

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Miracle of the Five Loaves and Two Fish

Grace Carol Bomer

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Bonnie Duncan

Lisa Silva

Santo Silva

Nancy Paris

Linda Seierstad

Acolyte

Elle Blenkinsop

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 Pre-k and under are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel. Kindergarten and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary to participate in the Communion service.

INTROIT 499

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken
Chancel Choir

Louis Bourgeois, 1543

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

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount
Amy Bishop, Organist

Jason D. Payne

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Doug Tingle

One: Come, all who are hungry for grace.

All: God welcomes us and gives us what we need.

One: Come, all who wonder if there will be enough.

All: God is generous beyond our imagining.

One: Come with what you have—your gifts and your needs,
your faith and your questions.

**All: We come to the One who receives what is offered,
blesses it, and makes it enough.**

One: Let us worship the God of abundant grace.

**All: With grateful hearts and open hands,
let us worship God.**

* Please stand if able.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Whit Malone

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Generous God, you have given us more than we can measure, yet we so easily fear there will not be enough. We focus on what is missing instead of noticing what you have already provided. We hold tightly to what we have and underestimate what you can do with what we offer. Forgive us, Lord. Free us from fear and scarcity. Teach us to trust your generosity and to live with grateful hearts and open hands.

Silence for Personal Confession

In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*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.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44
pg 576 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 9:10-17
pg 1608 NT

SERMON

“Give Them Something to Eat”

Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith

One: In life and in death we belong to God.

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and calls us to live as one community. We trust in Jesus Christ, who proclaimed the reign of God, feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and welcoming those who were rejected. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

OFFERTORY

Bringing in the Sheaves
Chancel Choir; Jemelle Khan, soloist

Minor, arr. Coates

*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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please note all communion bread is gluten free

COMMUNION MUSIC 520

Taste and See

TASTE AND SEE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 498

BEACH SPRING

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Ellacombe"
Amy Bishop, Organist

Jason D. Payne



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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Joys

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

Sorrows

Death Jack Hartman

Death of Stephen Nelms

Members

Emmeline Griffith

Family of Jack Hartman

Joyce Ledingham

Family of Rev Stephen Nelms

Rick O'Callaghan

Friends and Family

Jordan Bond

Maya Griffin-Cruz

Dan & Ashley Griswold

Sarah Perkins

Brian Robbins & Family

Sue Roberson

Joan Sterling

Rev Deanie & Joey Strength

Stacy

Long-term Care

Rich Armstrong

Sue Chambliss

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

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.

*Dara Pickren-Davis at dara@sspres.org
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Youth

Youth Ensemble

Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM
Meet in the Music Attic -
Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00-8:00 PM
Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion

(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

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 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.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN CIRCLES**
Monthly Gatherings Resume

**TUESDAY
Sept 8**
Study led by Nat Scott

MORNING GLORIES
10AM (Upper Room)

LUNCH BUNCH
12PM (Britt Room)

LADIES OF THE EVENING
4PM (Upper Room)

All are invited to join!

MINISTRY FAIR

DISCOVER WAYS TO
CONNECT & SERVE!
SEPT 13TH

SOCIAL HALL
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
NURSERY CARE UNTIL 12:30PM

Enjoy hot dogs, a bounce
house, face painting, &
raffle prizes!

Grab a New KidZ/Youth Directory!
CHURCHWIDE EVENT!

SCAN TO VIEW
MINISTRIES




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

SEPTEMBER 15 | 9AM - 12PM
4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK
MEETING ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!
SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



**CHUCRH
ANNIVERSARY**
A Weekend of Celebration!

DINNER & KEYNOTE
SEPT 25 | 6PM | SOCIAL HALL
Special Guest, Dr. Eric D. Barreto

DAY OF SERVICE
SEPT 26 | 8AM | SOCIAL HALL

POTLUCK LUNCHEON
SEPT 27 | 11:30AM | SOCIAL HALL
Bring a yummy side dish to share!

 **Details & Signup at**
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MISSION PARTNERSHIP ——— HOSTED BY ST SIMONS BAPTIST

**RISE AGAINST
HUNGER**

 **HELP PACK**
20,000 MEALS



OCTOBER 18
• AFTER LATE WORSHIP
• MEET AT ST. SIMONS BAPTIST

LUNCH AT 11:30 AM
RSVP FOR LUNCH BY OCT 10
OPEN TO ALL AGES!

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

This Week | September 6 -11

Sunday, September 6

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School Class** -Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, September 7

Office Closed - Labor Day

- 9:00 am **Manna House**- 1408 G Street
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, September 8

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** -Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** -John Law
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** -Britt Room
- 4:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** -Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **PW Circle #4** -Anna Henry's

Wednesday, September 9

- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers**- Bell Room
- 5:30 pm **KidZ Crew Parent Meeting**- Social Hall
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner**- Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir**- Sanctuary

Thursday, September 10

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **Mission Committee** - John Law

Friday, September 11

Office Closed

Chancel Flowers: Chancel Greenery is given to the glory of God by the Greenery Committee.

New PW Circle Forming: The PW Circle Group will begin Sept. 8 at 6:30 PM. A light Supper will be served. The group discussion will be led by participants.100 Druid Oaks Lane (Anna Henry).

TIME TO SAY CHEESE!

**PICTORIAL
DIRECTORY**

KIOSKS OPEN SEPT 6-OCT 14

UPDATE AT CHURCH:
Directory Kiosks will be located in the **Library** or **Ashantilly Room**. Kiosk **Assistance** will be available on Sundays **before/after late worship** and during **Wed Suppers**.

UPDATE FROM HOME:
Access the Directory form from home and upload a household photo by scanning the QR code.

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




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
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Frank Stackhouse

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Bob Harper

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