

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Kirkin' o' the Tartan

January 29, 2023 | 8:30 & 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

8:30 am

Thomas Arvin

Anna K Mansfield

Nicole Campbell

David Keen

Charlotte Zell

10:30 am

Thomas Arvin

Ella Kent

Pat Kent

Lucinda Gordon

Mark Gordon

Acolyte

10:30 am

Arthur Owens

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.

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

Chancel Ensemble

Amy Bishop, Organist

*THE BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

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.

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.

• 8:30 Service Only

† 10:30 Service Only

* Please stand if able.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Roberts •
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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

*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.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As vast as the heavens and as numerous as the stars, so great is God's mercy for those who seek forgiveness and peace, as promised through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God had forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Please stand and while respecting the space between you share the peace with your neighbor.

***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.*

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.

ANTHEM

Lau/Strathdee

What Shall I Bring to the Lord?/What Does the Lord Require of You?
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-9
pg 1447 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

The Meaning of Life (pt. 4): To Find It We Must Live It

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Celtic Blessings
Chancel Choir

Scholes/arr. McDonald

*DOXOLOGY (606)

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

"All the things in this world are gifts from God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily. As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us to develop as loving persons. But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal."
-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Prayer List

Births

Alexander Meng
Charles (Charlie) David Gobulski

Home

Jann Briscoe
Tom Baltzell
Dee Davis
Brenda Dohn
Nancy Fixx
Harlan Hambricht
Jean Hurst

Linda Johnston
Mary Lewis
Dale Moffett
R O Reimers
Wendy Stevens
Jean Sucher

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb
Kathy Chapman
Lynn Forsythe
Doris Hewell
Gail Kroeze
Bob Stanford

Hospice

Nancy Thrun

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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 649

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Scotland the Brave

Traditional Scottish



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 boxes can be found at the entrances to 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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Kirkin' o' the Tartan

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 29, 2023

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.....	Jeff Bennett • Bob Killian †
Christian Flag.....	Leslie Carlton • Leslie McCracken †
United States Flag.....	Mike Kellar • Phil Massie †
Pastors.....	Rev.Dr. Steve Goyer <i>St. Simons Presbyterian Church</i> Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin, <i>St. Simons Presbyterian Church</i>
Flag of St. Andrews.....	Philip Saussy • Bob McCammon †
Royal Flag of Scotland.....	Keith Griffin • Keith Griffin †
Tartans of the Clans	
Chancel Choir	

Tartans of the Scottish Clans

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

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

Tartan	Donor	Bearer
MacQuarrie	Dennie McCrary	Catherine McCrary
Matheson	Anne Caswell	Anna Henry
Maxwell	Mae Maxwell Fenn	Susan Fenn Dubs
McAfee	Betsy Hamilton	Ben Bryson
McAlister	Betty Smith & Mel Pease	Betty Smith
McDonald of Clanranald	Linda Ballach Haines	Linda Ballach Haines
McKenzie	Don & Caroline McKenzie Carter	MacKenzie Bishop
McNab	Mary McNab	on display
McNeil of Barra	Gib McNeely	Joe Wills
McNeill of Barra Ancient	Susan Hartman	Leslie Hartman
Mitchell	Lillian Clarke	Merritt Lepree
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	Emmeline Griffith
Ramsey	Cecelia Ramsey Raines	on display
Ranald of the McDonald	Linda Ballach Haines	Linda Ballach Haines
Robertson Hunting	Kathleen Haller	Brenda Haughney
Robertson Red	Don Robertson	Bonnie Roberts
Ross	Stadler Family	on display
Russell	Ralph Russell	Bettye Russell
Rutherford Ancient	Mary Rutherford & Rosemary	on display
Scott	Francis Scott	Rev. Bill Clough
Spotswood	Patricia S. Boykin	Patricia 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	Brian Wilson

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.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

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 *(resumes January 25)*

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.

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.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

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 9:30 AM in Various Locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

:: Singing Our Faith

Led by Nat Scott - Upper Room

:: Finding My Way Home

Rejoice Class - John Law

:: Cross Roads Video Discussion

Led by Madelynne Risi - Library

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM 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 5:30PM in the John Law Room

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

Other Denizens of the Deep Book Study

Thursdays at 5:30PM in the John Law Room (Jan.5-Feb16.)

Brenda Haughney brh1234@gmail.com or (704)-641-2621.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.

Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@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

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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. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903

THE ISLAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION
2023 FEBRUARY FESTIVAL



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

Savannah Presbytery's 43rd
FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE Feb 3-4 at Epworth

with keynote speaker
REV. CECE ARMSTRONG
Event Chair: Rev. Kate Buckley
14 WORKSHOPS & 12 LEADERS, INCLUDING
Rev. Steve Goyer and Rev. Bob Brearley
NOTE: PAY SSPC DIRECTLY
LINK TO HANDBOOK & REGISTRATION AT SSPRES.ORG

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DRIVE THRU ASHES
Ash Wednesday | Feb 22 | 8-1 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!
IMPOSITION OF ASHES ON THE FRONT
DRIVEWAY OF THE CHURCH | 205 KINGS WAY, SSI

LENT EVENT


CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
5 pm | Youth Suite

WED NIGHT SUPPER
6 pm | Social Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE
6:45 pm | Sanctuary

info & dinner signup at sspres.org/lent

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



Resuming January 25th
6PM | SOCIAL HALL
SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG](https://sspres.org)

This Week | January 29 - February 4

Sunday, January 29

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Adult Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, January 30

- 4:30 pm **Narnia Book Club** - Frosty's
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 11:00 pm **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 4:30 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 2

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - John Law

Friday, February 3

- 4:00 pm **Presbytery Faith Enrichment Conference** - Epworth

Saturday, February 4

- 7:00 am **Presbytery Faith Enrichment Conference** - Epworth

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 5th, at the end of the 10:30 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new church officers, elect the 2023 nominating committee, and approve pastor terms of call. Names of nominees can be found on the church website.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with Alexa and Steven Golubski, and grandparents Angie and Tony Votsis on the birth of their son and grandson, Charles David, who was born on January 23, 2023. Welcome to the world Charlie!

Christian Celebration: We also share in celebration with Megan and John Corwin, and grandmother Ginny Connors on the birth of their son and grandson, Connor Theodore Bokee Corwin, who was born on January 25, 2023. Welcome to the world Connor!

2023 Chancel Flowers Signup: It's time to signup for 2023 Chancel Flowers! We will return to using our flower signup chart this year, which can be located in the back hallway, between the social hall and the sanctuary.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Blessing

“MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU. MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK.

MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE; THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS AND

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

-TRADITIONAL GAELIC BLESSING

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Ministers: All members of the church

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Interim Pastor
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Leslie McCracken

Clerk of Session

Pat Heran

Chair of Deacons

Iris Ellis

Children's Choir Director

Doug Marshall

Worship Tech Specialist

Bob Harper

Treasurer



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