

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Kirkin' o' the Tartan

January 28, 2024 | 8:30 & 10:30 am Service

Ushers

8:30 am

Jan Rossiter

Nicole Campbell

Lee Malone

Jeff Roberts

Carolyn Bliven

10:30 am

Jan Rossiter

Mary Helen Jetton

Ella Kent

Pat Kent

Gail Dingerson

Acolyte

8:30 am

Virginia Kate Ramba

10:30 am

Mobley Grace Ward

Kirkin' celebrates the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church. It commemorates the defiance of the clans of Scotland in 1745 when their English conquerors forbid tartans and bagpipes upon threat of death. Legend holds as an act of rebellion, the Scots carried concealed scraps of clan tartans which had been blessed and dedicated in churches.

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.

GATHERING WORDS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

THREE CHIMES

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

*THE PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

Traditional Scottish

First Coast Highlanders Pipe & Drum Band; Will Wheeler, Pipe Major
Chancel Ensemble - Trumpets- Ed Jackson, Anne Marie Stirewalt;
Clarinet - Judy Foster; French Horn - Art Tenney; Trombone - John Simmons;
Timpani - Harlan Hambright
Amy Bishop, Organist

*THE BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Mike Kellar •
Betty Wilson †

One: On behalf of all clans represented here, we raise these
tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage
and pray for God's blessing on God's servant people in all lands.

**ALL: Eternal God, bless these symbols of heritage, and
grant that those who wear them, and the families they
represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly
with you.**

One: We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus
Christ for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one
God and Father of us all.

• 8:30 Service Only

† 10:30 Service Only

* Please stand if able.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Kellar •
Betty Wilson †

ALL: O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth. Amen

One: Let us worship the Lord!

John Calvin

*OPENING HYMN 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

From the Church of Scotland

Save us Lord, from the temptation to buy what we do not need; from confusing what we need with what we want; from wasting what we do not own, for owning what we will never use, and from idealizing the past as a golden age. Strengthen the arm and the will of all who, for the good of the world, you made and love. Then, challenge our selfishness and inform us about appropriate living. May Your words gain a good hearing so that the world may have a good future.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

Our prayer of confession is from The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland. Originally created with the leadership of the early Scottish reformer John Knox, versions of this book have been used to order liturgy and worship in the Church of Scotland since 1562.

*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)

Scots Confession (1560)

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace Him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with His Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of His Holy Spirit. 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

pg 1552 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Written in 1560 when
Scotland was declared
a Protestant nation
following the death of
Mary, Queen of Scots,
the Scots Confession
affirmed an unconditional
commitment to the triune
God, to the Bible, and to
the Church.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

We Believe

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; Chancel Ensemble
Amy Bishop, Organist

We believe in God supreme, ever present, never seen;
God most high, who reigns above; Father nigh, whose name is love.
We whose prayers to God ascend praise creation's source and end.
We rejoice in Jesus Christ, God's own son, our sacrifice;
very God, yet virgin born; sinless, yet for sinners torn.
We who Jesus died to win know He lives to come again.
We adore the spirit free - author of our unity.
Giver of the sacred word, wellspring of the second birth.
We whom He indwells and fills yield our hearts and minds and wills.
We, the church, affirm our faith in the triune God of grace;
Kingdoms fall and ages change; faithful, changeless, God remains!
One in Christ, we lift one voice!
We believe, and we rejoice! - Chris Anderson

*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.*

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

Deaths

Grabel Parker
Elizabeth West

Members

Millard Allen
Tom Baltzell
Harlan Hambright
Joyce Kitchens
Ellen Knesek Knowlton
Roger Schoneker
Lisa Sims
Jerry Spencer
Karlene Thompson

Friends and Family

Tom Barksdale
Marshall Dunlap
Ellen Fixx
Jack Huddleston
Sandra Power
Phil Purdy
Rhett Rhame
Wendy Stephens
Mary Whaley
Julie Williams

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens
Joann Bobb
Doris Hewell
Bill Lueckel

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 649

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Scotland the Brave

Traditional Scottish

First Coast Highlanders

What are you taking from
worship? A new thought, a
deep feeling, a glimpse of
grace, a challenge? Where
will you see God today? A
hope or a prayer for the
week?



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 10:30A 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-TH from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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Kirkin' o' the Tartan

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 28, 2024

On this special day, we gather for the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service. "Kirk" is Scottish for Church, usually referring to the Church of Scotland. However, this service and ceremony, although based on Scottish history, legend and folklore, are of American origin. More details of the history and legends are found in the "Programme Notes" portion of this bulletin.

