

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Creation Day One To Six, On Canvas
Caroline Street

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

William Mansfield

Pat Heran

Angie Votsis

Amelia Macaulay

Jerry Hardiman

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

To God Be the Glory
Chancel Choir

arr. Hambright

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

Joy in the Morning
Amy Bishop, Organist

Joel Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Molly Macaulay

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

All: We belong to God, and all that we have is gift.

One: Before we achieved anything, God gave us breath and life.

All: Before we could earn anything, God surrounded us with grace.

One: So come—not as owners, but as stewards; not clinging tightly, but receiving gratefully.

**All: Let us worship the God
from whom every good gift comes.**

* Please stand if able.

*OPENING HYMN 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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)

Generous God, you have given us a world overflowing with your goodness, yet we so easily forget that everything begins with you. We speak of our time, our money, our gifts, our lives, as though we made them for ourselves. We hold tightly to what you have placed in our hands. We confuse having with deserving and abundance with security. We overlook the gifts around us and worry instead about what we might lose. Forgive us, Lord. Free us from the illusion that we belong only to ourselves. Teach us to receive our lives with gratitude, to hold your gifts with open hands, and to use what you have entrusted to us for the good of our neighbors and the glory of your name.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The grace of God is not scarce. The mercy of God is not running out. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live with open hands.

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

FIRST READING

Luke 12:32-34

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Chancel Choir

Fettke

SECOND READING

Genesis 1:1–5, 20–31

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SERMON

“A World Given”

Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Adapted 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. We trust in Jesus Christ, who proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, the giver and renewer of life, who binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. 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.

In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Integral to reunion was the preparation of a Brief Statement of Faith. While recognizing realities of diversity and disagreement in both the church and the world, members of the drafting committee sought to articulate Presbyterians’ common identity.

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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Neil Harmon
Amy Bishop, Organist

*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 14 DIX
For the Beauty of the Earth

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *This is My Father's World* arr. Bishop
Amy Bishop, Organist



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

Joys

Marriage of Emma Hidalgo
and Stefan Tobler

Off to College

Emmeline Griffith
UGA

Layla Davanzo

GA Southern

Kate Head

FL State

Margaret Barger

Sewanee

Brayden Neill

GA Tech

Carolina Wessel

Wake Forest

Sorrows

Death of Rev Dr.

Joanna Adams

Death of Beth Evans

Members

Leigh Deese

Friends and Family

Dan & Ashley Griswold

Ed Maskie

Sarah Perkins

Brian Robbins & Family

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

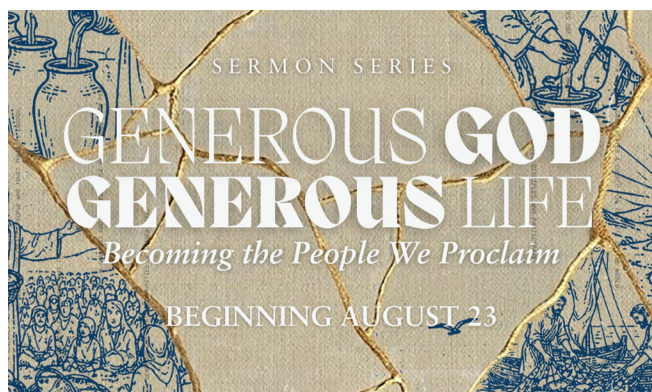
Handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

*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.



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

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!

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 Grab a New KidZ/Youth Directory!

CHURCHWIDE EVENT!

SCAN TO VIEW MINISTRIES

SAVE THE DATE!
 September 25-27

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

day of SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 26 | 8-1PM

SAVE THE DATE

This Week | August 23 - 28

Sunday, August 23

- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm **Adult Volunteer Training** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Acolyte Training** - Sanctuary

Monday, August 24

- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law

Wednesday, August 26

- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm **Youth Volunteer Training** - Youth Suite
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **Adult Volunteer Training** - Upper Room
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 27

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law

Friday, August 28

Office Closed

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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Co -Chair of Deacons

Bob Harper
Treasurer



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