

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, September 17

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202\***  
9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**  
9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations\***  
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel\***  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
**\*Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**  
**All Services Streamed Live**  
5:30 PM Pumpkin Patch Party & Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

## Monday, September 18

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
2:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Room 207**  
5:30 PM Finance Meeting, **Room 203**

## Tuesday, September 19

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
10:00 AM UMW Reading Group, **Parlor**  
11:00 AM Outreach Committee, **Room 203**  
4:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal, **Handbell Room**  
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**  
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**  
6:30 PM UMW Circle 1, **Parlor**

## Wednesday, September 20

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
5:30 PM Kid's Choir, **Choir Room**  
6:00 PM Kids WOW— Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**  
6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

## Thursday, September 21

- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**  
10:00 AM Half Truths Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**

## Friday, September 22

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
11:00 AM Jerry Winsness Memorial Service, **Sanctuary**  
3:30 PM SAM Trip to Jax Symphony Movie, **Jacksonville**  
5:30 PM Kidz Quest Retreat— Sunday, Sept. 24, **Epworth**

### \*\*\*FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES\*\*\*

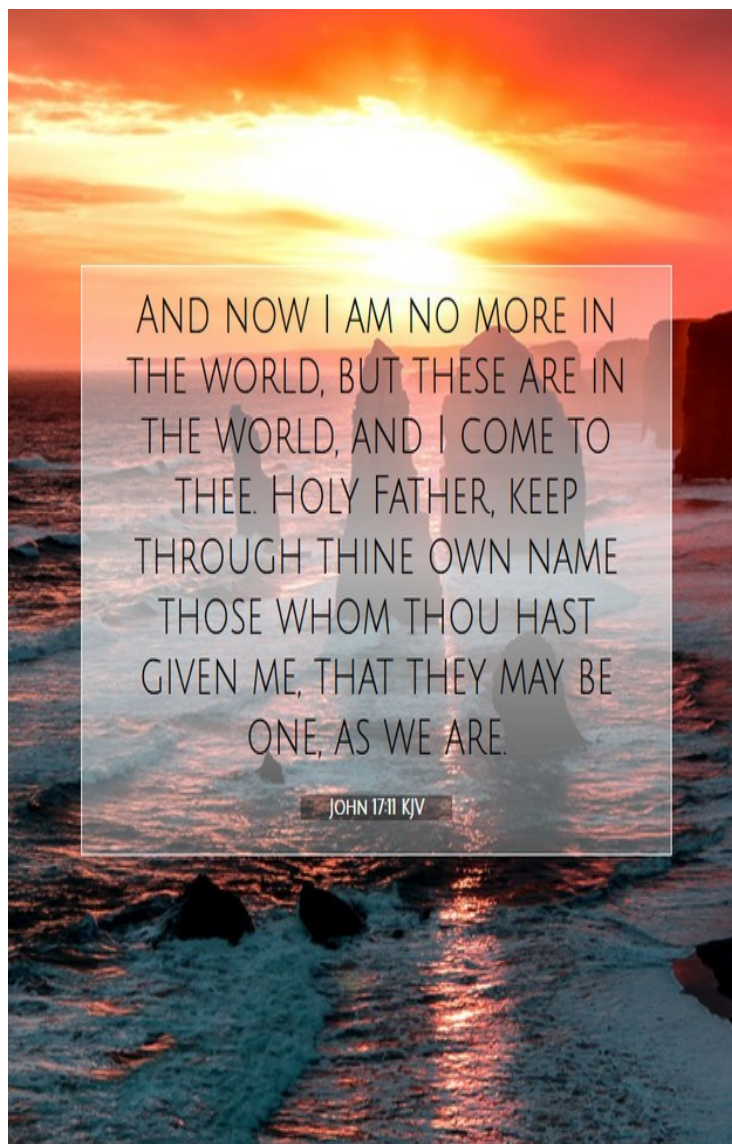
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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

## WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *Your Grace Is Enough*

CCLI #4477026  
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Fellowship Time

### *Raise A Hallelujah*

CCLI #7119315  
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## MORNING PRAYER

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *What A Beautiful Name It Is*

