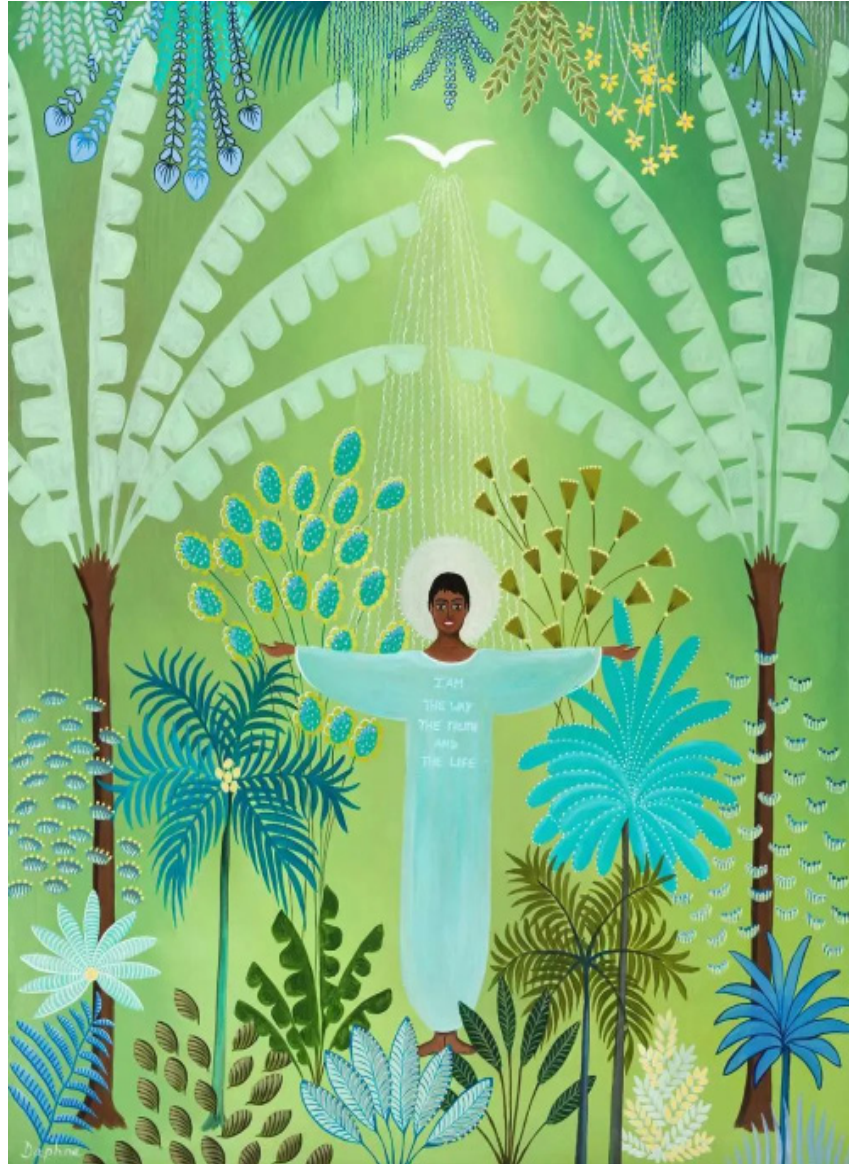


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



I am the Way, the Truth and the Life -2019, oil on canvas
Daphne Stephenson

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Nancy Paris

Carolyn Bliven

Anne Aspinwall

Peggy Dean

Elizabeth Shewell

Acolyte

Charleston Risi

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 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.

INTROIT

Praise the Lord
Chancel Choir

Douglas Wagner

GATHERING WORDS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nat Scott

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in C
Amy Bishop, Organist

David Lasky

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Catherine McCrary

One: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge.

All: You are our rock and our fortress.

One: Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

All: We trust in God; we trust also in Christ.

One: Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

All: We come to follow his way and to walk in his truth.

One: Let us worship God.

All: With grateful hearts, we worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

* Please stand if able.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Gracious and faithful God, You are our refuge and our stronghold, yet we confess that we often look elsewhere for security. You show us the Way in Jesus Christ, yet we wander into paths of self-protection, control, and fear. You call us to trust you when our hearts are troubled, but we cling instead to what we can see and measure and manage. Forgive us when we say we know the way but do not walk in it. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect the love and courage of Christ. Into your hands, O Lord, we commit our spirits. Lead us back to your path. Restore our trust. Renew our faith. Through Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news: The One who calls us into the Way is also the One who holds us in mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and led again toward life. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 582

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Dara Pickren - Davis

*All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON

“People of the Way”

Nat Scott

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*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.

Doxology, a Greek word meaning “saying of glory,” is a brief hymn of praise that follows another hymn or Psalm – in our case the offertory. Doxologies appear in many Christian traditions and have their origin in the Jewish kaddish, which concludes each portion of the synagogue worship service.

