

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Joseph Enjoying a Feast with his Brothers
Yoram Raanan

Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023 | 10:00 am Worship Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Lee Malone

Lucinda Gordon

Mark Gordon

Acolyte

Mary Ellis Shiver

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

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord
Chancel Choir

Hal Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Amy Bishop, Organist

John Travers, 1703-1758

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jerry Spencer

One: For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,

**ALL: Plans for our welfare and not for harm,
to give us a future with hope.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11

*HYMN OF PRAISE 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

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."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts; Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; Eternal Power, be our support; Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)

O God, in a Mysterious Way
By William Cowper, 1773

O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform. You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride upon the storm. Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill, you treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will. Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain. You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women
Leslie Carlton

Prayer List**Weddings**

Hayes Franklin & Drake Harris

Joys

Dick Egeland's 100th Birthday

(8/20)

Judy Cauley's 28

years of service

New Preschool Director,

Ashley Biletzkov

New school year for

our children and youth

A joyous Bluegrass Sunday

Providing meals

for the homeless at

the Salvation Army

Newly installed carpet

in our church building

Deaths

Nancy Lanasa

Members

Families ill with COVID,

including the Buckleys,

Macaulays, Owens, Dee

Davis, and Bud Longley

John Foster

Lynn Goldblatt

Harlan Hambricht

Charlotte Lueckel

Bill Lueckel

Kelly Johnson

Dale Moffett

Ann Nermoe

Kashey Odum

Betty Lou Schoneker

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Steve Cogburn

Rhett Hollis

Charlie Joyner

Lisa Sims

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

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 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

Jeremiah 29:11-14

pg 1221 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
Chancel Choir

Stopford

SECOND READING

Genesis 42-50 s.v.

pg 69 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

But Now I See
Amy Bishop, Organist

B. Greene/arr: Lochstampfor

*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 37

ASH GROVE

Let All Things Now Living

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Deo gracias"
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Wagner

"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.

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun.

Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

(Resumes September 10)

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

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 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 12)

*Ginny Connors at ginnycconnors1@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*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL & PRE-K
• Bible Stories thru the ABCs

KINDERGARTEN THRU 5TH
• The Gospel Project

YOUTH
• A Discussion Class with breakfast!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

9:30AM | BEGINNING SEPT 10TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

September 10 - November 26



"20S/30S/40S" WOMEN
•Video & Book•
Parlor



DISCUSSION CLASS
•Book Study•
Upper Rm



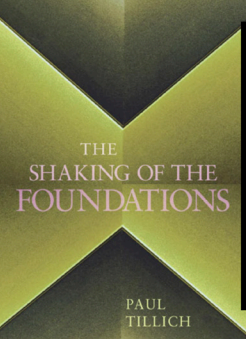
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•Video & Book•
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Tuck Everlasting

What if You Could Live Forever?

KIDZ BOOK CLUB

Fridays, Beginning Sept 1
3:30-4:30PM | MEET AT FROSTY'S
BOOKS AVAILABLE IN OFFICE OR THROUGH FRIEDA FOR \$5
SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/CHILDREN



PAUL TILLICH

OTHER DENIZENS OF THE DEEP

BOOK STUDY

- Thursdays | 5:30PM
- September 7 - November 9
- John Law Room

CONTACT BRENDA HAUGHNEY
WITH QUESTIONS: 704.641.2621

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

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

This Week | August 27- Sept 1

Sunday, August 27

- 9:00 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Britt Room

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

Office Closed from 9:30 to 1:30 for Staff Retreat

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** -SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 10:00 am **Staff Retreat** - Off Campus
- 7:00 pm **Women's Bible Study** - Youth Suite

Wednesday, August 30

- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **KIDZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 31

- 5:30 pm **Chancel Bell Ringers** - Bell Room

Friday, September 1

- 3:30 pm **KIDZ Book Club** - Frosty's

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Emily Helton from her daughter Rhonda Hambright.

Happy Birthday: A very special Happy Birthday to Dick Egeland who turn 100 on August 20th.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Nancy Lanasa who passed away on Tuesday, August 22. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Nancy's family and friends near and far who mourn her passing.

Special Request: A teak bench that was gifted to the church several year ago is in need of repairs. If you or someone you know has any expertise in refinishing teak wood, please contact our Interim Facilities Manager, David Keen, at 678-910-3062.

Thank You Note: Thank you to everyone who donated dressers to Hand in Hand. All 60 tiny homes now have dressers! We still need other items (bedside tables and comfortable chairs) so please keep us in mind if you are redecorating or reorganizing your rooms. Brenda Haughney (704-641-2621) or Carol Snyder (912-399-4681) will be glad to pick up any items. Specific needs can be found on the Hand in Hand Amazon wish list or here: Bedside tables- 5 more needed, Comfortable chairs- 27 more needed, Mini- Blinds- 60 large (34wide x 64long), and 29 small (23wide x 36 long).

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

Treasurer



Savannah Presbytery



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