

WORSHIP OF GOD

St. Simons

United Methodist



A FESTIVAL of

Christmas

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON

December 12, 2021

10:30 AM • Sanctuary 624 Ocean Boulevard • St. Simons Island, GA 31522

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Where Love is Unconditional Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently

A Note from the Music Ministry

The music ministry is blessed to lead worship today. We are thankful for a supportive staff, administrative body and congregation that find value in music and honor the importance it has in worship for this service, and every Sunday here at St. Simons United Methodist. We have been preparing for months and have prayed over this special music multiple times. We prayed that you will receive a blessing from today's performance. Thank you to everyone who made extra donations to the music ministry. These donations supplement the budget to allow us to have a beautiful orchestra for these special occasions. We are even more thankful for each donation this year. We are excited to celebrate the Lord's birth today and worship in spirit and truth with you. Glory to God!

Today's Participants

Chancel Choir

DuWayne Anderson Sondra Anderson Diane Baldwin Ron Bateman Lawrence Bridges Leslie Cardin Robert Carroll Laura Edenfield Ina Engel Dan Erdman John Havnes Martine Haynes Marsha Hendrix Robert Jenkins Heather Keefer Fred Kopp Lynn Kopp

Holly Lamb Hope Lamb Jim Lee **Rosemary Longmire** Mike Martin Barbara Milliken Chuck Milliken Carol Norton Mike Pickett Arthur Pittman John Rentz Nancy Rentz Gail Rivard Jennifer Robinson Stan Robinson Nancy Rozier Judy Smith

Melinda Smith Marilyn Steiner Neal Steiner Ken Taylor Pam Taylor Mary Varnell Bo Vice Pat Walker Lee Watkins Greg Watson Dee West Tom White

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music

Special Thank you to Nancy Rozier for lyric transcription

Orchestra

Susan Magg, flute Alex Hernandez, clarinet Brian Urso, trumpet Brian Tomlinson, trumpet Matt Monroe, horn Derek Kwong, trombone Nate Lee, trombone Bill Cain, percussion Judy Steinmeyer, violin AJ Pullium, violin II Jessye Russom, viola Alex Downs, cello Sondra Anderson, piano Emri Comer, organ

Narrators

Tom Jones, Pastor Richard Soper, Associate Pastor



Welcome

Call to Worship

Christmas Angels

Tenor Solo: Neil Steiner Children's Duet: Croft Jones, Ava Wilson

Christmas Angels sing all around us, spread good tidings over the earth, Telling of the Child in the manger born; He is the King of Kings. Chancel Choir Orchestra arr. David T. Clydesdale ©1988 Word Music

Rev. Richard Soper

King of Glory, Hope for all nations, Sent to earth to save and redeem Prince of peace, behold and adore; the son of God has come to set us free. Celebrate the birth of messiah; he's the savior, king, the lord of all. Hosannah in the highest! Joy to the world! Sing Joy!

Lighting of the Advent Candle Ca

Candle of Joy

* Congregational Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Special Music

The First Noel

Chancel Choir Orchestra Arr. Dan Forrest ©2009 Beckenhorst Press

The first noel. The angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far. And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Born is the king of Israel! Noel! **Meyers Family**

ADESTE FIEDELES

Morning Prayer



* Congregational Carol Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Offertory Prayer

Richard Soper

Offertory

Overture

Message in Music

Christmas, Sing Noel!

Sing we all noel! The glory of the lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. Sing we all noel!

O Come, Emmanuel

Soloist: Hope Lamb

O come, o come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel That mourns in lowly exile here, until the son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel!

O come thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice!

MENDELSSOHN

This Joyful Christmas Day

When the men of olden days to the king of kings gave praise, With the sound of fife and drum: turelurelu, Patapatapan, With the sound of drum to the king of kings gave praise.

God and all are now become as one through Mary's son. Let us play the fife and drum! To the son of God, give praise.

