

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Prodigal Son
Kirby Kendrick

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Linda Seierstad

Mary Helen Jetton

Bonnie Duncan

Chase Busby

Silva Santo

Acolyte

Lanier Cannon

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

Surely the Presence of the Lord
Rhonda Hambright, Soloist

Wolfe

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

O God We Praise Thee
Amy Bishop, Organist

Lani Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Molly Macaulay

One: Come, all who hunger for grace.

All: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

One: Come, all who have wandered far from home.

All: God welcomes us with mercy and love.

One: Come, all who have worked faithfully yet struggle to rejoice
in another's blessing.

All: God's grace is wider than our hearts.

One: Come, let us worship the One whose love never runs out.

All: We will rejoice in the God who welcomes us home.

* Please stand if able.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CMW RHONDDA

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 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, Your grace is extravagant, but our hearts are often small. We cling to what we have earned. We measure worthiness. We compare ourselves to others. We grumble when mercy seems unfair and forget that every good gift comes from you. Forgive us for believing your love can be exhausted. Free us from keeping score. Teach us to delight in your abundance and to welcome others with the same joy you have shown us.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Hear the good news. Our Good Shepherd never stops searching, never stops welcoming, and never stops loving. In Jesus Christ, God runs toward us with compassion and prepares a place at the table.

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.

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 23
pg 862 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 15:11-31
pg 1624 NT

SERMON

“Three Prodigal Plus One

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

How Beautiful
Rhonda Hambright, Soloist

Paris

*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 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 649

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Choral Song
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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Prayer List

Joys

Rev. Dr. Whit Malone
and wife Kris

Sorrows

Death Dr. Melvin Deese
Death of Gerry Webb
(Ada Owens's Father)

Members

Doug French
Phil Massie
Ada Owens and family
Hannah & Johnny Warren

Friends and Family

Carole & Joe Plunkey
Sue Roberson
Ben Wallace

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 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



First Monday of Every Month | 9AM
1408 G Street, Brunswick
MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG/MANNAHOUSE

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hands & Hearts Ministry
linked together by love
meets bi-weekly
INFO AT SSPRES.ORG/HEARTS



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THIS DRIVE WILL END AUGUST 16TH

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This Week | August 2 - 7

Sunday, August 2

- 9:30 am **Sunday School Class** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Youth New School Year Prayer** - Youth Suite

Monday, August 3

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

- 9:00 am **Hands and Hearts Ministry** - Music Attic
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor

Thursday, August 6

- 4:00 pm **Building and Grounds** - John Law

Friday, August 8

Office Closed

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

Congregational Meeting: The session has called for a Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 2, at the end of the 10:30 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Associate Pastoral Nominating Committee to present their candidate for the next Associate Pastor of SSPC.

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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