

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Abraham's Sacrifice
Rabbi Brant Rosen

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2023 | 10:00 am Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

David Keen

Anna K Mansfield

Gail Dingerson

Nicole Campbell

Acolyte

Mary West Turner

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 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
Chancel Choir

NATIONAL HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising
Amy Bishop, Organist

THAXTED/arr. D. Lasky

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Mary Bryson

One: We will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

**ALL: With our mouths we will make God's faithfulness
known through all generations.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 89:1-4

***HYMN OF PRAISE 338**

O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

* Please stand if able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Forgive us, O Lord, that our ears, which so easily hear correction and argument are deaf to your Word of acceptance and embrace; That our eyes, which wander and covet, are blind to the beauty and bounty of your creation; that our tongues, which lash out and sting are silent when it comes to apology and forgiveness; that our feet, which have stood for self are slow to walk for others; and that our hands, which reach out and take or reach up and harm are passive when they might reach out to help, to love, and to praise. Restore us in body and soul by your grace-filled Word of forgiveness that we may be set free to live lives in the way of Christ.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*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)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. -PC(USA) Directory for Worship

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.

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14

pg 31 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Fear Invoking Freedom of God"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Once to Every Man and Nation
Chancel Choir

David Stanley York

*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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 337

AMERICA

My Country 'Tis of Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky

Prayer List

Members

Rich Armstrong
Nancy Fixx
Judy Foster
Harlan Hambright
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.



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 ginnyconnors1@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

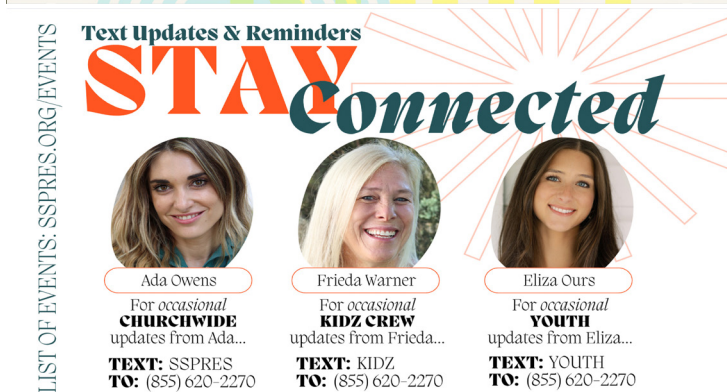
Pastoral Care

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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



This Week | July 2 - 7

Sunday, July 2

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

10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, July 3

Office Closed

9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street

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

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

Office Closed

Thursday, June 6

Office Closed

Friday, June 7

Office Closed

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

Office Closed: The office will be closed July 3 -7 for an administrative holiday and the replacement of office carpeting.

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. 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.

Announcement: We celebrate the tenure of Judy Cauley, who served 28 wonderful years as Director of SSPC Preschool. We are currently undertaking the search for her replacement. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please submit a resume by July 14 to frieda@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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