Service for the Lord's Day

St. Simons Presbyterian Church



Generosity

Dedication Sunday

November 15, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers
Linda Seierstad
Bonnie Duncan
Chase Busby
Matt Lemke
Lisa Silva
Acolyte
Teagan Neill

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* — Douglas Wagner
Chancel Choir & Trumpet

GATHERING WORDS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

Worship begins as we prepare ourselves to come before God, hopefully, before we come to the sanctuary. As we enter, it is good to greet each other... until the introit when we are called to attend to the service. It is right to remember, in worship, God is our audience. The work we do together is meant to glorify God in grateful thanksgiving.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY — *Thanksgiving Breakfast*
Michael Johnson

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

PRELUDE — *Now Thank We All Our God* — Karg-Elert
Amy Bishop, Organist & Chancel Ensemble: Ed Jackson, Anne Marie Stirewalt - Trumpets; Judy Foster - Clarinet; Mike Morgan - French Horn; John Simmons - Trombone; Mike Bradberry - Tuba

*CALL TO WORSHIP: — Mary Margaret Shiver

One: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors, forever and ever.

All: Yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, and the majesty.

One: Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you. All that we have and all that we are comes from your generous hand.

All: We give you thanks, O God, and praise your glorious name.

One: The God who began a good work among us is faithful to bring it to completion.

All: With grateful hearts, we offer our praise and dedicate our lives to God.

* Please stand if able.

*Opening Hymn 35 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Mark Hayes

Congregation, Chancel Choir & Chancel Ensemble

1. ***Congregation & Choir: watch director for cues***
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; praise Him in glad adoration.
2. *Choir*
3. *Choir*
4. *Choir Interlude*
5. ***Congregation & Choir:***
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him?
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.

In our life of worship, music can be a powerful presentation and interpretation of the scripture, a response to the gospel, or a prayer offered.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (All)

Generous God, you have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve, yet we confess that we do not always live with grateful hearts. We hold tightly to what we have, forgetting that all things come from you. We allow fear and uncertainty to limit our generosity, and we sometimes place our own comfort ahead of the needs of others. Forgive us when we forget that you have invited us to share in your good work. Renew our trust in your faithfulness, open our hearts to the needs of the world, and teach us to offer ourselves freely and faithfully in response to your love.

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 List

Joys

Birth of William
Grady Sampogna
Marriage of Hart & Natalie Warner

Sorrows

Death of Betty Lou Schonecker

Members

Richard Armstrong
Hunter Callaway
Laura O'Callaghan
Barbara Powers
Rodger Schoneker
Lisa, Santo, Min, & Parker Silva
John Thompson

Friends and Family

Tofik Beshir
Jordan Bond
Lamar and Beverly Booth
Daphne Griffin
Allyson Jackson
Bobbi Kettelkamp
Family of Donna Maxwell
Bob Murphy
Sharon Richmond
Eric & Wendy Stephens
Lloyd Winans

Long-term Care

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING **Philippians 1:3-11**
pg 1825 NT

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

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me* K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING **1 Chronicles 29:10-18**
pg 671 OT

SERMON *"Every Good Gift"* Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL) Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 — *Songs of Thanksgiving* — Douglas Wagner
Chancel Ensemble

*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 652 — *A Grateful Heart* — ROCKINGHAM

Commitment Card Presentation

During the singing of the last hymn you are invited to bring your commitment card to the table. Commitments can also be made online using the QR code to the right. Please ask an usher for assistance if so needed.

*Benediction

Postlude — *The Rejoicing* — G. F. Handel
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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Advent Calendar

NOVEMBER 18 Advent Festival • 5PM

NOVEMBER 26 Thanksgiving Breakfast• 8AM

NOVEMBER 29 First Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 29 Angel Tree Gifts Due

DECEMBER 2 PW Christmas Luncheon • 11:30AM
Santa Express Gifts Due

DECEMBER 5 Handel's Messiah • 3PM
Golden Isles Community Messiah Chorus

DECEMBER 6 Second Sunday of Advent
KidZ Singing • 10:30AM
Handel's Messiah • 3PM
Golden Isles Community Messiah Chorus
Caroling Caravan • 5:30PM

DECEMBER 13 Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Cantata (Choir & Orchestra) • 10:30AM
Please note that there is only one worship service on this day
Christmas Bake Sale • 11:30AM

DECEMBER 17 Lessons & Carols at Marsh's Edge • 4PM

DECEMBER 18 Live Nativity • 6PM & 7PM
Youth Lock-In • 8PM

DECEMBER 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Longest Night Service • 7PM

DECEMBER 24 Children & Family (Nativity Tableau) • 4PM
Candles & Carols • 5:30PM
Candlelight & Communion • 9PM

For detailed information on events,
please visit our website at sspres.org/events











This Week | November 15 - 20

Sunday, November 15
- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 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 16
- 5:00 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Messiah Practice** - John Law

Tuesday, November 17
- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions**- Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:00 am **MAP Packing** - 4700 Glynco Pwky
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Leadership Council** -John Law
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, November 18
- 10:00 am **Grief Group**- Parlor
- 10:00 am **Early Music Ensemble**- Rhonda's Office
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study**- Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul**-John Law
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble**- Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Advent Festival**- Social Hall
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers**- Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner**- Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir**- Sanctuary

Thursday, November 19
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** -Upper Room

Friday, November 20
- **Office Closed**

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Anne Marie Stirewalt to the Glory of God in memory of our mothers, Bonnie Stembridge and Tina Stirewalt whose birthdays were November 15th and November 14th.

Christian Celebration: We share in the celebration with Rachel and James Sampogna and grandparents Karen and Tod Welsh on the birth of their son and grandson, William Grady Sampogna, who joined us on Wednesday, November 4. The rose on the Chancel honors William Grady.

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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

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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