

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We Are All One in Jesus Christ
Soichi Watanabe, 2009

Seventeenth after Pentecost
September 20, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Anne Aspinwall

Betty Russell

Elizabeth Shewell

Ali Shewell

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Acolyte

Teagan Neill

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 401

Here in This Place
Chancel Choir

Haugen

GATHERING WORDS

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

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major
Amy Bishop, Organist

Michael McCabe

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Doug Tingle

One: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name and recount the wonders of his love.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: We will seek the Lord and his strength;
We will seek his presence continually.**

One: Let us worship the Lord as his beloved community, the offspring of Abraham, the brothers and sisters of Christ.

**All: Let us worship the Lord in his holy house!
May his name echo from the rafters and spill
out into the day set before us!**

* 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. Rachel Rhodes

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)

Lord, you are the creator of family, and tribe, and community. You weave us together as partners and helpmates, as neighbors and friends, and ask us to do likewise. You ask us to welcome the stranger and be generous to all, just as you are generous beyond measure. Yet we struggle to relinquish our hold. We sometimes grasp much too tightly to our things and our titles and even our love. Help us to learn the ways of true community and to embrace one another as kindred, so that all may have a place at the table and all may know Christ's heart that is offered freely in his mercy and compassion.

Silence for Personal Confession

Through Jesus Christ 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.
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.*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 16: 10-15

pg 112 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Chancel Choir; Lindsey Holland, Ella Kent - Flutes

arr. Wilberg

SECOND READING

Acts 2:42-47

pg 1694 NT

SERMON

"On the Eighth Day"

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

adapted from affirmation written
by Glory E. Dharmaraj for the
National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the USA

We believe in God who hovered over the primeval chaos and uttered creation into existence. We believe in the One who breathed life into human beings and brought forth family and community. We believe in the magnificent signature of God's image in every human being, formed in infinite variety, and sewn in multicolored splendor. We believe in the self-revelation of God in Christ who came to redeem and restore us to wholeness; who opened our eyes that we may see each other in God's image-- beyond all that may divide and fragment us. We believe in the Resurrected Savior who invites us to new life, together. We believe in the Holy Spirit who fosters interwoven relationships across bridges and over chasms. We believe that one day, we will be fully reconciled with God and one another. Until then, we will build bridges of healing and reconciliation with each other and God's creation. 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.**

OFFERTORY

Allegro Flute
Amy Bishop, Organist

Thomas Thorley (18th century)

*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 410

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God Is Calling through the Whisper

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Trumpet
Amy Bishop, Organist

Mark Thewes



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

Welcome associate pastor,
Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
and her husband Bill

Sorrows

Death of Rev. Stephen Nelms
Death of Dale Moffett
Death of mother
of Scott Ledbetter

Members

Richard Binkney
Mary Bryson
Joyce Ledingham
Family of Rev Stephen Nelms
Barbara Powers
Norman Reu
Rev. Page Shelton

Friends and Family

Jordan Bond
John Laws
Molly Ramirez & Family
Sue Roberson
Rev. Deanie & Joey Strength
Ken Trobaugh
Jim Williams

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
Rev. Jann Briscoe

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.

MAP Packing

*Third Tuesday of Every Month.
4700 Glynnco Parkway, Brunswick, GA*
Help pack boxes of basic medical supplies for MAP international to distribute around the globe. Join the group for a delicious lunch together afterwards.

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 and Youth

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.

Youth Ensemble

*Sunday evenings
4:00 (middle) and 4:45(H.S.) PM*
Meet in the Music Attic -
Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

*Sunday evenings at 5:00PM (Middle) 6:30P (H.S)
Dinner 6:00 PM (Both)*
Meet on the Veranda.

High School Breakfast Devotion

(Grades 9 to 12)
Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A SSI
Transportation to school is available.

M3: Middle School Milkshake Mondays

(Grades 6 to 8)
Mondays at 4:30 PM at Fuse SSI Longview

Dara Pickren-Davis at dara@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 jhmattthews7@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*

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.

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.

80th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

A Weekend of Celebration!

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

*Celebrating 80 years of worship,
service, and community at St.
Simons Presbyterian Church*



— WELCOMING —

**Rev. Dr. Eric
D. Barreto**

*Friday's Keynote Speaker
& Guest Preacher on Sunday
Princeton Theological Seminar*



WEEKEND EVENTS



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

DINNER & KEYNOTE

Dinner at 6:00 PM
Keynote at 6:30 PM

Registration required
Deadline: Wednesday at 12 PM



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

FALL DAY OF SERVICE

8:00 AM - 1 PM
7 Local Service Projects
to Pick From

Signup required
Nursery Care Available for
Children Under 5



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Worship with Rev. Dr. Eric D. Barreto

**Anniversary
Potluck Luncheon**
Bring a dish to share!!



DETAILS & REGISTRATIONS

We Look Forward to Celebrating With You!



QR CODE
Scan for details & registration

Visit sspres.org/events OR call 912-638-2220

This Week

September 20 - 26

Sunday, September 20

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm **Youth Confirmation Class & Lunch** - Britt Room
- 4:00 pm **Middle School Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 4:45 pm **High School Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Middle School Youth Group** - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group Dinner** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **High School Youth Group** - Youth Suite

Monday, September 21

- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - John Law
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **M3 Milkshake Monday** - Fuse
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law

Wednesday, September 23

- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Bell Workshop** - Bell Room
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 24

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, September 25

- 6:00 pm **Dinner and Keynote Speaker** - Social Hall

Saturday, September 26

- 8:00 am **Day of Service** - Various Locations

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given in celebration and thanksgiving for Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran and in loving memory of Anne Clark Ruffin by Bain and Brady Head.

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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Bob Harper

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