRADUATE](https://sspres.org/graduate)**



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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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



JUNE 13-15
VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/VBS](https://sspres.org/vbs)
TO VOLUNTEER

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

This Week | May 7 - 12

Sunday, May 7

- 8:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, May 8

- 12:00 pm **Worship & Music Committee** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, May 9

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:00 am **MAP Packing** - 4700 Glynco Pkwy
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Alex Binkney's Home
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

Wednesday, May 10

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 11

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm **TSN- Meal with Friends** - 1509 Brunswick

Friday, May 12

No Activities Planned for Today

Chancel Flowers: Chancel Greenery is given to the glory
of God by the greenery committee.

To Ponder Prayerfully

What is the Truth

“**W**HEN JESUS SAYS THAT HE HAS COME TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH, PILATE ASKS, “WHAT IS TRUTH?” (JOHN 18: 38). CONTRARY TO THE TRADITIONAL VIEW THAT HIS QUESTION IS CYNICAL, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE ASKS IT WITH A LUMP IN HIS THROAT. INSTEAD OF TRUTH, PILATE HAS ONLY EXPEDIENCE. HIS DECISION TO THROW JESUS TO THE WOLVES IS EXPEDIENT. PILATE VIEWS HUMANKIND AS ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE WITH NOTHING BUT ITS OWN COURAGE AND INGENUITY TO SEE IT THROUGH. THAT IS ENOUGH TO CHOKE UP ANYBODY. PILATE ASKS “WHAT IS TRUTH?” AND FOR YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN POLITICIANS, SCIENTISTS, THEOLOGAINS, PHILOSOPHERS, POETS, AND SO ON TO TELL HIM. THE SOUND THEY MAKE IS LIKE THE SOUND OF CRICKETS CHIRPING. JESUS DOESN’T ANSWER PILATE’S QUESTION. HE JUST STANDS THERE. STANDS, AND STANDS THERE.”

- FREDERICK BUECHNER

“BEYOND WORDS: DAILY READINGS IN THE ABC’S OF FAITH”

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