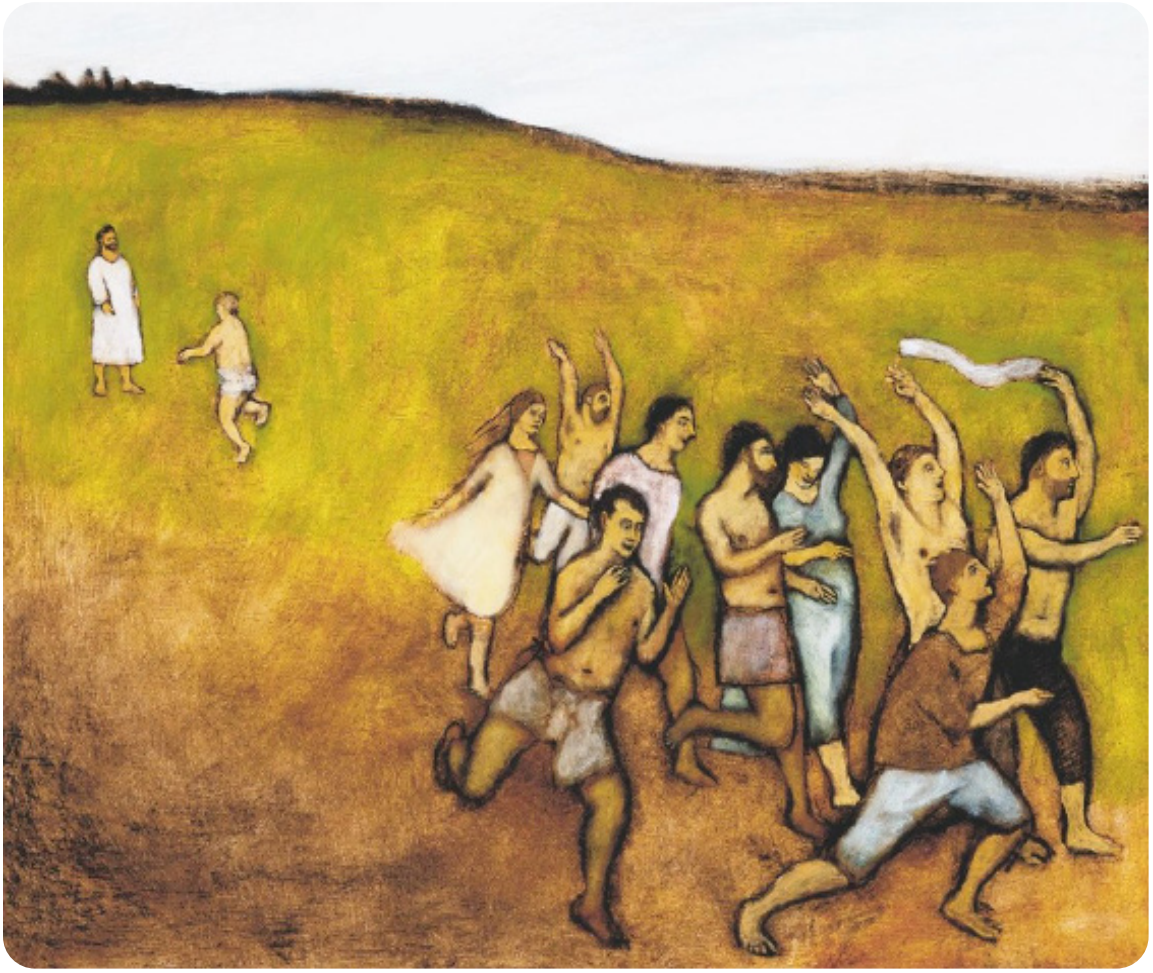
Service for the Lord's Day

St. Simons Presbyterian Church



Ten Lepers Healed
Brian Kershisnik

Christ the King

November 22, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers
Tom Alexander
Linda Gilsrud
Tim Gilsrud
Anna Henry
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 — *Give Thanks* — Douglas Wagner
Chancel Choir

GATHERING WORDS

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

Today is Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) Sunday. This day on the liturgical calendar centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. Christ's truth judges falsehood. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

MINUTE FOR MISSION — *Thanksgiving Breakfast* — Jim Bishop

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

PRELUDE — *Celtic Thanksgiving* — Linda R. Lamb
Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP: — Becky Livingston

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us,
and we belong to God.
All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
All: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.
Let us worship God together!

