

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 9, 2023
SANCTUARY • 9:45 AM

The Worship of God

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8:30 AM CHAPEL • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude

Kevin Lamb

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Great Things

CCLI #7111321
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Fellowship Time

God So Loved

CCLI #7138599
©2017 Hillsong

Morning Prayer

Hero

CCLI #5560743
©2008 Birdwing Music

Shine on Us

CCLI #1754646
©1996 Deer Valley Music

MORNING MESSAGE

Say Cheese

Romans 7:15-25a

INVITATION

How Great Is Our God

CCLI #434899
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

* HYMN #701

When We All Get to Heaven

Verses 1 & 4

HEAVEN

Do, Lord, Remember Me

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00am)

Whitaker Walker

BAPTISM SONG

God Claims You

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

The Family of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN 364

Because He Lives

Resurrection

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah

Sondra Anderson

Kevin Lamb

Arr. Mary McDonald

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

I Stand Redeemed

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Say Cheese

Romans 7:15-25a

* INVITATION #402

*Lord, I Want to
Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Verse 1

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

How 'Bout Them Braves!

If you are a baseball fan you know that the Atlanta Braves are on a roll. At the midpoint of the season, they are the best team in the major league. They have been fun to watch because they are winning, but also because the players have so much fun with each other. It's obvious that they enjoy being teammates and playing the game together.

The players have made it clear in interviews that the secret to their success has been focusing on the importance of each game. Their mission is to be the champions at the end of the season, but they know that to get there the team has to give its best every time they go on the field. There is a special energy that surrounds the Braves. It comes from their belief in one another; their ability to step-up for another player when needed; and their buy-in to their mission to be victorious each day and at the end of a long season.

There is great value to being part of a shared mission, whether that mission is to win a game or to bring heaven to earth. When we ask Jesus into our lives, we give him permission to reshape our values and our perspective. We put him in charge of how we live today as well as where we will spend eternity. We join his team, his mission.

We have an incredible church! It is obvious that our church family enjoys being together and that we are focused on the Lord's mission of making disciples. We have a long season ahead of us, but if we channel our daily energy towards our individual and collective witness, we will see victories won for God's kingdom. When our minds are unified with Jesus anything is possible!

The apostle Paul reminds the church in Rome of the special power that comes through unity in Christ. "May God...help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)

How 'bout them Braves! They are having an amazing season! But in the same breath I also say, "How 'bout SSUMC!" We are in an amazing season in the life of our church! Let's press on in unity with one another in anticipation of God's continued blessings – and in the end we will be the church victorious!

Blessings,

Tom

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TIM VINSON BY:

Diane & Jim Bailey
Carole Barton
Debbie & Clif Pease
Phillis & Max Harrell
Faith & Tom McConnell
Judy & Alex Johnson
Becky & Lawrence Bridges

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com

July 2, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$25,371.05

Received YTD | \$608,803.09

Expenses YTD | \$622,979.48

Difference YTD | -\$14,176.39

Budgeted Amount YTD \$619,417.02

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$7,979.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$248,272.15

thank you

Attendance- July 2, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **112** Sunday School/Small Groups: **116**

9:45 Worship Service: **62** Online Worship Views: **398**

11:00 Worship Service: **218**

In Person Worship Total: **392**

Members in Ministry- July 9, 2023

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Phil Shinall, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Barbara Whitney

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Greer Shinall, Fran Jones, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee **9:45** Ashley Swann

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

8:30 Scarlett Kirby **11:00** Adeline Watson

Welcome Desk:

9:30 Barbara Foster **10:30** Rosemary Longmire

12:00 Laura Weldy

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Stella & Bud Avret, Danielle and Matt Baird & new baby Bonnie, Sharon Blount, **Family & Friends of Terri Dunkle**, **Helen Garrity**, **Mike Hathcock**, **Robin Parmelee & Family**, Family & friends of Tim Vinson, **Tommy Willis**

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Elaine Birckelbaw, Family & Friends of William Callaway, **Brenda Fields**, **Bob Fuller**, **Joe & Janice Grimes**, Jan Heymann, Lori Huntley, **Stephanie Jones**, **Larry Kimball**, Ben Laws, Phil Needham, Beverly Riley, Cay Robertson, Kalin Rozanski, **Slechta Family**, **Family & friends of Darla Stahl**, Family & friends of Lori Tuck, Bobby Watson, Beau Wright, Cal Yudin, Patricia Zankman

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Nancy Rozier, Mel Rozier, Bob Scherer, Dee Taylor, Dave Vandersall, Bo & Mary Vice, Terry West, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer:

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

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality Assisted: Jim Jensen

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. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.



