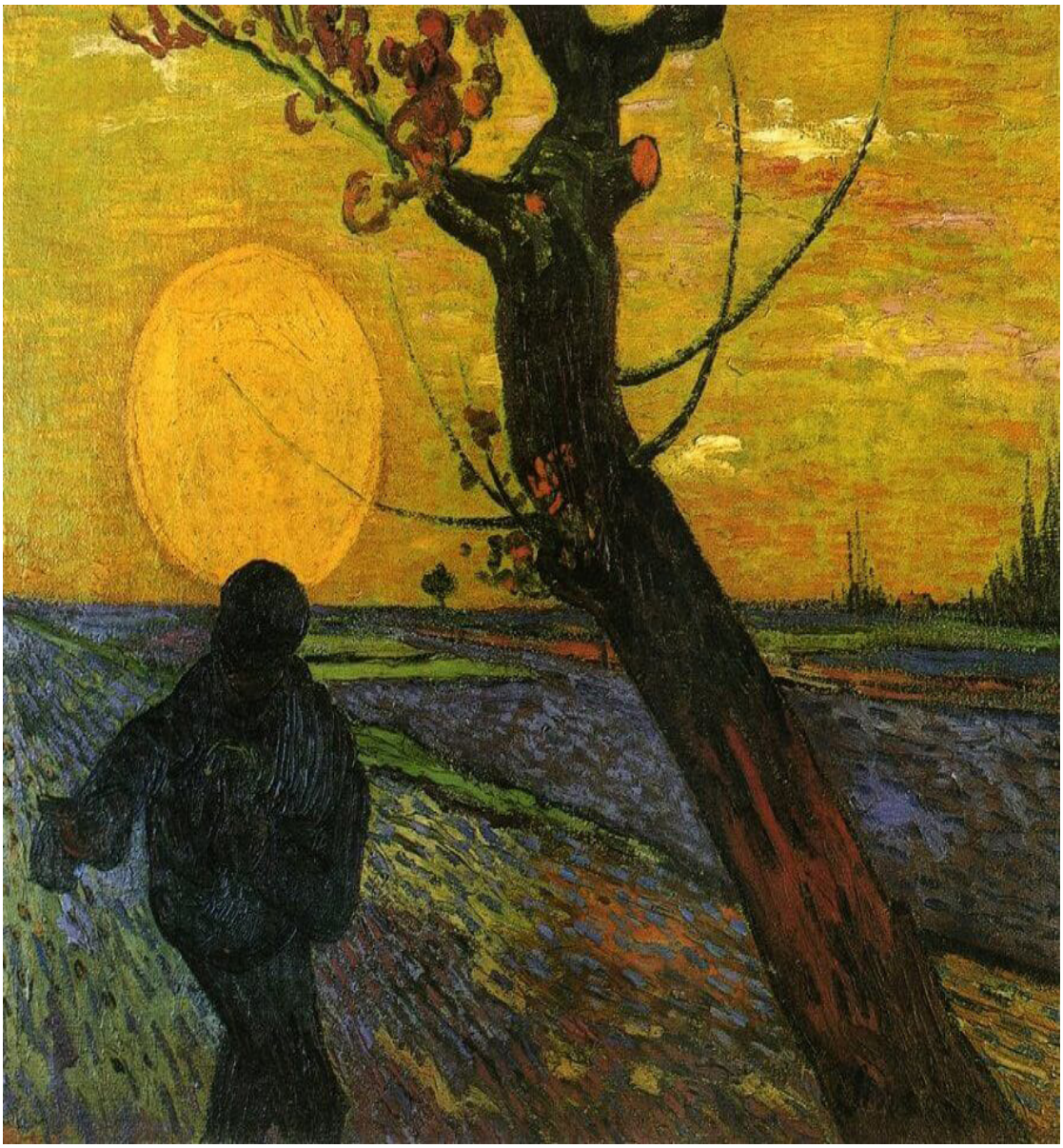
Service for the Lord's Day

St. Simons Presbyterian Church



The Sower, 1889
Vincent Van Gogh

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers
Lee Arnold
Gail Dingerson
Tim Darrah
Mark Gordon
Lucinda Gordon
Acolyte
Elle Blenkinsop

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.