John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, studied under John Calvin (1509-1564), the father of Presbyterianism, in Geneva in the 1500's. Upon returning to Scotland, Knox wrote the first Book of Church Order and established the first Presbyterian Churches there. The Church then spread to Ireland. The immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

The Scots Confession of 1560 has been referred to as the Charter of the Church of Scotland and of world Presbyterianism. The Scottish Parliament, at the conclusion of the civil war, invited John Knox and five colleagues to prepare a Confession of Faith for the church. It was the first Reformed Confession in the English language.

Perhaps no symbol is more associated with the Scottish tradition than the colorful Highland dress. The tartan is an old tradition with many references to it in early Scottish literature. The ancient tartan was described as "chequered" or "striped" or "sundrei coloured." For many centuries, tartans formed part of the everyday dress of the Highland people. It was there in Scotland that its use continued and developed until it became recognized as a symbol of clan kinship.

Today we celebrate the olden Scots' love of scripture, unwavering faith, devotion to their Kirk, persistence, and strong independence by proudly displaying the tartans to the stirring sounds of the pipes. These tartans, the playing of the pipes, the singing of psalms, and this special service of worship and praise are dedicated to the One, True, Triune, and Living God. We remember our Scottish ancestors' struggle to affirm and to establish that our Lord Jesus Christ alone is the Head of the Kirk.

On behalf of all of Scottish descent among us, these tartans are presented before Almighty God, seeking His blessings upon these colors and the clans they represent, as well as upon the entire "Clan Di," which is the Gaelic for all the "Children of God," or all humankind.

The Processional

Pipers.....	First Coast Highlanders
The Beadle.....	Dee Davis • Brenda Jones †
Christian Flag.....	Anne Marie Stirewalt • Leslie McCracken †
United States Flag.....	Charlotte Zell • Pat Heran †
Pastors.....	Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer <i>St. Simons Presbyterian Church</i>
Flag of St. Andrews.....	Mike Kellar • Mike Kellar †
Royal Flag of Scotland.....	Kevin Lokey • Will Tsai †
Tartans of the Clans	
Chancel Choir	

Tartans of the Scottish Clans

Tartan	Donor	Bearer
Anderson	Erna Busch	Greer Anderson
Armstrong	Frances Worst	Richard Hathaway
Bruce	Bruce Fendig	Tom Haughney
Buchanan	Don Gammon	Don Gammon
Cameron	Ernie Williams	on display
Cameron of Errachat	Al Ledingham	Joyce Ledingham
Campbell	Lynne Manna	Nicole Campbell
Carruth	Betsy Hamilton	Ellen Smith
Cummings	Harlan Douglas Whatley	on display
Cunningham	Billie Cunningham Cofer	on display
Davidson Ancient	Janice Williams	Janice & Toby Williams
Douglas	Jean Peters	Paul Douglas
Edinburgh	Children of Henry Reid	on display
Ferguson	Beth & Ray Knighton	on display
Gordon	Ida Walker	• Linda Gilsrud † Mark Gordon
Graham Montrose	Lucy Zell	Charlotte Zell
Gunn	Eric Main	Henry Wills
Hamilton	Audrey Hamilton Stewart	Richard Hathaway
Irvine Ancient	Anne Aspinwall	Anne Aspinwall
Lamott	Emory & Rhonda Hicks	Rhonda Hicks
Leslie Hunting	Emily Helton	Rhonda Hambright
Lindsay	John & Barbara Dieterman	John Dieterman
Logan Ancient	Art & Mima West	Ellen Smith
Logan Modern	Jean Russell	on display
MacArthur	Frances McCrary	Frances McCrary
MacDonald	Meg Way	Ron Binkney and Way Frasier
MacDougall	Bill MacDougall	on display
MacGregor	Mary MacGregor	on display
MacKay	Glenn Pride	on display
MacLaren	Pam & Richard Bagnall	on display
MacLellan Ancient	Whitney Moss	on display
MacMillan	Susan Mower	Brenda Haughney
MacPherson	Frances Scott	on display