Exciting News!

DON'T MISS THE BISHOP

Bishop David Graves will be here on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at all three services

Please plan to attend your regular church service

Welcome to our Newest Member

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, July 2:

- **Scarlett & Ronny Clark**

Join us in welcoming these new members to our church family.

Out Deepest Sympathy

Our love and deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Terri Dunkle**, who passed away on Monday, July 3, 2023. A celebration of life will be held at a later time here at St. Simons UMC. Please keep the Dunkle family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Our love and deepest sympathy are extended to Robin Parmelee, whose mother, **Linda Blount** passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2023. Please keep Robin and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

9 to 5 The Musical

The Senior Adult Ministry invites you to join them for the stage production of 9 to 5. Amelia Community Theater presents the musical version of the 1980's hit film. The church van will leave after worship on August 13. We will not stop for lunch, so bring a bagged lunch or attend one of our early services so you are ready to go around noon (immediately after worship) Cost is \$35 and currently limited to 24. Get your tickets ASAP! We only have a few spots left!



MAP International Packing Day

SSUMC will be assisting with packing on the 1st Wednesday of every month. If you would like to join the group on Wednesday, August 2, please contact Ashley via email at ashley@stsimonsumc.com or call the church office **912.638.3317**.

Lost Emails! Save us in Your Contacts!

Please save our emails in your contacts so that they don't go to junk! Especially, Rev. Tom Jones— tom@stsimonsumc.com and Rev. Richard Soper richard@stsimonsumc.com and our Info email that we use for communications from info@stsimonsumc.com! Let's stay in touch and out of Junk emails!

Family Beach Night

Join us on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00pm. Bring dinner along with a towel or chair and enjoy the beach with our Student Ministry families. We'll have games to play or simply enjoy the sand and sea. Meet at 6pm at Myrtle Street Beach. All elementary kids and younger must have a parent or guardian with them at all times. Email Chris at chris@stsimonsumc.com for more info.



Gathering Place Main Event

Calling all Middle School and High School Youth! Every Sunday through July 16

Join hundreds of other youth in praise and worship, play games, and hear a great speaker. Replaces Youth Group. Bring \$\$ for dinner on the way. 5:15-9:00pm.

- 7/9 — Community Church Brunswick— Meet at SSUMC
- 7/16 — Community Church St. Simons— Meet at SSUMC



Blessing of the Backpacks

Save the Date— Sunday, July 30, 2023

Bring your backpack with you to our morning worship services as we pray for our students and teachers returning to school.

Elementary Bibles Presented

If your 3rd-5th grade child has not received a Kid's Bible from the church, please let Chris know by July 23. Our Bishop will be presenting them to our Kids when he visits on Sunday, August 6.

July Jewels (those who have July Birthdays)

Lets gather together and celebrate all the July Birthdays at Sweet Mama's for a Dutch Treat Lunch on July 12 at 11:00am. Contact Margot Howard by July 11 at 912.258.1944 if attending.

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor in the Stubbs Bldg.
- Children's Church (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Children's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month— Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor in the Stubbs Bldg.

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



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 9

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Chapel***
8:30 AM "The Class" New Sunday School, **Room 202**
9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations***
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
All Services Streamed Live
5:15 PM Youth to Dinner and Gathering Place, **Meet at SSUMC**

Monday, July 10

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:00 PM Missions Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, July 11

- 8:15 AM Gathering Place Middle School, **Thorpe Building**
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, July 12

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
10:00 AM Special Touch, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**
6:00 PM Family Beach Night, **Myrtle Street Beach**

Friday, July 14

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES

Check out our **Online Calendar of Events** on our website at
<https://www.stsimonsumc.com/calendar/>

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The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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