Each worship service at St. Simons Presbyterian is an opportunity for growth in our relationship with God and others. We value all people and after the service invite you to introduce yourself to those around you and get to know them.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY — *Generosity Campaign*
The Johnson Family

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

PRELUDE — *O God Beyond All Praising* — arr. David Lasky
Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP: — Tom Alexander

One: Come, let us worship the God whose grace is abundant, whose goodness knows no end.

All: We come with grateful hearts, for all that we have is a gift from God.

One: God has blessed us with more than we can measure and called us to share in the work of love.

All: May our lives bear witness to God's generosity.

One: Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving and praise.

All: For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is to all generations.

* Please stand if able.

*OPENING HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* — MIT FREUDEN ZART

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)

Gracious and generous God, you have blessed us with gifts beyond our counting, yet we confess that we do not always live with grateful hearts. We hold tightly to what we have, worry about what we might lose, and forget that everything we possess has first come from you. We are sometimes reluctant to share, slow to recognize the needs of others, and hesitant to trust in the abundance of your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Free us from the fear that there will not be enough, and teach us to live with open hands and generous hearts. May our gratitude find expression not only in our words, but in the ways we love and serve your world.

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 for Illumination

First Reading **Isaiah 58:6-12**
pg 1153 OT

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

Anthem *What the World Needs Now* David & Bacharach/arr. Shaw
Chancel Choir & Staff Members

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**
pg 1803 NT

Sermon *"Love Made Visible"* Rev. Dr. Rachel Rhodes

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) 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 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!"**

**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 — *The Gift of Love* — John Carter
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 655 — MARTYRDON

What Shall I Render to the Lord

*Benediction

Postlude — *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* — arr. Joel Raney
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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Prayer List

Sorrows
Death of Betty Lou Schonecker

Members
Richard Armstrong
Laura O'Callaghan
Mary Lewis
Rodger Schoneker
Lisa, Santo, & Parker Silva
John Thompson

Friends and Family
Tofik Beshir
Jordan Bond
Lamar and Emily Booth
Rev Burt Cramer
Daphne Griffin
Allyson Jackson
Bobbi Kettelkamp
Toddy M
Family of Donna Maxwell
Bob Murphy
Sharon Richmond
Eric & Wendy Stephens
Peggy Williams
Lloyd Winans

Long-term Care
Sue Chambless
Claudette French
Marcia Kester
Joyce Ledingham
Barbara Powers
Dwight Plyler
Alison Schueneman
David Stewart
Frances Teel
Mary Tipton
Carrington Wilson
Rev.s Jann Briscoe and Page Shelton

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 Glynco 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.

:: Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel
By Matthew L. Skinner
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.











This Week | November 8 -13

Sunday, November 8
- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Youth Confirmation Class** - Youth Suite
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Montreat Youth Interest Meeting** - Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm **Middle School Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **High School Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Middle School Youth** - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm **Youth Dinner** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **High School Youth** - Youth Suite

Monday, November 9
- 9:30 am **Worship and Music** - John Law
- 10:30 am **Pictorial Directory** - Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Betty Lou Schoneker Service** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Messiah Practice** - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 10
- 7:00 am **Youth Devotions** - SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 10:00 am **PW - Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Britt Room
- 4:00 pm **PW Afternoon Delights** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Anna Henry's Home

Wednesday, November 11
Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- 10:00 am **Hands and Hearts** - Music Attic
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 12
- 9:00 am **Congregational Care** -John Law
- 10:00 am **Womens Bible Study** -Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **Mission Committee** -Upper Room

Friday, November 13
Office Closed

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Hank, Liz, and Will Ream and Jack and Jennifer Avera in loving memory of Henry P. Ream III.



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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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Lynn Goldblatt
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