

# Service for the Lord's Day

## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventy Seventh Anniversary Sunday  
September 24, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

## Ushers

Jerry Hardiman  
Lynda Bisher  
Anne Aspinwall  
Pat Heran  
Pattie Boykin

## Acolyte

Mobely Ward

Today, St. Simons  
Presbyterian is celebrating  
77-years of ministry in our  
community and beyond.  
We give thanks to God  
for the vision and faith of  
all the saints who have  
faithfully led our church to  
this point in its history, and  
we look ahead with eager  
anticipation for all God  
will do in and through the  
church for its future years.  
After the worship service, all  
are invited to join us in the  
Social Hall for a luncheon  
and time of fellowship.

# 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

*To God Be the Glory*  
Chancel Choir

Doane, arr. Hambright

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

## THREE CHIMES

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

## PRELUDE

*Reach Out to Jesus*  
Amy Bishop, Organ; Rhonda Hambright, Piano

Buxtehude

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Philip Saussy

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

**ALL: let us make known his deeds among the peoples.**

One: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**ALL: let us tell of all his wonderful works.**

**Let us glory in his holy name;**

**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

*Psalm 105:1-3*

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Medley of Hymns*

*Heavenly Sunlight*

Walking in sunlight all of my journey;  
Over the mountains, through the deep vale;  
Jesus has said, I'll never forsake thee,  
Promise divine that never can fail.

*Refrain*

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight,  
Flooding my soul with glory divine:  
Hallelujah, I am rejoicing,  
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.*

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

\* Please stand if able.

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*The Old Rugged Cross*

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and  
best for a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

*Victory in Jesus*

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

*Chorus: O victory in Jesus, My Savior, Forever,  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.  
I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

**O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; who forgives us in ways we cannot fathom, for sins we cannot admit. As we turn to you we humbly confess we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, we have not forgiven others seven times seventy times, we have not lived lives of reconciliation, done justly, loved mercifully, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your loving-kindness. Wash us clean of our wrongs and create in us a clean and humble heart that we may be renewed and restored by the power of your Holy Spirit.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

Every journey begins with a time of figuring out what to take along and what to leave behind. Similarly, the confession of sin is an opportunity to reflect on those things we're carrying around with us (anxiety, guilt, shame) that, with God's grace, we can safely leave behind.

\*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.*

\*PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS (ALL) 1946 Book of Common Worship

**O Lord God, the Light of the faithful, the Strength of those who labor, and the Repose of the blessed dead: We give Thee thanks for all thy saints who have witnessed in their lives a good confession, for all the faithful departed, and for those dear to our hearts who have entered into rest. Grant us grace to follow their good example, that we may be one with them in spirit, and, at the last, together with them, be made partakers of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Weddings**

Amanda Goyer &  
Luke Kendzioriski

**Joys**

Day of Service  
77th Anniversary

**Deaths**

Becky Plotner's mother  
Paula Smith  
Bill Baldwin

**Members**

Lynn Goldblatt  
Mary Grove  
Harlan Hambright  
Pat Kent

Ellen Knesek Knowlton  
John LaBoone  
Charlotte Lueckel

Bill Lueckel

Ann Nermoe

Dorothy Russell

Betty Lou Schoneker

Nora Sue Spencer

Deryl Warner

**Friends and Family**

Steve Cogburn

Ellen Fixx

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

**Philippians 2:1-11**

*pg 1827 NT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Heaven (Medley)*

Chancel Choir

arr: John E. Coates

SECOND READING

**Matthew 19:13-26**

*pg 1528 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*“Finding What Matters”*  
*Third in a series: Why Religion and The Church?*

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bishop

\*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 839

ASSURANCE

*Blessed Assurance*

\*SUNDAY DINNER BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Standing on the Promises*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

R. Kelso Carter

Doxology, a Greek word meaning “saying of glory,” is a brief hymn of praise that follows another hymn or Psalm – in our case the offertory. Doxologies appear in many Christian traditions and have their origin in the Jewish kaddish, which concludes each portion of the synagogue worship service.



**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 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*

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](http://SSPRES.ORG/20S30S40S)



# HOEDOWN

WITH LINE DANCING,  
 DINNER AND LIVE MUSIC  
 BY THE HEARTSTRINGS

OCT. 13TH | 6PM | SOCIAL HALL  
 RSVP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](http://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)



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](http://SSPRES.ORG/LAITY)



# OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Deacons & Elders  
**CLASS OF 2027**  
 Nominations Close on October 1st  
 SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/NOMINATIONS](http://SSPRES.ORG/NOMINATIONS)




PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## Honorary Life Member Nomination

This award is in recognition of outstanding service, leadership and faithful service in church work; they set a standard for others to follow. the nominee does not need to be a member of a circle, as all presbyterian women at sspc are a part of our pw! Deadline for nominations is oct 10.

NOMINATION FORMS CAN FOUND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR ONLINE AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/WOMENS-MINISTRY](http://SSPRES.ORG/WOMENS-MINISTRY)



## This Week | September 24 -29

### Sunday, September 24

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm **Anniversary Potluck Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 4:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

### Monday, September 25

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

### Tuesday, September 26

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

### Wednesday, September 27

- 10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** -Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 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 28

- 10:00 am **Pastoral Care Coordinating Team** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

### Friday, September 29

- 3:30 pm **KIDZ Book Club** - Frosty's
- 6:30 pm **TGIF Dinner** - Holland's Home

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given today by Anna Henry to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all the members and staff of the past 77 years and the years to come!

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Baldwin (Judy Benjamin's brother) who passed away on Friday, September 15 and Paula Smith (David Keen's aunt) who passed away on Thursday, September 14. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Bill and Paula's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

## 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

### Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

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### Ashley Biletzskov

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### Bob Harper

Treasurer



Savannah Presbytery



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