Service for the Lord's Day

St. Simons Presbyterian Church



The Fruits of the Spirit
Anne Caswell

Children's Sunday

October 25, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers
Anne Aspinwall
Kathleen Haller
Elizabeth Shewell
Bettye Russell
Sean Hildago
Acolyte
Ansel Owens

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 — *Welcome to a Place of Hope; Church Friends* — Mark Burrows
Preschool Choir, Iris Ellis, Accompanist

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 — *Fall Festival*
Ada Owens

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

PRELUDE — *Praise God! Psalm 150* — Toni Sullivan
Children's Choirs; Rhonda Hambright, Director; Iris Ellis, Accompanist

Today is Children's Sunday! We welcome many of our children as they lead us in worship. We give thanks to God for Children's Ministry at Saint Simons Presbyterian and in the world!

*CALL TO WORSHIP: — Evelyn Hughey

One: Good morning, church! No matter how old or young we are,
God welcomes us all!
All: We are all God's children, and we all belong!
One: God gives us love to share, joy to celebrate,
and peace to carry into the world.
All: God's Spirit is growing good things in us!
One: Sometimes we are patient and kind.
Sometimes we still have a lot to learn!
All: But God keeps loving us and helping us grow!
One: So let's lift our voices, open our hearts, and worship God together!
All: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 188 — *Jesus Loves Me!* — JESUS LOVES ME

* Please stand if able.

CALL TO CONFESSION — Jack Callaway

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Loving God, thank you for helping us grow. We know that sometimes we make mistakes. We lose our patience. We say things that hurt other people. We forget to be kind, and we don't always share what we have. Sometimes we think only about ourselves instead of noticing what others need. Forgive us, God. Help us grow in love, joy, peace, and kindness. Teach us to be patient, gentle, and faithful. Remind us that we don't have to be perfect, because you are always with us, helping us grow.

Silence for Personal Confession

Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen**.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE — Jack Callaway & HenryWills

God loves us even when we make mistakes. God forgives us, gives us a fresh start, and keeps helping us grow. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon proclaims God's faithfulness. Our lives are redeemed by the saving grace of God— the Gospel in miniature. God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

*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

MUSICAL MESSAGE

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Directed by Dara Davis and Rhonda Hambright

Iris Ellis, Pianist

Cast: Narrator 1 – Ben Rhodes; Narrator 2 – Drew Turner; Emma – Olivia Lee; Mia – Elle Blenkinsop; Charlie – Ansel Owens; Sam – Christopher Kavanaugh; LOVE – Charlotte Shewell; JOY – Asa Owens; PEACE - Shep Stroberg; PATIENCE - Augusta Bryson; KINDNESS – Henry Wills; GOODNESS – Evelyn Hughey; FAITHFULNESS – Jack Callaway; GENTLENESS – Lanier Cannon; SELF-CONTROL – Lee Stroberg

WHAT ARE WE GROWING?

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT — Anonymous

Children's Choir

Well, The fruit of the spirit's not a coconut. The fruit of the spirit's not a coconut. If you wanna be a coconut, you might as well hear it. You can't be a fruit of the spirit. 'Cause the fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Oh, the fruit of the spirit's not a banana……
Oh, the fruit of the spirit's not a watermelon……
Oh, the fruit of the spirit's not an orange…….
Oh, the fruit of the spirit's not a strawberry…….
Oh, the fruit of the spirit's not a grape……..

A special thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who help with Children's ministries and events throughout the year!

MAKING GOOD CHOICES

CHOICES — Mark Burrows

Children's Choir

We have choices 1,2, 3. Which one should we choose?
When we choose God from the start, no way we can lose.
Ch-ch-ch-ch choices. Ch-ch-ch-ch choices.
Let's join our voices, and make good choices.
Ch-ch-ch-ch choices. Ch-ch-ch-ch choices.
All the girls and boyses can make good choices.

"I WANT TO GROW!"

PATIENCE — Mark Burrows

Children's Choir

Patience. Patience. Patience. Patience. It's a state of mind to celebrate.
Patience. Patience. Patience. Patience. The best things in life are worth the wait.
Waitin' for your turn in line. Patience. Patience. Patience. Patience.
Waitin' for your time to shine. Pa-------tience. Pa-------tience.
Patience. Patience. Patience. Patience. It's a state of mind to celebrate.
Patience. Patience. Patience. Patience. The best things in life are worth the wait.
Though the journey may be long. Patience. Patience. Patience. Patience.
Every step with make you strong. Pa-------tience. Pa-------tience.