* Please stand if able.

*OPENING HYMN 367 — *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* — ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Call to Confession

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

In words of scripture the people are called to confess the reality of sin in personal and common life. Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we humbly confess our sin. The assurance of God's forgiving grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, God raises us to new life.
-Book of Common Worship

Prayer of Confession (All)

Generous and gracious God, your goodness surrounds us, yet so often we fail to notice it. We take your gifts for granted, become consumed by what we lack, and hurry through our days without giving thanks. Forgive us for the ways we lose sight of you. Open our eyes to the abundance of your grace, and turn our hearts again toward you, that our lives might be filled with gratitude and our worship with joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

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
Death of Barbara Powers

Members

Hunter Callaway
Jane Day
Doug French
Bob Harper
Rodger Schoneker
Lisa, Santo, Min, & Parker Silva
John Thompson

Friends and Family

Tofik Beshir
Lamar and Beverly Booth
Allyson Jackson
Bobbi Kettelkamp
Toddy M
Family & friends of
Barbara Powers
Sharon Richmond
Ken Trobaugh

Long-term Care

Rich Armstrong
Sue Chambless
Claudette French
Marcia Kester
Mary Lewis
Joyce Ledingham
Alison Schueneman
David Stewart
Frances Teel
Mary Tipton
Carrington Wilson
Rev.s Jann Briscoe and Page Shelton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING **Psalm 100:1-5**
pg 937 OT

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

ANTHEM *Let All Things Now Living* Traditional Welsh, K. Davis
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING **Luke 17:11-19**
pg 1627 NT

SERMON *"Our Greatest Joy"* Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL) Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 86

We believe that we are redeemed by God's grace through Jesus Christ, not through any merit of our own. Christ renews us through the Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole lives we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that God may be glorified through us. 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 — *Make a Joyful Noise* — Mary McDonald
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.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 363 — DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — *"Old Hundredth"* — Louis Bourgeois
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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2027 Generosity Campaign

OPERATING BUDGET
$1,900,000

Update as of November 20, 2026

Amount Pledged: $728,940.28 or **38%** of our Operating Budget.

Number of Pledges: 119

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment for 2027! If you haven't yet pledged, we invite you to read our 2027 Ministry Investment Report and make your pledge online or use a pledge card in your pew. sspres.org/giving

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 22 - 27

Sunday, November 22

8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations

10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, November 23

6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, November 24

No Activities Scheduled for This Date

Wednesday, November 25

No Activities Scheduled for This Date

Thursday, November 26

Office Closed

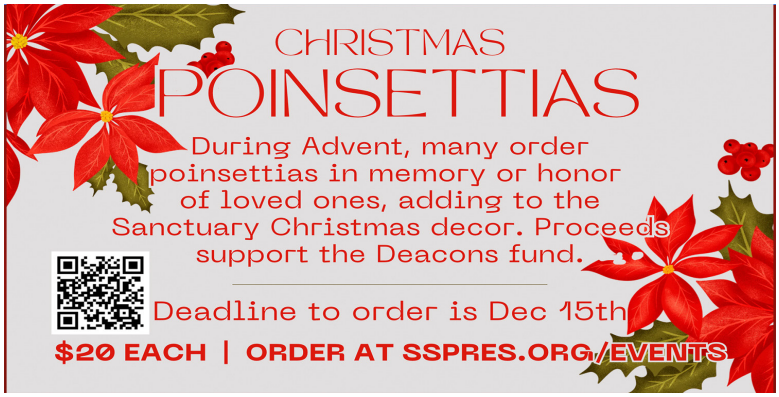
8:00 am **Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast** -Social Hall

Friday, November 27

Office Closed

Chancel Display: The Cornucopia of Plenty was beautifully designed by Suzanne Morrison and given to the glory of God by the Worship and Music Committee. The bible used in the display was given in loving memory of Edward Lee Thompson by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Reddic, Jr.

Santa Express: Please drop off your Santa Express gifts for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia in the church office by Wednesday, December 2. Thank you for helping spread Christmas cheer! Find details at sspres.org/events.



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Elders

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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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