Tartan

Donor

Bearer

MacQuarrie	Dennie McCrary	Catherine McCrary
Matheson	Anne Caswell	Anna Henry
Maxwell	Mae Maxwell Fenn	Brenda Haughney
McAfee	Betsy Hamilton	Ben Bryson
McAlister	Betty Smith & Mel Pease	Martha Martin
McDonald of Clanranald	Linda Ballach Haines	Bob McCammon
McKenzie	Don & Caroline McKenzie Carter	MacKenzie Bishop
McNab	Mary McNab	on display
McNeil of Barra	Gib McNeely	• Steve Brooks † Joe Wills
McNeill of Barra Ancient	Susan Hartman	Leslie Hartman
Mitchell	Lillian Clarke	on display
Moncrief	Gwen Mayberry	Mary Margaret White
Montgomery	Ann & Jack Kite	on display
Morrison	Margaret Morrison	Hal Morrison
Munro	Clara & Norman Reu	Grae Munro Frasier
Munro-flag	Susan Sammons & Janella Brand	Tom Haughney
Nisbet	Patricia S. Boykin	Rev. Bill Clough
Ramsey	Cecelia Ramsey Raines	on display
Robertson Hunting	Kathleen Haller	Barbara Powers
Robertson Red	Don Robertson	Lorene Reid
Ross	Stadler Family	on display
Russell	Ralph Russell	on display
Rutherford Ancient	Mary Rutherford & Rosemary Dobbie	on display
Scott	Francis Scott	Jamie Scott
Spotswood	Patricia S. Boykin	Pattie Boykin
Stewart Black	Beverly Stewart Fetter	on display
Stewart Bute	Marianna & Bill Elias	on display
Stewart Dress	Beverly Stewart Fetter	on display
US Navy	Alex & Ginger Sifford	Fred Griffith
Wallace	Dorothy Birdsong	Madelynne Risi
Wilson	Betty Wilson	Emmaline Griffith

Tartan banners are carried by the youth and families of the church unless specifically named. Others are displayed outside and around the church.

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.

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

Youth

Youth Ensemble

Sunday evenings at 5:15 PM 8-12 grade;

6:30PM 6 & 7 Grade..

Meet in the Music Attic - Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM 6 & 7 grade;

6:30PM 8-12 grade.

Dinner for all grades at 6:00 PM

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.

:: Revelation/Extravagant Hope by Margaret Feinberg

"20/30/40s" Women - Parlor

:: Revive Us by Robby Gallaty

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

:: The Gospel of Mark by Amy-Jill Levine

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

Women'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

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

LUNCHEON
Love One-Another
 HONORING OUR SNOWBIRDS
 AND NEW MEMBERS OF 2023
SUN, FEB 11 | 11-45AM | SOCIAL HALL
 RSVP BY FEB 6
 CATERED BY DOUG HARRIS | ALL ARE WELCOME!
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS



Membership Opportunities
 DISCOVER SSPC CLASS
February 13 | 5PM | ALL ARE WELCOME!
 Join Rev. Steve Goyer for a Discussion Class about the history of SSPC and what it means to be Presbyterian.
 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
February 18 | 8:30AM & 10:30AM
 If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at worship!
 **MORE INFORMATION AND CLASS SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/DISCOVERSSPC**

THE ISLAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION
2024 FEBRUARY FESTIVAL

A CONCERT EVERY TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY
 SSPC Sanctuary | 7PM
islandconcertassociation.org

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

CROSS MISSIONS
 CHARLOTTE, NC
 **INFO & SIGNUP**
SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH **SUMMER, 2024**
JUNE 23-28

Summer, 2024
SUMMER CAMPS


June 11-13	VBS	Rising Pre-K - 6th
July 8-12	CAMP MONTGOMERY	Rising 2nd - 12th
July 15-19	WORSHIP & ART	Rising 1st - 6th

This Week | January 28 - February 2

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 am **Worship**- Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Location
- 10:30 am **Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, January 31

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 pm **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper**-Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 1

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers**- Bell Room

Friday, February 2

No Activities Planned for This Date

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given with thanks to God for the journey by Betty Wilson.

Congregational Meeting: Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 4th, at the end of the 10:30 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new church officers, elect the 2024 nominating committee, and approve pastor terms of call. Names of nominees can be found on the church website.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Grable Parker (Father and Grandfather of Kane, Grae, and Way Frazier) and Elizabeth West (Grandmother of Becca Turner) who both passed away on Friday, January 19. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Grable and Elizabeth's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

2024 Chancel Flowers Sign up: It's time to sign up for 2024 Chancel Flowers! The sign up is located in the back hallway, between the social hall and the sanctuary.

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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Treasurer



Savannah Presbytery



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