WHAT DOES THE FRUIT LOOK LIKE?

DO TO OTHERS — Mark Burrows

Children's Choir

Do, Do, Do, Do to others. Do, Do, Do, Do to others.
Do, Do, Do, Do to others. As you would have them do to you.
Doot, doot, doot, Doo bee doo, Doot, doot, doot, Doo bee doo.

GROWING TAKES TIME

CHANGE — Mark Burrows

Children's Choir

From acorn to oak tree, from tadpole to frog,
From raindrop to river, from puppy to dog;
God made us all special, but one thing we know,
We've all gotta change in order to grow
Change Change Change. God made us for change.
And life would be so strange if nothin' ever changed.

Some changes are easy, some changes are tough.
Some changes convince us that we've had enough.
From season to season, from night into day.
God's love will be with us each step of the way.
Change Change Change. God made us for change.
And life would be so strange if nothin' ever changed.

THE MESSAGE

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT — Carol Huffman Dickerson

Children's Choir

I am growing in the Spirit growing to be more like Jesus in ev'ry way,
I am growing in the Spirit, growing to be more like Him each day.
I am growing in the Spirit growing to be more like Jesus in ev'ry way,
I am growing in the Spirit, growing to be more like Him each day.
Growing in love and joy, peace and patience and kindness,
Goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
I am growing in the Spirit growing to be more like Jesus in ev'ry way,
I am growing in the Spirit, growing to be more like Him each day.
Jesus, help me grow more like you each day.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Olivia Lee

FIRST READING — **Psalm 1:1-3** — Christopher Kavanaugh

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — **Galatians 5:22-26** — Elle Blenkinsop

pg 1816 NT

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

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL) — Lee Stroberg

A simple affirmation for Children's Sunday, inspired by Galatians 5:22–23.

One: Who made us and loves us?

All: God made us, and God loves us!

One: Who shows us how to love one another?

All: Jesus Christ, who welcomes us and calls us his friends!

One: Who helps us grow in faith?

All: The Holy Spirit, who is always at work in us!

One: What does God's Spirit grow in our lives?

All: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control!

One: And how will we share these gifts?

All: By loving God, caring for one another, and sharing God's love with the world! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Prayer List

Members

Doug French
Terry Leahey
Joyce Ledingham
Bunnie Lynn
Frances McCrary
Johnny Warren

Friends and Family

Tofik Beshir
Kent Binkney and family
Jordan Bond
Sally Brown
Daphne Griffin
Rob Kelly
Toddy M
Colton Marquise
Sarah Scott
Eric & Wendy Stephens
Ken Trobaugh
Peggy Williams
Lloyd Winans
Doug Wolfe

Long-term Care

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

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.**

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

Call to Offering — Asa Owens

Offertory — *Jesus Loves the Little Children/Praise Him, Praise Him* — arr. Bishop
Amy Bishop, Organist

*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.

Reception of New Members

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Prayer of Dedication — Lanier Cannon

*Hymn of Dedication 36 — AR HYD Y NOS
For the Fruit of All Creation

*Benediction — Molly Robinson and Annie Thaw

*Choral Response — *May God Bless Us and Keep Us* — Katie Houts
Children's Choirs

May God bless us and keep us as we go on our way,
For we know that God loves us and guides us every day.
May we love and serve our family, our enemies and our friends.
May God bless us and keep us 'til we meet again.

Postlude — *How Majestic is Your Name* — arr. John Carter
Amy Bishop, Organist

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 | October 25 - 30

Sunday, October 25

8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
9:00 am **Youth Confirmation Class** - Youth Suite
9:00 am **New Members Class** - Britt Room
9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
11:45 am **Lemonade on the Lawn** - Front Lawn
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 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - Chick-fil-A SSI
9:00 am **TSN Trip to Savannah** - Meet in Church Parking
9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
10:00 am **PW Leadership Council** - John Law

Wednesday, October 28

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
5:00 pm **Fall Festival** - Front Drive
5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
6:45 pm **Bells Workshop** - Bell Room
6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

Office Closed
1:00 pm **Memorial Service for Stephen Nelms** - Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Dwight Plyler in loving memory of Caroline Plyler.