

# Service for the Lord's Day

## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Sower*  
Vincent van Gogh

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 16, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Bettye Russell

Carolyn Bliven

Joe Wills

Jeff Roberts

**Acolyte**

Mobley Ward

# 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

*Lord, Here Am I*  
Marcia Dobbin, Soprano

Althouse

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*Sing a New Song*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

M. McDonald

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Buddy Jones

One: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

**ALL: And those who have no money, come buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Isaiah 55:1

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 15**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Laurie Bentley

The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. -PCUSA Book of Common Worship

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know. We didn’t mean to. We didn’t expect that to happen.” But we have not tended the soul of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, Help us to tend our soul. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

“In the act of confession the believers step into the freedom of God in which they, too, may be free.”  
-Karl Barth

## \*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)

Romans 8:35;37-39

**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## 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

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

*pg 1148 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Marcia Dobbin, Soprano

Fettke

SECOND READING

**Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23**

*pg 1516 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*“The Indiscriminate Casting of Grace”*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Wagner

\*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.

## 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 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God Be the Glory*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Praise Him*

M. McDonald

Amy Bishop, Organist

### Prayer List

#### Birth

Franklin Lewis Rogers  
Elora Wyinn

#### Deaths

Kathy Chapman  
Pat Ragsdale

#### Members

Rich Armstrong  
Judy Benjamin  
Mary Bishop  
Nancy Fixx  
Judy Foster  
Harlan Hambright  
Saundra Hathaway  
Linda Jackson  
Nancy Lanasa  
Dale Moffett  
Evan Nicholson  
Deryl Warner  
Johnny Warren

#### Friends and Family

Franklin Davis-Green  
Helen Garrity  
Addie Hamm  
Donald McCullough  
Rhett Rhame  
Lisa Sims  
Wendy Stephens

#### Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens  
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](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).

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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 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*

# BINGO

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND!

JULY 19 | 6PM | SOCIAL HALL  
DINNER: PASTA BAR

>> PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP BY JULY 17

**SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/JULY](https://sspres.org/july)**



# MOVIE NIGHT

**ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND!**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26  
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / PIZZA

MOVIE: AMAZING GRACE

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



# BRIDGE MISSIONS

*Coastal Excursions*

- UGA MARINE EXTENSION JULY 18TH  
• WATER QUALITY 2PM | \$10PP
- BEACH NATURALIST WALK JULY 18TH  
• WITH 100MILES 4PM | \$10PP

**INFO: [SSPRES.ORG/ADVENTURE](https://sspres.org/adventure)**





**COMBINED SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

# SHARING THE STORIES OF FRED CRADDOCK

A Discussion Class Lead by Nat Scott, Frieda Warner, and Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

**BEGINNING MAY 28TH  
9AM | UPPER ROOM**

**SIGNUP FOR SS EMAILS AT [SSPRES.ORG/SUNDAYSCHOOL](https://sspres.org/sundayschool)**

## This Week | July 16 - July 21

### Sunday, July 16

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

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

### Monday, July 17

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

### Tuesday, July 18

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

4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

4:00 pm **Nominating Committee** - John Law

### Wednesday, July 19

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

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

6:00 pm **Family Fun Bingo Night** - Social Hall

### Thursday, July 20

**No Activities Scheduled for Today**

### Friday, July 21

**No Activities Scheduled for Today**

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers today are given by Ann Nermoe in honor of special July family birthdays: Joe Ford; her brother; Reagan Culbertson, her granddaughter; and Allison Culbertson, her daughter.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Kathy Chapman who passed away on Tuesday, July 4 and Pat Ragsdale who passed away on Wednesday, July 12. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Kathy and Pat's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

**Christian Celebration:** We share in celebration with Tanner and Holley Rogers and big sister Susan on the birth of their son, Franklin Lewis Rogers, who was born on July 6, 2023 and Nolan and Leah Wyinn (Ada Owens's brother) on the birth of their daughter, Elora Elizabeth Joy Wyinn, who was born on July 13, 2023. Welcome to the world Franklin and Elora!

**Who Dealt Bridge Club:** Who Dealt meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm and is looking for a few new members! If you enjoy bridge and fellowship contact Sally Baldwin at 904-910-2136.

### Text Updates & Reminders

# STAY Connected



Ada Owens

For occasional  
**CHURCHWIDE**  
updates from Ada...

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Frieda Warner

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Eliza Ours

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**YOUTH**  
updates from Eliza...

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## 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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### Bob Harper

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