Service for the Lord's Day

St. Simons Presbyterian Church



All Saints day II (1911; Munich / Monaco, Germany)
by Wassily Kandinsky

All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2026 | 10:30 am Service

Ushers
Bunnie Lynn
Angie Votsis
Amelia Macauley
William Mansfield
Jerry Hardiman
Acolyte
Charlotte Shewell

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 327 — *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* — LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Chancel Choir

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 — *Angel Tree*
Elyse Stackhouse

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

PRELUDE — *Gift of Finest Wheat* — setting by Jeffrey Honoré
Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP: — Mary Margaret Shiver

One: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!

All: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might.

One: From generation to generation, God's love has been proclaimed and God's faithfulness made known.

All: We give thanks for those who have gone before us, whose lives have helped us know the love of God.

One: Today we gather with the great cloud of witnesses, remembering the faith we have received and the grace that sustains us still.

All: With grateful hearts, let us worship the God whose love endures from generation to generation!

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles … the noble fellowship of prophets … the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.
-PCUSA Book of Common Worship

* Please stand if able.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 326 — *For All the Saints* — SINE NOMINE

Call to Confession

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

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 and faithful God, You have loved us from the beginning and surrounded us with people who have helped us know your love. Through their words and actions, their courage and compassion, their faithfulness in ordinary things, you have passed along to us a gift we could never earn. Yet we confess that we are often quick to forget. We take for granted the faithfulness of those who came before us, and we fail to recognize the ways you continue to work through the people around us. We confess that we do not always love you with our whole hearts, or allow that love to shape the way we live. We become distracted by lesser things and neglect the opportunities before us to share the faith and love we have received. Forgive us, Lord. Root us again in your steadfast love, and teach us to live with such gratitude and generosity that others might come to know your goodness through us.

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.
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Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving (All)

During this prayer, the names of those who have died during the past year will be read by the pastor. Following the reading of the names, a time of silence will be observed, during which you are free to lift up the name(s) of someone in your life who you remember this day, either aloud or in the quiet of your heart.

One: Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change; our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for the saints of all times and places who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us.

All: We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us, who having served you well, now rest from their labors.

One: We thank you for their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice.

All: We thank you for their trust in your mercy and the joy they shared in serving you. By their example, remind us of our calling to continue their faithful work, as we too, walk in the light of your love.

One: God of grace and peace, today we especially remember the saints from among this community who have departed our company over the past year. We rejoice that no one can look upon death and not look beyond it, just as no one can think of night without thinking of the glorious dawn to follow.

All: We rejoice in the security of those whom you have called unto yourself. They go out from us but not into darkness, for they go into the light of your everlasting love.

One: We thank you particularly this day for…
Merciful God, we thank you for their faithful witness, for their courage amidst strife and their hope in the face of death. We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us, those whom we have named and those whom we have lifted in the quiet of our hearts.

All: Continue to inspire us by their faithful witness, O God, that we too might join in bringing your love, justice, mercy, and peace to our world.

One: Eternal God, as we walk this pilgrim way, make our faith firm, our hope clear, and our love pure, that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal. We thank you that by dying, Christ destroyed the power of death, and by rising from the grave, opened the way to eternal life.

All: Help us to know that because he lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.

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 those Pre-k and under are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel.
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Prayer for Illumination

First Reading **Hebrews 12:1-2**
pg 1877 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**
pg 284 OT

Sermon *"A Generous Inheritance"* Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

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.

Offertory *Come, Come, Ye Saints* arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir

*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.

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Prayer List

Joys

Gratitude for Jerry Spencer's design and completion of historic Wright Square in Brunswick

Members

Doug French
Terry Leahey
Mary Lewis
Frances McCrary
Laura O'Callaghan
Betty Lou Schoneker
Johnny Warren

Friends and Family

Tofik Beshir
Kent Binkney and family
Jordan Bond
Rev Burt Cramer
Daphne Griffin
Allyson Jackson
Lou Lodico
Toddy M
Bob Murphy
Eric & Wendy Stephens
Peggy Williams
Lloyd Winans

Long-term Care

Rich Armstrong
Sue Chambless
Claudette French
Marcia Kester
Joyce Ledingham
Dwight Plyler
Barbara Powers
Alison Schueneman
David Stewart
Frances Teel
Mary Tipton
Carrington Wilson
Revs. Jann Briscoe & Page Shelton

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 732 — OLD 104TH

Rejoice in God's Saints

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 730 — GRAND ISLE

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — *Go Your Way With Rejoicing* — Douglas Wagner

Amy Bishop, Organist

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.

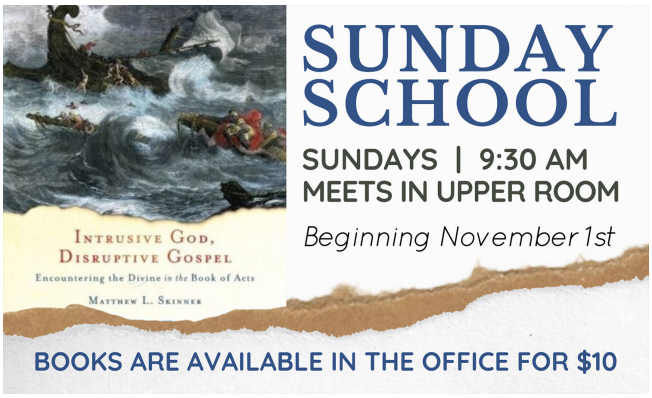
To Aid in Worship. Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.

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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This Week | November 1 - 6

Sunday, November 1
- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Youth Confirmation Class** -Youth Suite
- 9:30 am **Sunday School Class** -Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Youth Mission Trip Interest Meeting** -Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm **Mission Possible** - Veranda
- 4:00 pm **Middle School Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 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, November 2
- 9:00 am **Manna House**- 1408 G Street
- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory Committee** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **M3: Milkshake Monday** - Fuse
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Messiah Practice** - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 3
- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions**- Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** -Upper Room

Wednesday, November 4
- 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 **Chancel Choir**- Sanctuary

Thursday, November 5
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Buildings and Grounds** - John Law

Friday, November 6
- **Office Closed**

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given in honor and loving memory of Rev. Stephen Nelms.



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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

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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
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