

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Bluegrass
Michael Pitocchi

Bluegrass Sunday
August 20, 2023 | 10:00 am Service

Ushers

Bettye Rusell

Tracy Saussy

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Lily Roberts

Jeff Roberts

Acolyte

Mary West Turner

Welcome to Bluegrass
Sunday! This annual
tradition of St. Simons
Presbyterian Church is
always a toe-tapping
good time. We give thanks
to God for our gifted
bluegrass musicians as
well as our director of
music, Rhonda Hambright,
who works to organize and
lead our music in worship
each Sunday.

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

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Traditional

Bluegrass Band - Fiddles, Crystal Murphy, Jan Rossiter; Mandolin - Roland Hendry;
Guitars - Ann Nermoe, Bud Longley, Joan Holcomb, Drew Holland; Banjo - Rick
Ray; Dobro - Bud Longley; Bass - Brad Holcomb; Piano - Rhonda Hambright;
Vocals - Doreen Hendry, Rick Ray

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Standin' on a Mountain
Bluegrass Band

Rick Ray

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jerry Spencer

One: May the peoples praise you, God;

ALL: May the peoples praise you.

One: May the nations be glad and sing for joy.

**ALL: For you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.**

One: Let us worship the Lord!

Psalms 67:3-4

* Please stand if able.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good - on the love, the compassion, the care - and ignore the bad - the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Mark & Ann Lochstampfor
Gwen Siler
Mary Katherine & John Harlan
Anne Cogburn
Sutton Biletzskov
Patton Kizzire*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

“Keep on the Sunny Side”

By A.P. Carter

**There's a dark and troubled side of life.
There's a bright and sunny side too.
Though we meet with the darkness and strife.
The sunny side we also may view.
Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side.
Keep on the sunny side of life.
It will help us every day.
It will brighten all our way.
If we keep on the sunny side of life.**

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

WORD FOR CHILDREN

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RETIREMENT AND GRATITUDE RECOGNITION

Judy Cauley Director of SSPC Preschool for 28 years!

COMMISSIONING NEW SSPC PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Ashley Biletzskov

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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.

Prayer List Members

John Foster

Lynn Goldblatt

Harlan Hambright

Charlotte Lueckel

Bill Lueckel

Dale Moffett

Evan Nicholson

Kashey Odum

Betty Lou Schoneker

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Steve Cogburn

Rhett Rhame

Lisa Sims

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 67

pg 902 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Angel Band
Bluegrass Band

W.B. Bradbury, Rev. J. Hascall

SECOND READING

Genesis 39-41 s.v.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

From Dreams to Reality
Part II in Sermon Series: *The Providence of God*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Little Mountain Church House
Bluegrass Band

Jackson, Rushing

*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.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

Chorus

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away,
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

Chorus

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** Gimme That Old Time Religion*
Bluegrass Band

Traditional/Jimmie Davis

* Congregation is invited to come up and sing with us.

"God calls the church to
join the mission of Christ
in service to the world. As
the church engages in that
mission it bears witness
to God's reign over all life"
-Presbyterian Book of
Common Worship



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.

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 September 6)

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 September 7)

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)

*Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com
or (912) 672-1916*

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*

KICKOFF
Aug 23

KIDZ
CREW

WEDNESDAYS | 4-6 PM
MEET ON VERANDA

4PM

REGISTER AT [SSPRES.ORG/CHILDREN](https://sspres.org/children)



Charleston Experience
TRY SOMETHING NEW

OVERNIGHT EVENT | OCT 30 - NOV 1

Highlights include visiting the Charleston Tea Plantation, a tour of First Scotts Presbyterian, Middleton Place House and Gardens Tour, and much more!

Registration deadline is Aug 30

DETAILS & SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/TSN](https://sspres.org/tsn)



try something new
A Day of Events in Jacksonville

Aug 24 | Depart in Church Van at 8AM
this event is limited to 15 ppl

- Jacksonville MOCA Guided Tour
- Lunch at Bread and Board
- King Tut Immersive Experience



INFO & SIGNUP
[SSPRES.ORG/TSN](https://sspres.org/tsn)



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 7-8PM
AUGUST 22 thru OCTOBER 3
Gather in the Youth Suite

INFO & SIGNUP AT
[SSPRES.ORG/BIBLESTUDY](https://sspres.org/biblestudy)





OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Deacons & Elders
CLASS OF 2027

Nominations Close on October 1st

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION AT
[SSPRES.ORG/NOMINATIONS](https://sspres.org/nominations)



This Week | August 20 - 25

Sunday, August 20

- 9:00 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 9:00 am **Prospective Member Meeting** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, August 21

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

- 1:30 pm **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 24

- 8:00 am **A Day in Jacksonville w/ TSN** - Jacksonville

Friday, August 25

No Activities Scheduled for Today

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel Flowers in today's service were lovingly given by Mobley and Greer Anderson in honor of Frieda Warner and all of the KidZ crew volunteers. Best of luck on a new school year!

Source: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from Call to Worship.

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

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Jackie Griffin
David Keen
Lowell Korb
Katie Rossiter
Linda Seierstad

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Savannah Presbytery



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