

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

**Ushers**

Mary Helen Jetton  
Pattie Boykin  
Tracy Saussy  
Anna K Mansfield

**Acolyte**

Eliana Tsai

# 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

*This is the Day*  
Chancel Choir

Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

*Allegretto*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Clerambault

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Philip Saussy

One: Praise the Lord, my soul;

**ALL: all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

One: Let us worship and praise the Lord!

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 403**

UNSER HERRSCHER

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**God our Judge, we admit we have double standards.  
We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others.  
We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others.  
We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to  
others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing  
others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown  
to us.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his  
love for those who fear him.

**ALL: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he  
removed our transgressions from us.**

*Psalm 103:11-12*

## \*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)

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the  
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in  
the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

#### PRAYER LIST

##### Joys

Upcoming Day of

Service Sept. 23

Celebration of our 77th

Anniversary on Sept. 24

##### Deaths

Becky Plotner's mother

Verna Carlisle

##### Members

Lynn Goldblatt

Mary Grove

Harlan Hambricht

Pat Kent

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Charlotte Lueckel

Bill Lueckel

Ann Nermoe

Kashey Odum

Dorothy Russell

Betty Lou Schoneker

Nora Sue Spencer

Deryl Warner

##### Friends and Family

Steve Cogburn

Kellie Kelly

Rhett Rhame

Parker Silva

Scott Smith

##### 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

**Psalm 103:1-12**

*pg 939 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Give Me Grace to Follow Jesus*

Glenn A. Pickett

Chancel Choir, Kate Buckley, Flute

### SECOND READING

**Matthew 18:21-35**

*pg 1527 NT*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

*"A Different Way to Keep Score"*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

*Second in a series: Why Religion and The Church?*

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*Elegy*

Haan

Amy Bishop, Organist

\*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 435

IN BABILONE

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\*BENEDICTION

As our time of worship  
comes to an end, our time of  
service begins.

POSTLUDE

*Festival Trumpet*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Thewes



**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](https://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](https://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](https://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).

**venmo**



# 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 rshssi24@gmail.com*

### 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 Ensemble (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on Sundays:* Before KidZ Fellowship

Meet in the Music Attic at 4PM.

Use the Veranda Door

### 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 Ensemble

*Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.*

Meet on the Music Attic - Use the Veranda Door.

### 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.

## 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 9:30 AM in Various Locations* Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be in the Britt Room.

### :: Get Out of Your Head by Jennie Allen

*"20/30/40s" Women - Parlor*

### :: Words of Life by Adam Hamilton

*"20/30/40s" Men - Ashantilly Room*

### :: Surprised by Scripture by N.T. Wright

*Discussion Class - Book Study - Upper Room*

### :: Prayer in the Night by Tish Harrison Warren

*Rejoice Class - Book Study - John Law*

*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.

*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.

*Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.*

### Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.

Circles meet for Bible Study each month. See

*Something for Everyone* for more group activities.

*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*



# day of SERVICE

SEPT 23, 2023 | 8:30AM-1PM

**Worksites:** Habitat for Humanity Build, Veterans Village Tiny Homes, International Seafarers Center, Congregational Care Check-ins, and Church Campus

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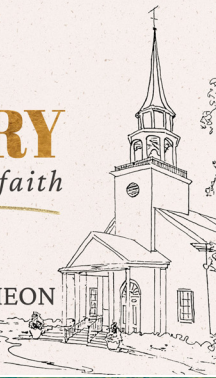
## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

77 years as a community of faith

SEPT 23 DAY OF SERVICE

SEPT 24 ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Bring your favorite dish & join us for a Potluck Luncheon, following late Worship!



Try Something New

**MATTED OX  
AXE THROWING**  
WITH SUPPER DELIVERED FROM  
**SCHROEDER'S MARKET**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 @ 6PM**

\$30 PP Plus Dinner  
1510 Bay St, Brunswick

**LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE**  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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



20s/30s/40s

## TGIF DINNER

*gathering*

SEPTEMBER 29 | 6:30PM

The Holland's Home • 423 Colley Ln

DINNER PROVIDED & BYOB | \$10/PP REGISTRATION

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/20S30S40S](https://sspres.org/20s30s40s)



SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S

## School of the Laity

OCTOBER 7-8 AT EPWORTH OR ONLINE

Old Testament Survey  
History, Mission, & Polity  
Survey of World Religions

INFO & REGISTRATION  
AT [SSPRES.ORG/LAITY](https://sspres.org/laity)



## This Week

September 17 -23

### Sunday, September 17

8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary  
9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations  
10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary  
5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic  
6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

### Monday, September 18

4:00 pm **Nominating Committee** - John Law  
5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room  
6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, September 19

7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** - SSI Chick-Fil-A  
9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law  
4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room  
7:00 pm **Women's Bible Study** - Youth Suite

### Wednesday, September 20

10:00 am **Grief Support Group** -Parlor  
10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** -Upper Room  
11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office  
1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - MusicAttic  
3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law  
3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary  
4:00 pm **KIDZ Crew** - Veranda  
6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** -Social Hall  
6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** -Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 21

10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room  
4:00 pm **Building and Grounds Committee** - John Law  
5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - John Law  
5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room  
6:00 pm **TSN Matted Ox Throwing** -Off Campus

### Friday, September 22

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

### Saturday, September 23

8:00 am **Day of Service** - Various Locations

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father David Miller Deakin by Lillian Clarke.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



## PICKLE BALL

At Hampton River Villas

FRIDAYS | 12:30 PM

Contact Brenda Haughney  
for info: 704.641.2621

## 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

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Savannah Presbytery



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