On Christmas day all Christians Sing to hear the news the angels bring: News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth. Then why should we on earth be sad when our redeemer made us glad, When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? Then let us all rejoice and sing on Christmas Day in the morning!

The Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious sing of old, From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious king," The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing. Gloria! Gloria!

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its babel sounds, the blessed angels sing. Gloria, in excelsis deo!

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, See the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia!

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the lofty skies, He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim. Alleluia!

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine, Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this. Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia!

The Snow Lay on the Ground

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, When Christ our lord was born on Christmas night. Venite Adoremus Dominum. And thus the manger poor became a throne, for he whom Mary bore was God the son. O come then, let us join the heavenly host to praise the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Venite Adoremus Dominum.





O Holy Night Soloist: Holly Lamb

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! Oh night divine, when Christ was born. Christ is the lord! O praise his name forever! His power and glory ever more proclaim! O holy night!

Noel

Noel, noel, born is the king of Israel. Noel. And by the light of that same star three wise came from the country far, To seek a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly lord, Who hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with his blood our life hath bought! Noel! Born is the king of Israel, noel!

Go Tell the News!

Tell the news! Tell the world the news of great Joy! Tell the good news to all the world that Jesus Christ is Born! Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come; Let Earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, That Jesus Christ is born. Tell the news to every nation on this blessed, glorious morn; Tell it out with joy abounding, Jesus Christ the Lord is born! God has touched the earth from heaven, sent his son this holy night. Let us go and share his glory, walking in the truth and light!

Benediction

Tom Jones

Postlude



Youth: Holly Jolly MYF at Jekyll

Sunday, December 12 | 4:30 – 7:30 PM

Come join us at Jekyll Island for Frosty the Snowman Drive-In Movie, Food in the Village and a drive through the lights together! It's not too late to join us or you can meet us there! Let Heather know ASAP!

UMW Pecans

If you placed a pecan order with the UMW they may be picked up in the church office located on the second floor of the Stubbs Building. The church office is open Monday– Thursday 8:30AM-4:00PM. If you need assistances, please call the office and we will bring your pecans downstairs to you– **912.638.3317.** There are extra pecans available for purchase!

Memorials | Honorariums to SSUMC

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF :

Margie & Don Varnadoe by : Betty Oliver & Robert Fischer

Jimmy Bankston: Betty Oliver & Robert Fischer

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals: New Prayer Concerns:

Vicky Adams, Thomas Benefield, Leslie Cardin, Genea Conner, Garrison Delaney, Houston & Emily Dixon, Stephanie Watson Downey, Gerry Egger, Family of Weyman Frazier, Dotsy Fuller, Emma H., Jonathan Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Land, Janet Lundin, Maggie & Myla Luken, Marna McGahan, Kitty McKinstry, Sharon Mitchell, Mary Morrell, Lynn Mulligan, Clif Pease, Donald Rewis & Family, Margot Rhea, Bonnie Roberts, Toni Stoval, Ward Sweat, Whit Watson, Friends & Family of Dawn West

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Carolyn Bruce, Beth Carey, Madge Comer, **Lanier Dobrenic**, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Connie Hallowes, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Amelia Lasater, Ellie Leroux, Bill Lukitsch, Sandee Lukitsch, **Mike Martin**, Ken McCauley, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Ann & Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, Mable Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Our community, Hope 1312 Collective, Foster Love, Parkinson Support Group, SSUMC Church Staff and programs

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoe

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds Senior Care: Anne Pinson

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. BOLDED names indicate a new addition or current concern.

Advent Mission: Giving Trees

Salvation Army | Hope 1312 | FaithWorks

The Advent Mission Challenge is brought to you by our SSUMC Missions Committee. This Season we will support 3 Ministries, each by an individual Christmas Giving Tree. Each tree in the Gholson Room will have either gift ornaments or gift tags representing a need. You can bring your gifts back to the appropriate tree or to the church office. The deadline for Hope 1312 Collective and FaithWorks is Sunday, December 19. Thank you to all who have given to the Mission Giving Trees.

