

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Joseph Receives his Coat of Many Colors
Shoshannah Brombacher

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Lowell Korb

Doug Tingle

Tom Alexander

Anna Henry

Charlotte Zell

Acolyte

Drew Turner

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

There's Something About That Name

Gaither

Rhonda Hambright, Tom Haughney, Mark Lochstampfor

GATHERING WORDS

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

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Morningstar

Laura Kitchens

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Victory

Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Austin

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Molly Macaulay

One: The Lord speaks peace to God's people.

All: We come to listen for the voice of our faithful God.

One: When the road is uncertain and the way is dark,

All: God does not abandon us.

One: When others rejoice, we rejoice with them.

All: When others weep, we will weep with them.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose steadfast love never fails.

All: Let us worship God together!

* Please stand if able.

*OPENING HYMN 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

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.

In words of scripture the people are called to confess the reality of sin in personal and common life. Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we humbly confess our sin. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.
-Book of Common Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Faithful God, We confess that we often keep a safe distance from the pain of others. We want suffering to make sense. We rush to explanations when we should simply be present. We convince ourselves that someone else's hardship could never become our own, and in doing so, we fail to bear one another's burdens. Forgive us for the times we have looked away, stayed silent, or allowed our fear and discomfort to keep us from showing up for those who are hurting. Teach us to love as Christ loves us—with compassion instead of certainty, with presence instead of easy answers, and with courage to walk alongside one another through every valley. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silence for Personal Confession

Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Hear the good news: There is nowhere we can go that is beyond the reach of God's love. Not even in the deepest pit, not even in the shadowed places of our lives. In all of it, God is present. So together, let us proclaim the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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 in the Children's Hallway on the other side of the Social Hall.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship. -PCUSA Directory for Worship

FIRST READING

Psalm 85:8-13

pg 924 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Help is on the Way

Gaither

Tom Haughney, Soloist; Mark Lochstampfor, Pianist

SECOND READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

pg 60 OT

SERMON

"In the Pit"

Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

From A Brief Statement of Faith.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.**

OFFERTORY

Reach Out to Jesus Carmichael/arr. Mickelson
Amy Bishop, Organist; Rhonda Hambright, Pianist

*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 76

Do Not Be Afraid

ISAIAH 43

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Make His Name Glorious
Amy Bishop, Organist

Tracey McKibben



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, by completing a prayer request card and placing it in an offering plate, or by visiting sspres.org/prayer.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30AM 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-4PM (205 Kings Way).

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Prayer List

Sorrows

Death Dr. Melvin Deese

Death of Gerry Webb

(Ada Owens' Father)

Members

Leigh Deese

Ada Owens and family

Friends and Family

Carole & Joe Plunkey

Sue Roberson

Long-term Care

Rich Armstrong

Sue Chambless

Claudette French

Marcia Kester

Mary Lewis

Dwight Plyler

Betty Lou Schonecker

Alison Schueneman

David Stewart

Frances Teel

Mary Tipton

Carrington Wilson

Revs. Jann Briscoe & Page Shelton

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.

Missions

Share God's love with service locally and globally. Missions include Angel Tree Christmas Gifts, Hunger Action Team, and summer mission trips.

*Madelynne Risi at madelynne@sspres.org
or 638-2220.*

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. (Pre K-2nd)

KidZ Crew resume in the fall

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ Ensemble (Grades 3 to 5) resume in the fall

Monthly on Sundays: Before KidZ Fellowship

Meet in the Music Attic at 4PM.

Use the Veranda Door

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5) resume in the fall

Monthly on Sundays:

Faith and fun.

Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

Dara Pickren-Davis at dara@sspres.org or

Youth

Youth Ensemble resume in the fall

Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM

Meet in the Music Attic -

Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group resume in the fall

Sunday evenings at 6:00-8:00 PM

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion resume in the fall

(Grades 6 to 12)

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

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 served in the Britt Room.

:: Following the Call

Meets in the Upper Room

Nat Scott at Nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study resume in the fall

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 resume in the fall

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) resume in the fall

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 ext 8, or email pastoralcare@sspres.org. The first available pastor will notify you as soon as possible.

2nd Sunday of the Month
9:30AM | Social Hall

COFFEE WITH COMMUNITY

Join us for an informational session on a local ministry featuring a guest speaker, followed by a Q&A session.

UPCOMING: Morningstar Children & Family Services on August 9



AUGUST 13
8:30am-12:30pm



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[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)

CHURCHWIDE FUN IN THE SON EVENT!

JEKYLL ISLAND SEA TURTLES + KITE FLYING

SATURDAY, AUG 15 | 10AM - 2PM
Jekyll Island Turtle Center & Beach
Must RSVP by August 12



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AUG 16 For Your Listening Pleasure **10:30 AM**

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY



MAP BOX PACKING

MAP PROVIDES LIFESAVING MEDICINE TO
THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD.

AUGUST 18 | 9AM - 12PM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK

MEETING ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!

SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



This Week

August 9 - 15

Sunday, August 9

- 9:30 am **Coffee with Community** - Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, August 10

- 10:00 am **Worship and Music** - John Law
- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, August 11

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, August 12

No Activities Scheduled for This Date

Thursday, August 13

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law
- 4:30 pm **Mission Committee** - John Law

Friday, August 14

Office Closed

Saturday, August 15

- 10:00 am **Fun in the Son Family Fellowship** - Jekyll

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Dee Davis in loving memory of Eddy Harrell Davis.

Ice Cream & Cupcakes for Everyone!

GATHERING WITH GRATITUDE

GIVING THANKS FOR REV. JACKSON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | 11:30 AM
FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE SOCIAL HALL
If you would like to contribute toward a love offering for Jim, please use the QR code or send a check to the church office, memo line: 'Jim Love Offering'
Info at sspres.org/events

LOVE OFFERING

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Elders

Class of 2027

Taylor Brooks
Fred Griffith
Becky Livingston
Molly Macaulay
Bettye Russell
Mary Margaret Shiver
Doug Tingle

Class of 2028

Keith Griffin
Richard Hathaway
Buddy Hendrick
Denise Hidalgo
Ella Kent
Catherine McCrary
Matt Robinson

Class of 2029

Tom Alexander
Greer Anderson
Ben Bryson
Bob Duncan
Beth Lemke
Elyse Stackhouse
Becca Turner

Deacons

Class of 2027

Pattie Boykin
Randy Ellis
Portia Hendrick
Drew Holland
Bunnie Lynn
Judy Scarlett
Kathy Wade

Class of 2028

Wheeler Bryan, Jr.
Peggy Dean
Sean Hidalgo
Tripper Mansfield
Elizabeth Shewell
Debbie States
Emelie Tingle

Class of 2029

Lee Arnold
Melanie Barger
Brenda Dohn
Lynn Goldblatt
Alexa Golubski
Woody Sapp
Frank Stackhouse

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Tripper Mansfield Portia Hendrick

Co -Chair of Deacons

Bob Harper

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