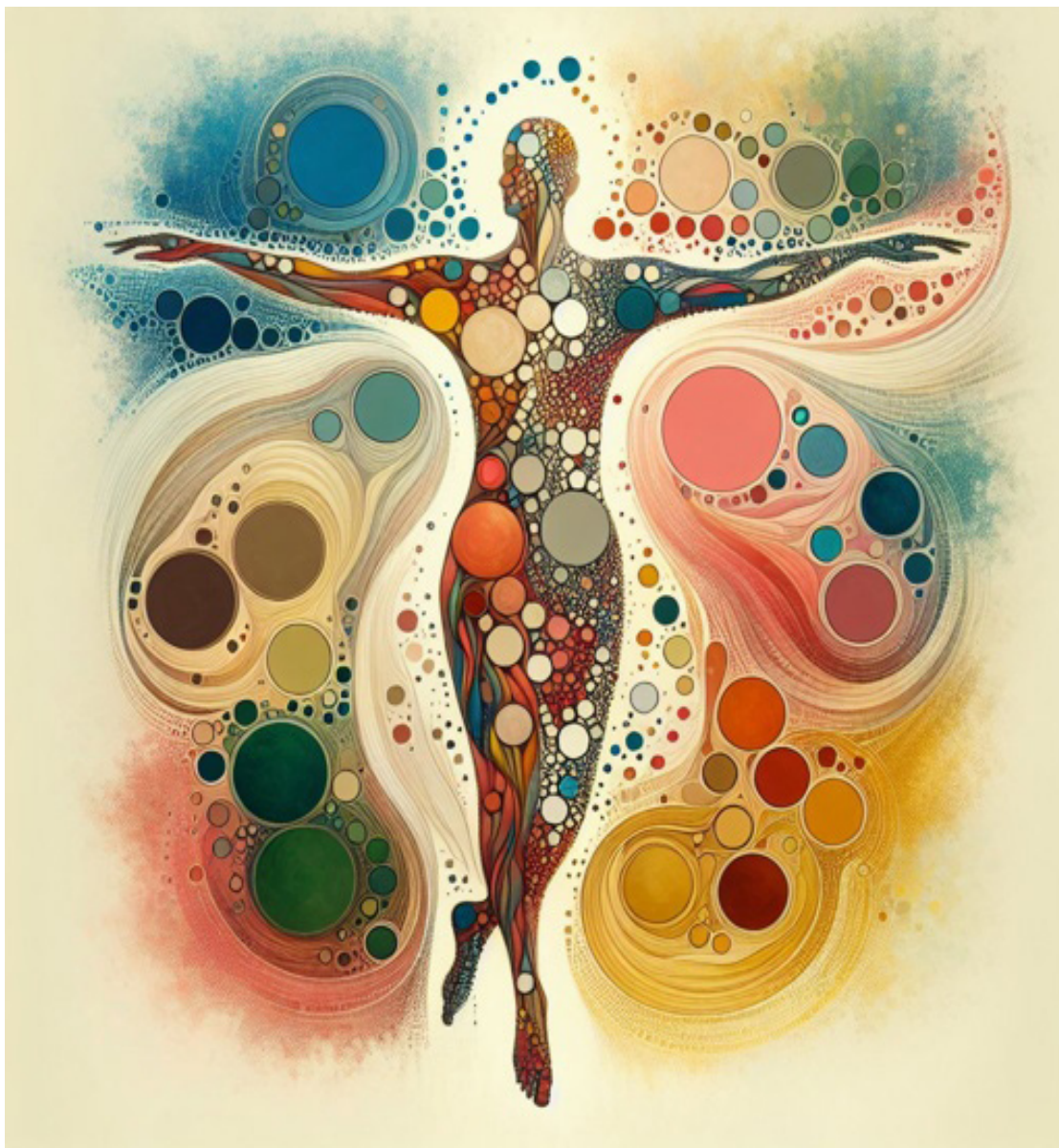


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



1 Corinthians 12:12
Bible Artwork

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Linda Seierstad
Gail Dingerson
Kathleen M Haller
Matt Lemke
Bonnie Duncan

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

Give Thanks
Chancel Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

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

Safe Harbor
Leslie Hartman

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major
Amy Bishop, Organist

D. Lasky

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Fred Griffith

One: We are many people, with many gifts, gathered by one God.

