

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sarah Laughed
Yael Harris Resnick

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jerry Hardiman

Pat Heran

Kathy Wade

Lynda Bisher

Chris Bone

Acolyte

Hunter Callaway

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

Faith of Our Fathers

Hemy/arr. Walton

Men's Quartet - Mark Lochstampfor, Tom Haughney,
Richard Hathaway, Bud Longley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Cornet Voluntary
Amy Bishop, Organist

18th Century

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Jeff Roberts

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all his goodness to us?

**ALL: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the
name of the Lord.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 116:12-13

***HYMN OF PRAISE 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

The Call to Worship is
a reminder that, while
worship is something we
do, we do it as a response to
what God has already done.
God calls us to worship.
We respond to God's call
with praise, confession,
gratitude, and wonder.

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 is possible once again toward you, toward ourselves, toward others.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Assurance of Pardon proclaims God's faithfulness. Our lives are redeemed by the saving grace of God—the Gospel in miniature. God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

*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)

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Alexander Carlisle Meng
son of Kurt and Lauren Meng

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 116:1-2; 12-19
pg 955 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blessings
Chancel Choir

Story/arr. Sorenson

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep. We pray for healing, for prosperity. We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering. And all the while, You hear each spoken need, yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're hear? What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear, and we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near. We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love, as if every promise from Your Word is not enough. And all the while, You hear each desperate plea, and long that we'd have faith to believe.

Chorus

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win, we know the pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home!

Chorus

What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy? What if trials of this life. The rain, the storms, the hardest nights, are Your mercies in disguise?

SECOND READING

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
pg 24 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Laughter and Great Tears"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Tune for the Oboe
Amy Bishop, Organist

G. Martin

***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.*

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.

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 547

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet in C
Amy Bishop, Organist

D. Johnson

Prayer List

Baptism

Alexander Meng

Joys

Eliza Ours - Youth Director

Kate Head (FA Soccer Team

State Win)

Celebrating our acolytes

Our Graduates

Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

Judy Cauley's Retirement

VBS Volunteers

Members

Rich Armstrong

Nancy Fixx

Judy Foster

Harlan Hambright

Nancy Lanasa

Evan Nicholson

Alison Schueneman

Deryl Warner

Johnny Warren

Friends and Family

Franklin Davis-Green

Addie Hamm

Alan Hodge

Lisa Sims

Wendy Stephens

Mike Williams

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 10:00A 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 9:00 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 ginnycconnors1@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

VBS DONATIONS FOR sparrows nest

ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna & Salmon
- Vienna Sausage
- Canned Fruit
- Soups & Beef Stew
- Chili or Pork & Beans
- Crackers
- Spaghettios/Ravioli
- Rice
- Instant or Canned Potatoes
- Pasta or Egg Noodles
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Kid's Snacks (Granola Bars, Pudding & Fruit Cups, etc.
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal or Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Gravy (Jar or Packets)
- Toiletries
- Diapers (size 4-6)
- Wipes

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, THE LISTED ITEMS ARE BEING COLLECTED FOR SPARROW'S NEST. DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE M-F FROM 9-4 PM.



SUNSET TOUR

JUNE 22 | 6:30PM | MORNINGSTAR MARINA

Limited to 16 ppl

Info & Signup at sspres.org/tsn

THIS JULY AT SSPC CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

JULY 12 *Bingo Night & Taco Bar*

JULY 19 *Bingo Night & Pasta Bar*

JULY 26 *Movie Night & Pizza*
MOVIE: AMAZING GRACE

BE SURE TO SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/JULY](https://sspres.org/july)



RECONSTRUCTION IN GRIFFIN, GA MISSION TRIP

October 22-27 | Cost: \$200 per person
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPT 22

We will be doing reconstruction in Griffin, GA where a tornado hit earlier this year, leaving 2,000 homes and businesses destroyed.

All levels of construction skills are welcome!

REGISTER AT [SSPRES.ORG/MISSIONTRIP](https://sspres.org/missiontrip)



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

June 18 - June 23

Sunday, June 18

9:00 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room

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

Monday, June 19

12:00 pm **Worship and Music** - Upper Room

5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room

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

Tuesday, June 20

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Wednesday, June 21

10:00 am **Grief Support Group** - John Law

3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law

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

Thursday, June 22

6:30 pm **TSN Spirit of St Simons** - Morningstar Marina

Friday, June 23

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today as a special thank you to the leaders and volunteers of VBS from the Flower Ministry.

Chancel Flower Donations: There are a few spaces available in June, July, and August to donate Chancel flowers. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor or remember friends and family. Please visit the bulletin board outside of the social hall or email Donna Purdy at donna@sspres.org.

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

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