

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Hidden Treasure
Mary Sparrow

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Service

Ushers

Ella Kent

Pat Kent

Mike Kellar

Nardis Kellar

Acolyte

Graham Holland

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

Heart of Worship Medley

arr. Dennis Allen

Ladies' Ensemble - Laurie Bentley, Kathy Lindsay, Ann Nermoe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Siciliana

D. Wagner

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Albert McCaffrey

One: We have come seeking the Kingdom of Heaven.

ALL: Where the smallest seeds become largest trees.

One: We have come seeking the Kingdom of Heaven.

ALL: As precious as pearls or great treasure.

One: Let us worship the Lord whose Kingdom is among us even now.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 835

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

CLOSER WALK

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

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.

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God who gives us more than we know how to receive and who loves us more deeply than we can understand, forgive us for always seeking more of that which does not come close to what we already have: More power; More acclaim; More certainty; More wealth; More of You. We pray instead for the keys to the kingdom, that when opened, provides all the joy, hope, and love we can imagine.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

Presbyterian pastor and author Frederick Buechner has famously said, "To confess sins to God is not to tell God anything that God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us and God. When we confess our sins, they become the bridge."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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)

A Brief Statement of Faith

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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 1:1-6

pg 843 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior
Ladies' Ensemble

Fettke

SECOND READING

Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

pg 1518 NT

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 .

SERMON

"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like..."

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

All Creatures of Our God and King
Ladies' Ensemble

arr. Dennis Allen

*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 310

ST. THOMAS

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gavotte
Amy Bishop, Organist

R. Haan

Prayer List

Members

Rich Armstrong
Lillian Clarke
Harlan Hambright
Saundra Hathaway
Jean Hurst
Nancy Lanasa
Charlotte Lueckel
Bill Lueckel
Dale Moffett
Evan Nicholson
Kashey Odum
Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Rhett Rhame
Lisa Sims

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.



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.
(resumes August 23)

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun.
Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.
(Resumes August 27)
Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00PM.
Meet on the Veranda.
(Resumes August 20)

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 September)

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 September)

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 September)

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

Sunday, August 20th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church,
we would love to recognize you in worship
on Sunday, August 20th!

VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://sspres.org/membership) TO LET US
KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR CALL THE
OFFICE AT 912-638-2220



DISCOVER

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A DISCUSSION CLASS ON THE HISTORY OF
ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN.

LED BY REV. DR. STEVE GOYER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST
5PM | UPPER ROOM

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/DISCOVER](https://sspres.org/discover)

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GROUND'S TOUR

Lead by the Membership Ministry Team

AUGUST 8 | 5PM | MEET IN SANCTUARY
All Are Welcome!

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BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

IOAM WORSHIP • AUGUST 20

Bring your backpack to worship.
All are welcome to participate!

YOUTH & FRIENDS

END OF SUMMER Beach PARTY

Aug 6th 6-8pm

DINNER & GAMES AT HOME OF
RON & ALEX BINKNEY

630 BEACHVIEW DR
ST SIMONS ISLAND

RSVP AT [SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH](https://sspres.org/youth)

This Week | July 30 -August 4

Sunday, July 30

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

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

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

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

5:00 pm **New Member Class** - Upper Room

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 am **Grief Support Group**- Parlor

Thursday, August 3

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Friday, August 4

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in memory
of the life and dedication of Betty Patten Swindle by Buck
Swindle and family.

Officer Nominations: Nominations of Deacons and Elders for
the Class of 2027 will be accepted through October 1. Submit
nominations to sspres.org/nominations

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

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Bob Harper

Treasurer



Savannah Presbytery



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