CCLI #7068424  
©2015 Hillsong

### *Sanctuary*

CCLI #24140  
©1982 Full Armour

## MORNING MESSAGE

### The Lord's Prayer Of Intercession

John 17:11-13

Rev. Tom Jones

## INVITATION

### *The Blessing*

CCLI #7147007  
©2013 Thankyou Music

## CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

# The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

8:30 AM • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

Prelude

Kevin Lamb

\* HYMN #327 *Crown Him With Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed Chris Moncus

\* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #177 *He Is Lord*

MORNING PRAYER

Betty Sharp

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #176 *Majesty* MAJESTY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY *You are My All In All* Sondra Anderson  
arr. Carol Tornquist

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Praise Ye the Lord* Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

## The Lord's Prayer of Intercession

John 17:11-13

\* INVITATION #189 *Fairest Lord Jesus* ST. ELIZABETH  
Verses 1 & 4

\* BENEDICTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

## Praying for Others

Prayer is communication that helps build our relationship with God. But like our personal faith journeys, most of us are at different places when it comes to our understanding and practice of prayer.

There are some who are prayer warriors. They have a sense of being constantly in God's presence and are quick to speak or breathe a prayer in any given moment. Others of us may be relatively new to prayer. We pray from time to time, but we are far removed from what one would consider an active prayer life. There are others who are confident in praying in public and have the ability to craft their words into beautiful and meaningful prayers. Then there are others who are afraid of being asked to pray in public and try to avoid it however they can.

But no matter how strong or weak our prayer lives may be, there have more than likely been times when we have wondered if prayer does much good. Is God really listening?

A man once pleaded for Jesus to heal his son. Jesus asks the man if he believes this can happen. The man responds, "Lord I believe. Help my unbelief." The man's statement is a declaration of faith as well as an admission that his faith is far from perfect.

The same can be said about our understanding of prayer. We are quick to confess our belief in the power of prayer while admitting that we have much to learn; that our prayer life is likely far from perfect.

This Sunday we will take a closer look at a prayer Jesus prayed; more specifically a prayer that he prayed for his disciples. In doing so he provides a model for intercessory prayer - prayers that we pray on behalf of other people. Why are some answered? Why are others seemingly not? How can we better understand the holy mystery of prayer? Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

Blessings,

**Tom**

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Our love and deepest sympathy are extended to Marsha Boyette whose mother, **June Boyette** who passed away on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Please keep Marsha and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Church Council-Charge Conference Meeting

**Monday, September 25, 6:00pm, Thorpe Bldg.**

We will have a Church Council-Charge Conference meeting to approve the business items of the church. All church members are welcome to attend.

## Save the Date- Church In The Park

**Sunday, October 22**

We will gather at Neptune Park at 10:30am for one of the congregations favorite Sundays. Bring your blanket or chair for this time of fellowship and worship. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Anne Frazier will send out an email to sign up to **help set up, serve and clean up** soon!

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com)

**September 10, 2023**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$22,828.25

Received YTD | \$828,216.48

Expenses YTD | \$848,817.93

Difference YTD | -\$20,601.45

Budgeted Amount YTD \$851,149.31

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,580.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$258,302.15

*thank you*

## Attendance- September 10, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **94** Sunday School/Small Groups: **145**

9:45 Worship Service: **56** Online Worship Views: **476**

11:00 Worship Service: **230**

In Person Worship Total: **380**

## Members in Ministry- September 17

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Tom McConnell, Steve Stahl

11:00 Jamie Wiles, Mike Suthard, John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja,

Dona Colglazier

### Greeters:

**8:30** Susan Watkins, Faith McConnell

**9:45** Toni Metz, Ava White

**11:00** Gayle Disque, Edie Payne, Sherry Pickett

### Projection:

**8:30** Elizabeth Daniel **9:45** Neva Kaye

**11:00** Carol Conner

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Thomas Giles & Scarlett Kirby

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

### New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Jay Hodges, Vicki McKenzie, Carl McManamy, Cathie Wilton

### New Prayer Concerns- Others:

**June Boyette Family & friends**, Jean Cardin, Karla Fishman, Gail Harris, Adams Hobbs, **Marti Johnson**, Jimmy Langford, Dede McCullough, **Dennis Poole**, Donald Lewis, Wallace Slater, Norma Stewart, Carol Wright

