

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Tom Alexander

Doug Tingle

Anna Henry

Tripper Mansfield

William Mansfield

Acolyte

Asa 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.

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. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MAP International
Lindsey Holland

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

O God, You Search Me
Amy Bishop, Organist

David Lasky

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Matt Robinson

One: God has given us this day, this life, and all that we have.

All: We come with gratitude for every good gift.

One: When we are tempted to trust in what we can store up,

All: Remind us that our lives are held in you.

One: When fear tells us there will not be enough,

All: Teach us to seek first the kingdom of God.

One: Come, let us worship the God who provides, the God who gives,
the God in whom our true treasure is found.

All: Let us worship God together!

* 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. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Generous God, you have given us more than we can name, yet we confess how quickly we forget. We trust what we can earn, hold tightly to what we have, and worry about what tomorrow may bring.

We measure our security by what we can store up instead of resting in your faithful care. Forgive us. Free us from fear, teach us to receive with gratitude and to live with open hands, trusting that our lives are held in you alone.

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.*

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

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

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

pg 287 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven
Chancel Choir; Jemelle Khan, Soloist

Pepper Choplin

SECOND READING

Luke 12:13-34

pg 1617 NT

SERMON

"Where Your Treasure Is"

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.

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

Siciliana on "The Call"
Amy Bishop, Organist

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*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 726

KELVINGROVE

Will You Come and Follow Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe
Amy Bishop, Organist

Samuel Wesley



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

Gratitude for Rev.

Dr. Jim Jackson

Welcome associate

pastor, Rev. Nadine

Sorrows

Death Jack Hartman

Death of Rev. Stephen Nelms

Death of Dale Moffett

Members

Mary Bryson

Family of Jack Hartman

Family of Scott Ledbetter

Joyce Ledingham

Family of Rev

Stephen Nelms

Rick O'Callaghan

Barbara Powers

Norman Reu

Rev. Page Shelton

Friends and Family

Jordan Bond

Maya Griffin-Cruz

Meagan Ramsey

Sue Roberson

Joan Sterling

Rev. Deanie & Joey Strength

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

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 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*

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.

KICKOFF!
Sept 16

KIDZ CREW

4PM

WEDNESDAYS | 4-6 PM
MEET ON VERANDA

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

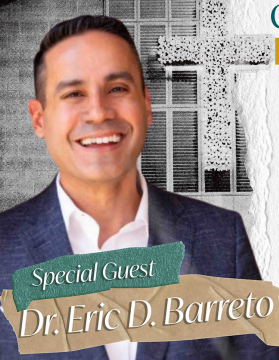
A Weekend of Celebration!

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**
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

Church Anniversary
DINNER & KEYNOTE

SEPT 25 | SOCIAL HALL
6PM Dinner | 6:30PM Keynote

Join us for an 80th Anniversary Dinner with Dr. Eric D. Barreto of Princeton Theological Seminary, a gifted New Testament scholar exploring Scripture and its meaning for the church today.

Special Guest
Dr. Eric D. Barreto

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day of SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 26 | 8-1PM
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

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



This Week | September 13 - 18

Sunday, September 13

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Coffee with Community** - Youth Suite
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Ministry Fair/ Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 5:00 pm **Youth Group Kick Off** - Youth Suite

Monday, September 14

- 10:00 am **Worship and Music** - John Law
- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **M3: Milkshake Mondays** - Fuse (Longview)
- 5:00 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, September 15

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:00 am **MAP Packing** - 4700 Glynco Pkwy
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 am **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, September 16

- 9:00 am **Trustee Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Hands and Hearts** - Music Attic
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor
- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:15 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 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 **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 17

- 10:00 am **Womens Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, September 18

Office Closed

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Lorene Reid with deep gratitude to God for the blessing of a wonderful family, a supportive church, a compassionate community, and the privilege of living in this remarkable country.

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





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

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

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Co-Chair of Deacons

Bob Harper

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