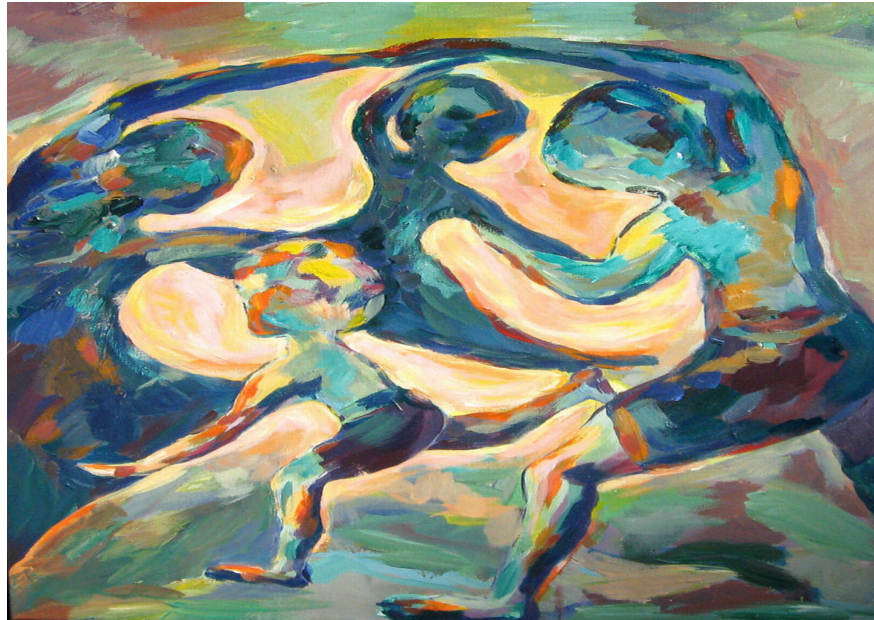


# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Family Dynamics*  
Naomi Gerrard

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 25, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Lee Dillard

Mark Gordon

Lucinda Gordon

Pat Kent

**Acolyte**

Liz Richardson

# 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*  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*Immortal, Invisible*  
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

arr. E. Broughton

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Jeff Roberts

One: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like Yours.

**ALL: All the nations you have made shall  
come and bow down before You, O Lord,  
and shall glorify Your name.  
For You are great and do wondrous things;  
You alone are God.**

One: Let us worship and glorify the name of God.

Psalms 86:8-10

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 267**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

\* Please stand if able.

The church is not an  
institution but the gathered  
community of faith.  
"Wherever two or more  
are gathered in my name,"  
Jesus said, "there am I in the  
midst of them."

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others before ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We give into jealousy, vindictiveness, envy, and scapegoating. In your mercy O God, send your healing to those we have hurt, and also to our own misguided souls that we may follow you still.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

Every journey begins with a time of figuring out what to take along and what to leave behind. Similarly, the confession of sin is an opportunity to reflect on those things we're carrying around with us (anxiety, guilt, shame) that, with God's grace, we can safely leave behind.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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

**We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of 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.*

## FIRST READING

**Psalm 86:8-13**  
*pg 924 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*  
Chancel Choir

Tallis

## SECOND READING

**Genesis 21:1-21**  
*pg 29 OT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Prayer for Illumination  
turns our attention to God to  
ask that we hear God's word  
in order to better know  
God's will for our lives. This  
time also allows a moment  
for the congregation to "get  
settled" and ready to hear  
God's word in scripture and  
proclamation.

## SERMON

*"Family Values"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

*Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love*  
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

arr. D. Hustad

## \*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 269

LANCASHIRE

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

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### Prayer List

#### Members

Rich Armstrong  
Nancy Fixx  
Judy Foster  
Harlan Hambricht  
Linda Jackson  
Nancy Lanasa  
Evan Nicholson  
Deryl Warner  
Johnny Warren

#### Friends and Family

Franklin Davis-Green  
Addie Hamm  
Alan Hodge  
Rhett Hollis  
Zachary Johnson  
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](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**

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. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903*



## Text Updates &amp; Reminders

**STAY** Connected

Ada Owens

For occasional  
**CHURCHWIDE**  
updates from Ada...**TEXT:** SSPRES  
**TO:** (855) 620-2270

Frieda Warner

For occasional  
**KIDZ CREW**  
updates from Frieda...**TEXT:** KIDZ  
**TO:** (855) 620-2270

Eliza Curs

For occasional  
**YOUTH**  
updates from Eliza...**TEXT:** YOUTH  
**TO:** (855) 620-2270

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

"AMAZING GRACE"

**WORSHIP  
& ART CAMP**

July 17-21 :: 9-1PM

Ages: Rising 1st - 6th Graders

SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](http://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)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, Wipes, Pudding & Fruit Cups, etc.)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal or Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Gravy (Jar or Packets)
- Toiletries
- Diapers (size 4-6)

**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.**

**BACKYARD  
MISSIONS** SERVING OUR  
LOCAL  
COMMUNITY

JULY 9-13 | RISING 6TH - 12TH GRADES

Campers will be staying  
overnight in the youth suiteINFO: [SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH](http://SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH)**COSTUME JEWELRY DONATIONS**

HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY SPARKLE!

Organized by  
SONSHINE FOR THE SOULFor Residents at  
MAGNOLIA MANORTO BE DROPPED OFF IN SONSHINE FOR THE SOUL BOX  
INSIDE CHURCH OFFICE THROUGH THE END OF JUNE

## This Week

June 25 - June 30

**Sunday, June 25**9:00 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room10:00 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary**Monday, June 26**6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law**Tuesday, June 27**9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room**Wednesday, June 28**1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law**Thursday, June 29****No Activities Scheduled for Today****Friday, June 30****No Activities Scheduled for Today**

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given today in honor of the marriage of Frances and Dennie McCrary from Parker, Jennifer, and Catherine McCrary.

**Pastor Continuing Education and Vacation:** Pastor Laurie will be away from the office from June 26 through July 9. During that time, please report pastoral concerns to Rev. Steve Goyer - 904-718-7777 or [steve@sspres.org](mailto:steve@sspres.org).

When she returns in July, her schedule will change slightly. She will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. She will be available for pastoral emergencies, as needed. At other times, she will defer to Steve as the primary contact.

**Chancel Flower Donations:** There are a few spaces available in 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](mailto: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

## Staff

### Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

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### Rev. Laurie Bentley

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### Pat Heran

Chair of Deacons

### Ada Owens

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### Judy Cauley

Preschool Director  
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### Bob Harper

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