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, **Kai Booth**, Billy June Boyd, Marsha Boyette, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, **Betsy Draughton**, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallowses, Ronda Hansen, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Merideth Houseman, Tom Humphries, **Barbara Jensen**, Jim Jensen, **Kevin Josey**, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Louise Mofield, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Nancy Rozier, Mel Rozier, Bob Scherer, Mike Stiles, 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

*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.*



## Staff Parish Update

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has received a letter of resignation from Chris Moncus, effective October 13. Chris will leave us to take a similar position at Christian Renewal Church in Brunswick. We are grateful for Chris' ministry with our children and youth over the last year and a half and wish him the best as he explores new opportunities for service. Our prayers will be with him, his wife Amanda and the children, Eliana and Caedmon, during this time of transition. They each have become a vital part of our church fellowship and will be missed.

## Director of Student Ministries– Search!

Due to Chris' resignation 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 and click on the [About Us](#) tab or email Anne for the full description [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)  
[www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/](http://www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/)

## Manna House Volunteers– Needed!

Volunteers are needed for Manna House team on the First Thursday of the month from 9:30am-1:00pm. Contact Neva Kaye to volunteer at [nkaye219@gmail.com](mailto:nkaye219@gmail.com) or 207-730-1915 to serve!

## \*\*\*Pumpkin Patch Parent & Student Meeting\*\*\* This Sunday, Sep 17, at 5:30pm

The Pumpkin Patch Meeting & Shift Signup, which happens THIS Sunday, September 17 at 5:30pm, will be your first chance to sign up for your preferred shift. Meet in the Thorpe Building. The weekly schedule and worker need is listed below for you to see which shifts will work for your schedule. We will have a quick meeting to catch everyone up then begin signups. We will line up high school first, then middle school, then elementary school, then repeat. Please arrive with your schedule set so we can make this a speedy process. Sign ups limited to 2 spots per student/adult per round. Please take a look at the other patch dates including setup and the unloading. The more help we have, the better it will be for everyone.

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*\*

#### September 17 — Pumpkin Patch Meeting & Shift Signup!

Learn about the Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser and get the first opportunity to sign up for shifts. 5:30pm in Thorpe. [3rd-12th grades]

#### October 1 — Pumpkin Patch Setup!

Parents and students meet at 2pm at the Pumpkin Patch. Those helping receive additional shift points. Messy work, bring work clothes. [3rd-12th grades]

#### October 8 — Pumpkin Patch Delivery!

12:30pm immediately after church. Pizza will be provided. Those helping receive additional shift points. Messy work, bring work clothes. [3rd-12th grades]

#### October 13 — Movie in the Patch!

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown. Bring friends and a blanket or chair for this 7pm showing.



## Pumpkins are Arriving!

**6,000 Pumpkins** will arrive by tractor trailer on Sunday, October 8 and we need your **HELP!** All ages are welcome to "pass the pumpkins" as we unload and place them in the Patch. Please bring a pair of gloves! Email Chris Moncus [chris@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:chris@stsimonsumc.com) **Thank you!**



## Freeing Jesus

Join us for a 6 week Bible study that will be led by Laura Edenfield and Celia Eisentraeger, covering the book, "Freeing Jesus" by Diana Butler Pass. The study starts **Thursday, October 5th (NEW START DATE)** at 10:00AM in Room 201. Sign up in Realm or by contacting the church office at 912-638-3317. Purchase your own books online!



## Labyrinth at Christ Church

Join us on Tuesday, October 17 at Margaret Bosbyshell, a trained labyrinth facilitator, who will

explain the labyrinth, its history and why we might choose such a walk. We will experience walking the labyrinth. There is very little seating in the area so you may want to bring a lawn chair. The program will last one hour and 15 minutes (10:00-11:15.) We will be leaving the church at 9:30am. In case of rain, bring an umbrella. Cost is \$5.00. There will be a Dutch treat lunch at 100 Tabbystone following the walk. Reservations are due by Tuesday, October 10 on Realm or by contacting the church office.

## Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Come enjoy fellowship, great food and a delightful program. Rev. Dave Hanson, retired minister and Wesley scholar, will be presenting the program on the "Wesleys in Georgia." You will not want to miss this informative and interesting presentation. There will be time for a Q & A. Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Meet in the Thorpe Building at 12 noon. Cost is \$5.00. Reservations are due by Thursday, 10/19 on Realm or by contacting the church office.

## 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.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid'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](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)**



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