### **Welcome to Worship**

During this season of Advent, we have turned our attention to the news. It was easy for us to agree that much of the daily news we hear is bad news. But we have been reminded that no matter how overwhelming the news may seem, as a people of faith we can wake-up to the good news - Christ has come!

As we gather for worship on this Christmas Eve may we never grow weary in the celebration of Jesus' birth. Trust that the bad news we hear is but for a moment in time – God's message of love, hope, joy, and peace is forever!

Wake-up to the good news - Jesus Christ is born!

Let heaven and earth rejoice on this holy night!

Merry Christmas!

### **Sundays at St Simons UMC**

If you do not have a church home of your own, the invitation is always open for you to worship with us. Each Sunday morning, we have traditional services at 8:30am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary. At 9:45am there is a contemporary service in the Chapel. Also, at 9:45 we offer Sunday School classes and Small Groups. All are welcome! For more information, please visit our website at <a href="mailto:stsimonsumc.com">stsimonsumc.com</a>.

# **Holy Communion/Candle Lighting**

Pre-packaged communion cups and candles may be picked-up as you enter the Sanctuary. As you exit the Sanctuary following the service, please place your extinguished candles in one of the boxes.

## **Christmas Eve Offering**

Baskets are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary for your Christmas Eve offering. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Merry Christmas!!!

# The Worship of God

Family Bell Ringing (4:00 PM)

Welcome Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude **Angels Songs** Sondra Anderson

Kevin Lamb arr. Joel Raney

Call to Worship (4:00 PM) Chancel Choir

Christmas, Sing Noel arr. Marry McDonald
The Snow Lay on the Ground

Lighting of the Christ Candle Robinson Family (4:00 PM)

Lewis Family (11:00 PM)

\* Carol #246 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

Children's Message Heather Keefer

Prayer Richard Soper

\* Carol #219 What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

verses 1 & 3

#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

verses 1 & 4

Christmas Message Rev. Tom Jones

Luke 2:4-14

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Special Music O HOLY NIGHT HOPE LAMB

arr. Joel Raney

Candle Lighting

\* Carol #239 Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT

Benediction

Postlude

## 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! 912.638.3317 | anne@stsimonsumc.com





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<sup>\*</sup>Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

# This Week's Events

#### Saturday, December 25- Christmas

12:00 PM Christmas Lunch, Thorpe Building

#### Sunday, December 26- The Blessing of the Toys!

10:30 AM Worship, Sanctuary\*

- \*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years
- \*Services Streamed Live

#### Monday, December 27

#### **Church Office Closed**

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

1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203

#### Tuesday, December 28

6:00 PM Search Team, Parlor

### Wednesday, December 29

8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, Parlor

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

1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203

#### Friday, December 30

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

### Sunday, January 2- One Worship Service

10:30 AM Worship, Sanctuary\*

\*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years

\*Services Streamed Live

# World War II Museum- Jan. 20

### PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A DATE CHANGE

Please join us as we visit the World War II Home Front Museum in the historic Coast Guard Station on St. Simons. The museum explains the important contributions of Brunswick and the Golden Isles during the War in the Atlantic. We will meet at the Home Front at 9:45am for our museum visit. We will have lunch together at a local restaurant.

Reservations by January 13 | \$9 per person



Join us Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30 PM for a church wide fellowship. We need all those chefs with secret recipes to bring a large pot of chili to share. Everyone gets a vote so we can crown the SSUMC Chili Master. We will end the event with some friendly bingo that will be fun for every age. Please register to be chili chef or just to attend.

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