Position Available

Director of Student Ministries | St. Simons UMC

We are seeking a full-time Director of Student Ministries to become a part of our incredible ministry team. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Anne Frazier, Church Administrator. A copy of the job description is posted on the website at click on the <u>About Us</u> tab. **anne@stsimonsumc.com | www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/**

Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be ordered through Tuesday, December 14

Join us in placing poinsettias in the Sanctuary and Chapel to Celebrate the Birth of Christ. They will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 19 and go home after the 11:00 am worship service that day! The cost of each poinsettia is \$22. You may designate them in memory of, in honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Look for envelopes in the pew racks or contact the church office. **anne@stsimonsumc.com | 912.638.3317**



Elevator

Thank you for your patience while we have been without a functioning elevator in our Stubbs Building to access our Youth, Children and Office spaces these past few months. The elevator will be repaired and updated in the near future, but supply delays are affecting our timeline. If you need any assistance, please contact our office before using the stairs. **912.638.3317**

Christmas Meal

December 25 | 12:00noon | Thorpe Building

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Meal on Christmas Day in the Thorpe Building.

The turkey, ham, dressings and tea will be provided. Please bring a dish to share— either a side or dessert! Reservations: anne@stsimonsumc.com | 912.638.3317

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 12

10:30 AM	A Festival of Christmas Service, Sanctuary
4:30 PM	MYF Holly Jolly Jekyll, Jekyll Island
	*Nursery Available: Birth - 4 Years for above worship service
	All Services Streamed Live

Monday, December 13

9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor

11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, Thorpe Building

Tuesday, December 14

8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, Room 203 10:00 AM Faithful- Advent Study, Room 201 10:30 AM UMW Circle 2, Parlor 11:15 AM Worship Planning - Staff, Youth Room Oglethorpe Elementary School Program, Sanctuary 6:00 PM Wednesday, December 15 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, Parlor 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, Thorpe Building 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Thursday, December 16 6:00 PM Search Team Meeting, Parlor Friday, December 17 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, Thorpe Building 4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary Saturday, December 18 5:00 PM Wedding, Sanctuary

Attendance- December 5

8:30 Worship Service: 108 11:00 Worship Service: 164 Sunday School/Small Groups: 121 9:45 Worship Service: 57 Online Worship Views: 104

Members in Ministry- December 12

10:30am

Ushers: Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Hansen, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Park Randall Rehberg, Phil Shinall, Charles Taylor Greeters: Jamie Wiles, Susan Pope

Projection: Ashley Swann

Acolytes: Croft Jones & Ava Wilson

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at <u>www.stimonsumc.com</u> and click on the Giving tab. December 5, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$30,630.00 Received YTD | \$1,006,411.36 Expenses YTD | \$1,024,723.71 Difference YTD | \$1,024,723.5 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,096,527.96 Building Fund YTD | \$18,446.00

thank you

End of Year Giving

Contributions for 2021 and Holiday Office Hours

The Finance Committee of St. Simons UMC is so thankful to those who have contributed to our church this year! Your giving has been a blessing to the church and its mission and ministry in this community and beyond. If you need to complete your pledge for 2021 or are preparing a year end gift to the church, please note that gifts must be received by the church postmarked no later than December 31 to be included in 2021 giving statements.

The office will be OPEN 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM on December 20-22 and open the following week on December 28-30.

The Church Office will be CLOSED: December 23, 27 & January 3.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Tom Jones

678.343.3767 | tom@stsimonsumc.com

Connect With Us!

There are many ways to connect with SSUMC. Fill out a blue Prayer Card, a yellow Welcome Card, Sign the Pew Pad as they are passed (and pass it back when it reaches the end of your pew). Call or Email us to join REALM – our online community where you can stay connected. Thank you for joining us!

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