OFFERTORY

In Your Name
Chancel Choir

David Lantz III

*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.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in F
Amy Bishop, Organist

David Lasky



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, by completing a prayer request card and placing it in an offering plate, or by visiting sspres.org/prayer.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30AM 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-Th from 9A-4PM (205 Kings Way).

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Prayer List

Joys

Birth of Lily Katherine

Edenfield daughter

of Abigail & David

Edenfield

Confirmations of Youth:

Chase Busby, Hunter

Callaway, Graham Holland,

Liam Holland, Amelia

Macaulay, William Mansfield,

& Mary West Turner

Sorrows

Death of Leslie Carlton

Death of Rev. John Law

Death of Gerry Peck

Members

Tom & Susan Baltzell

Carissa Clark

Deanna Clark

Doug & Cheryl French

John & Nancy Matthews

Jerry Spencer

Audrey & David Stewart

John Thompson

Katie Williamson

Friends and Family

Jordan Bond

Tonia Pickren

Allyson Mayberry Jackson

Ben Wallace

Those affected

by drought & fire

Recent Global Conflict

Active deployed military

Anticipated deployment

Civilians & families affected

Worldwide places of unrest

Long-term Care

Rich Armstrong

Sue Chambless

Claudette French

Marcia Kester

Mary Lewis

Dwight Plyler

Betty Lou Schoneker

Alison Schueneman

Frances Teel

Revs. Jann Briscoe & Page Shelton

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.

Missions

Share God's love with service locally and globally. Missions include Angel Tree Christmas Gifts, Hunger Action Team, and summer mission trips.

*Madelynne Risi at madelynne@sspres.org
or 638-2220.*

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. (Pre K-2nd)

KidZ Crew *will resume in the fall*

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ Ensemble (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Before KidZ Fellowship

Meet in the Music Attic at 4PM.

Use the Veranda Door

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun.

Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

*Dara Pickren-Davis at dara@sspres.org or
638-2220*

Youth

Youth Ensemble *will resume in Sept.*

Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM

Meet in the Music Attic -

Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group *will resume in Sept.*

Sunday evenings at 6:00-8:00 PM

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

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

Transportation to school is available.

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.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM in various locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be served in the Britt Room.

:: Following the Call

Meets in the Upper Room

Nat Scott at Nat@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

Women's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Thursday.

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.

Circles meet for Bible Study each month. See

Something for Everyone for more group activities.

*Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com
or (912) 672-1916*

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 ext 8, or email pastoralcare@sspres.org. The first available pastor will notify you as soon as possible.



GRADUATE SUNDAY

On May 10, 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)




You're Invited
Grand Opening Celebration
The Village

Safe Harbor Center's Maternity Group Home
THURSDAY, MAY 7 | 1PM
 1716 Ellis Street
RSVP AT [SSPRES.ORG](https://sspres.org)




Try Something New

TAPAS and WINE

Hosted by Anna Henry
 May 16 at 4PM
Pairings with Sommelier Ruth Ryberg

Signup at sspres.org/events




FAREWELL

pastor LAURIE

Please join us for punch and petit fours as we celebrate Pastor Laurie on her last day as Parish Pastor at St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

MAY 17 | 11:30AM | SOCIAL HALL



If you would like to contribute toward a love offering for Laurie, please use the QR code or send a check to the church office, memo line: "Laurie Love Offering"

All are Welcome!



blue skies

LOCAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

JUNE 14-17 | ST. SIMONS ISLAND
 Volunteer to offer hope and rest to families facing pediatric cancer.

ALL AGES WELCOME!
sspres.org/events



This Week | May 3 -8

Sunday, May 3

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School Class** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **CE Meeting** - Youth Suite

Monday, May 4

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G St
- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, May 5

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law

Wednesday, May 6

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Bells** - Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **CM Volunteer Training** - Upper Room
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 7

- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Safe Harbor Village Opening** - 1716 Ellis St
- 4:00 pm **Building and Grounds** - John Law

Friday, May 8

Office Closed

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



DONATIONS

Supporting displaced families and emergency personnel responding to GA wildfires.

ITEMS NEEDED: NON PERISHABLE FOODS & SNACKS

Drop off in Church Office or Veranda

Elders

Class of 2026

Sandi Goeldner
Kevin Lokey
Lee Malone
Bryan Neill
Bob Prater
Daryl Rabert
Carrie Wessel

Class of 2027

Taylor Brooks
Fred Griffith
Becky Livingston
Molly Macaulay
Bettye Russell
Mary Margaret Shiver
Doug Tingle

Class of 2028

Keith Griffin
Richard Hathaway
Buddy Hendrick
Denise Hidalgo
Ella Kent
Catherine McCrary
Matt Robinson

Deacons

Class of 2026

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

Class of 2027

Pattie Boykin
Randy Ellis
Portia Hendrick
Drew Holland
Bunnie Lynn
Judy Scarlett
Kathy Wade

Class of 2028

Wheeler Bryan, Jr.
Peggy Dean
Sean Hidalgo
Tripper Mansfield
Elizabeth Shewell
Debbie States
Emelie Tingle

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