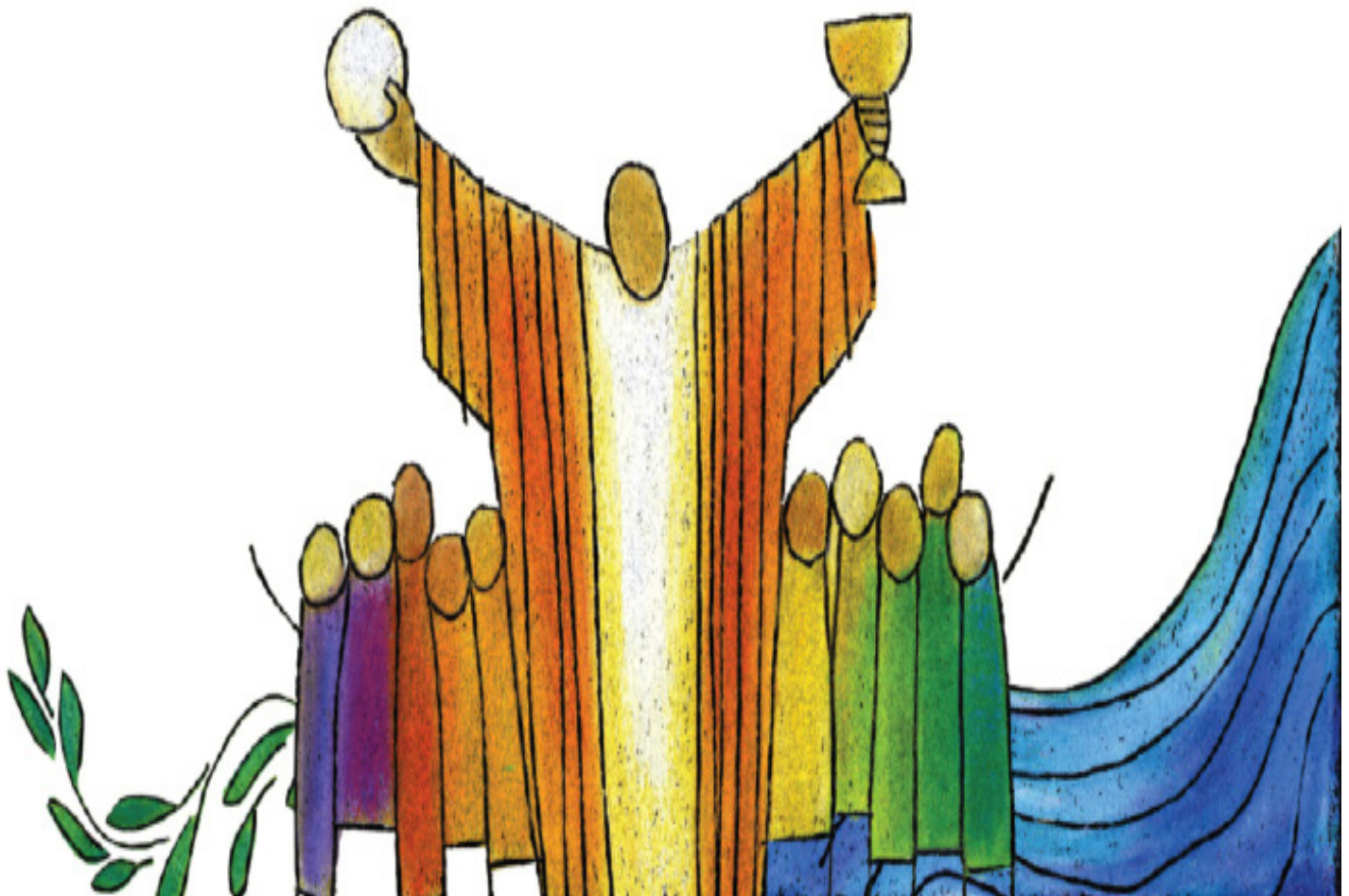


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Body of Christ
Julie Lonneman

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers

Lee Arnold

Kathy Wade

Judy Scarlett

Randy Ellis

Acolyte

Charleston Risi

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.

PROCESSIONAL

The Lord is Beautiful

Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir; Chase Busby, Graham Holland, Liam Holland - Percussion

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

Pictorial Directory Update

Brenda Jones

THREE CHIMES

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

PRELUDE

Gratitude

Guebirt

Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Fred Griffith

One: From many places and many stories, God gathers us together.

All: We come as one people, welcomed by the grace of God.

One: We come to receive what we cannot earn: mercy,
belonging, and love.

All: Freely we have received; freely we are called to give.

One: Around the world, the church gathers at Christ's table—
many languages, many traditions, one body.

**All: There is one bread, one cup, one Lord who welcomes
us all.**

One: Come, let us worship the God whose generosity knows no bounds.

**All: And let us learn to live with open hearts and open
hands.**

* Please stand if able.

World Communion
Sunday is an ecumenical
celebration that happens
on the first Sunday of
every October. Originating
at Pittsburgh's Shadyside
Presbyterian Church in
1933, it is now observed by
churches worldwide as a
sign of Christian unity.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Whit Malone

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, you have given us more than we can name: life and breath, daily bread and sustaining grace, a place at your table and a people with whom to share it. Yet we confess that we often receive your gifts without allowing them to change us. We hold tightly to what you have entrusted to us. We worry there will not be enough. We treat generosity as something admirable rather than a way of life to which you call us. Forgive us, O God. Free us from fear and loosen our grip. Teach us to receive your grace with open hands, and then to offer those same hands in service, generosity, and love. Make us people who reflect the God we proclaim.

Silence for Personal Confession

In Christ's name 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.
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 10:8

pg 1511 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

pg 1801 NT

SERMON

"Freely You Have Received"

Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

from 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!

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

Cantad al Senor
Chancel Ringers

arr. Krug

*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 538

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 320

WAREHAM

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba

South African 1984

Amy Bishop, Organist

Sorrows

Death of Rev. Stephen Nelms

Death of Carroll Williamson,

father of Stacy Wills

Death of Harold Zell,

father of Dickie Zell

Members

Richard Binkney

Joyce Ledingham

Barbara Powers

David Wills

Friends and Family

Sally Brown

Anne Bryan

Colton Marquise

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

Revs. Jann Briscoen & Page Shelton



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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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.

A Place at the Table

A CLASS FOR NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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

sspres.org/membership



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



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](https://sspres.org/events)



Savannah

Day Trip with TSN

OCTOBER 27 | 9AM-4PM

- Michelangelo's Women at Telfair
- Lunch Together Afterwards!

14 Spots Available on the Van!

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 **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!

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This Week | October 4 - 9

Sunday, October 4

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **New Member Class** - Parlor
- 9:30 am **Sunday School Class** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Membership Committee** - Upper Room
- 11:30 am **CE Officers** - Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm **Mission Possible** - Veranda
- 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, October 5

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 10:00 am **Worship and Music** - John Law
- 4:30 pm **M3: Milkshake Monday** - Fuse
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Parlor
- 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 8

- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **Mission Committee** - John Law

Friday, October 9

Office Closed

Chancel Display: The World Communion display was beautifully designed by Suzanne Morrison and given to the glory of God by the Worship and Music Committee.

If your directory photo still looks like this...

It's time for an update.

Scan to upload your current photo.



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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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