

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



My Burden is Light
Eva Crawford

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Service

Ushers

Anna Henry

Doug Tingle

Bonnie Rabert

Daryl Rabert

Acolyte

Kerrigan Belitzskov

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

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place
Rhonda Hambright, Soprano

Wolfe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Declare His Glory
Amy Bishop, Organist

Mary McDonald

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Buddy Jones

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**ALL: The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 145:8-9

In our life of worship,
music can be a powerful
presentation and
interpretation of the
scripture, a response to the
gospel, or a
prayer offered.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*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

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. Hearing their cry God delivers the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal son home, God is faithful still.

In the life of the Christian community God calls people to particular acts of discipleship, to use their personal gifts for service in the church and in the world. The act of commissioning gives the church the opportunity to affirm those called to service, as well as pledge the support, prayers, and encouragement of the community of faith.

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

SSPC Youth Backyard Missions

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

Genesis 25:7-11

pg 37 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

You Raise Me Up
Rhonda Hambright, Soprano

Graham

SECOND READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

pg 1513 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Family Reconciliation..."

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

This is My Father's World
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Payne

*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.*

The preached Word or sermon is to be based upon the written Word. It is a proclamation of Scripture in the conviction that through the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ is present to the gathered people offering grace and calling for obedience.
-PCUSA Directory for Worship

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 366

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Life Flows On in Endless Song
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

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 NIGHTS

ALL ARE WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / TACO BAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / PASTA BAR



SIGNUP 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)

LIST OF EVENTS: [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)

Text Updates & 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 Ours

For occasional
YOUTH
updates from Eliza...

TEXT: YOUTH
TO: (855) 620-2270

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)



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)



This Week | July 9 - July 14

Sunday, July 9

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

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

Monday, July 10

4:00 pm **TSN Meeting** - Zoom

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

Tuesday, July 11

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

Wednesday, July 12

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

1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law

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

Thursday, July 13

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Friday, July 14

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today in Loving Memory of Martha Brumley Ellis from the the children of Martha Ellis.

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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Savannah Presbytery



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