

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Saint Simons Presbyterian Church - 1946

Anniversary Sunday
September 27, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Gail Dingerson
John LaBoone
Bunnie Lynn
Amelia Macauley
William Mansfield

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

Make a Joyful Noise

Wagner

Chancel Choir and Chancel Ensemble - Ed Jackson, Anne Marie Stirewalt
- Trumpets; Tim Fancher - French Horn; John Simmons - Trombone;
Mike Bradberry - Tuba

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 MINISTRY

Generosity Committee
Doug Tingle

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
Chancel Ensemble and Organ

arr. Vaclav Nelhybel

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Matt Robinson

One: Surely the Lord is in this place.

All: God has been faithful from generation to generation.

One: In moments we understood, and in moments when we did not know what God was doing.

All: God was present. God was working. God was leading.

One: We give thanks for those who came before us, for the faith we have received, and for the future we cannot yet see.

All: The God who has brought us this far will be faithful still.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose grace is greater than our understanding.

All: Surely the Lord is in this place.

Let us worship God together!

* Please stand if able.

Today, St. Simons Presbyterian is celebrating 80-years of ministry in our community and beyond. We give thanks to God for the vision and faith of all the saints who have faithfully led our church to this point in its history, and we look ahead with eager anticipation for all God will do in and through the church for its future years. After the worship service, all are invited to join us in the Social Hall for a luncheon and time of fellowship.

How Firm a Foundation



All: 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye
Women: 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O
Men: 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I
Choir: 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy
All: 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath



saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith
 be not dis - mayed, for I am thy God,
 call thee to go, the riv - ers of sor -
 path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf - fi -
 leaned for re - pose, I will not, I will



in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be
 and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,
 row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be
 cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not
 not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all



said than to you God hath said, to
 help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
 near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and
 hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
 hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Text: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. (PD).

Tune: *FOUNDATION*, American folk melody (PD).

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Every journey begins with a time of figuring out what to take along and what to leave behind. Similarly, the confession of sin is an opportunity to reflect on those things we're carrying around with us (anxiety, guilt, shame) that, with God's grace, we can safely leave behind.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of every generation, you are at work in ways we cannot always see and speaking in ways we do not always understand. Yet we confess that we prefer certainty. We want to know the way, control the outcome, and understand what you are doing. Forgive us when we mistake our plans for your purposes, when fear closes us to the movement of your Spirit, and when we hold too tightly to what has been to receive what you are giving now. Make us grateful for the faithfulness of those who came before us, generous with what has been entrusted to us, and open to the future you are creating among us. Teach us to trust that even when we cannot see it, you are still at work among us.

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

The Prayer for Illumination turns our attention to God to ask that we hear God's word in order to better know God's will for our lives. This time also allows a moment for the congregation to "get settled" and ready to hear God's word in scripture and proclamation.

FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-17

pg 43 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God is My Strong Salvation
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

SECOND READING

Luke 9:28-36

pg 1609 NT

SERMON

"Not Knowing"

Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto

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.

Sorrows

Death of James Foster,
brother of John Foster

Death of Dale Moffett

Death of Carroll Williamson,
father of Stacy Wills

Members

Richard Binkney

Joyce Ledingham

Family of Rev

Stephen Nelms

Barbara Powers

Norman Reu

Rev. Page Shelton

Friends and Family

Sally Brown

Anne Bryan

John Laws

Molly Ramirez & Family

Sarah Scott

Sue Roberson

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 Briscoen

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

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir, Congregation, and Chancel Ensemble

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

CONGREGATION

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA

Samuel Wesley, 1864

arr. DAN FORREST

(ASCAP)

(Instrumental) Congregation, unison, with choir



1. The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ, her Lord; she



is His new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to



be His ho-ly bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.



Congregation, unison, with choir



4. Yet she on earth hath un-ion with God the Three in One, and mys-tic sweet com-



mun-ion with those whose rest is won: O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that



we like them, the meek and low-ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

*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 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

*BENEDICTION

In the Charge and
Benediction we are assured
of God's peace and blessing;
we seek to follow Christ's
way, sustained by power of
the Holy Spirit. God calls the
church to join the mission
of Christ in service to the
world. As we engage in that
mission, we bear witness to
God's eternal reign.

POSTLUDE

Festal Allegro
Amy Bishop, Organist

J. S. Bach



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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A Place at the Table
A CLASS FOR NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Oct 4, 11, & 18 | 9AM
New Member Sunday, October 25th

sspres.org/membership



KINDERGARTEN THRU 5TH GRADE

Sunday School

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM
CHILDREN'S HALL & YOUTH SUITE
Beginning Sept 20

MISSION:possible

Big hearts. Helping hands.
Kids making a difference.

FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS | SELECT SUNDAYS • 4-6 PM

UPCOMING DATE: Sunday, October 4, 2026
Learn more at sspres.org/children



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It's time for an update.

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SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

Bell Workshop
Beginning Sept 23

Wednesdays | Bell Room
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM

6-Week Workshop
No Experience Necessary!



This Week | September 27 - October 2

Sunday, September 27

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Anniversary Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 5:00 pm **Mystery Youth Group** - Off Campus

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, September 30

- 10:00 am **Hands and Hearts Ministry** - 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
- 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, October 1

- 10:00 am **Womens Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Buildings and Grounds** - John Law

Friday, October 2

Office Closed

 **MAP BOX PACKING**

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OCTOBER 20 | 9AM - 12PM
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MEETING ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!
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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!

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