All: We are the body of Christ, and each of us belongs.

One: Some bring wisdom, some compassion; some bring leadership,
some encouragement; some bring strength, some patience,
some a willingness to serve.

All: There is room for every gift, and there is need for every person.

One: God has given generously to us and calls us to share what
we have received.

**All: So we come to worship, ready to receive and ready to give,
ready to take our place in the body of Christ.
Let us worship God together!**

* Please stand if able.

*OPENING HYMN 103

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-SO-SO

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 each of us gifts and called us to share them for the good of all.

Yet we compare ourselves to others, underestimate what we have to offer, or assume that someone else will do what needs to be done. At times, we take on too much and leave no room for others to participate. We forget that we need one another and that every member of the body matters.

Forgive us. Teach us to receive the gifts of others and to offer our own with generosity and joy, that together we may be the body of Christ.

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 116:12-19

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all God's goodness to us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: We will fulfill our vows to the Lord in the presence of all
God's people.

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

All: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of God's faithful servants.

One: Truly, we are your servants, Lord; we serve you as those before us have served you; you have freed us from our chains.

All: We will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.

One: We will fulfill our vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

All: in the courts of the house of the Lord—in your midst, Jerusalem.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27
pg 1785 NT

SERMON

"Generous Life: Take Your Place"

Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

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

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

Christ, Be Our Light
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. D. Lasky

*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 306

DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. J. Behnke



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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Sorrows

Death of Carroll Williamson,
father of Stacy Wills
Death of Harold Zell
father of Dickie Zell
Rev. Stephen Nelms
Death of Linda Gail Minchew,
cousin of Nat Scott

Members

Joyce Ledingham
Barbara Powers
David Wills

Friends and Family

Sally Brown
Rob Kelly
Colton Marquise
Sarah Scott
Joan Sterling
Ken Trobaugh
Doug Wolfe

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 and 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.

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)
One Monday a month 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.

MISSION PARTNERSHIP — HOSTED BY ST SIMONS BAPTIST

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



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)

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

OCTOBER 20 | 9AM - 12PM
 4700 GLYNCO PKWY, BRUNSWICK

MEETING ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!
SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25th | 10:30AM
Musical Message: Fruits of the Spirit
WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS FOR SPARROWS NEST, OCT 25 - NOV 1



Savannah

◆ Day Trip with TSN ◆

OCTOBER 27 | 9AM-4PM
 • Michelangelo's Women at Telfair
 • Lunch Together Afterwards!
 14 Spots Available on the Van!

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



ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

FALL FESTIVAL

OCT 28 5-7PM FRONT LAWN
ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOOD & GAMES
 FACE PAINTING
 BOUNCY CASTLES
 AND SO MUCH MORE!

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOODS FOR SPARROWS NEST AS YOUR TICKET!

CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEER SIGNUP
[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)




This Week | October 11 - 17

Sunday, October 11

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **New Member Class** - Parlor
- 9:30 am **Coffee with Community** - Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Generosity Committee** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Middle School Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 4:45 pm **High School Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Middle School Youth** - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm **Youth Dinner** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **High School Youth** - Youth Suite

Monday, October 12

Office Closed for Holiday

- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

- 10:00 am **Hands and Hearts** - Music Attic
- 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
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

Office Closed

Saturday, October 17

- 5:00 pm **Tapas ans Wine** - Off Campus

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Kathleen Haller in honor and memory of her cousin, Patrick Decker who died February 5, 2026 while volunteering to fly humanitarian aid in support of Christian missionaries in Haitia after he had just retired as Captain for United Airlines. He volunteered for over a decade, flying mission trips for Agape Flights out of Venice, FL, while flying for United.

Thanksgiving
Community Pancake Breakfast

THURSDAY, NOV 26TH
7:30-9:30AM | Social Hall
ALL ARE WELCOME!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

volunteer signup at 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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Brenda Dohn
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Bob Harper

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