

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 14, 2024
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

I Thank God

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Fellowship Time

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King of Kings

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MORNING MESSAGE

Welcome the Living Christ

LUKE 24:36B-48 NLT
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

April Memory Verse

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you Peace.

Numbers 6:26

The Worship of God

APRIL 14, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE Kevin Lamb

GREETING Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN #304 REGENT SQUARE

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

* FELLOWSHIP TIME #177 *He Is Lord!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER Richard Soper

* HYMN #308 *Thine Be the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEOS
Verses 1 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Sondra Anderson

RESPONSE DOXOLOGY OLD 100th

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *My Eternal King* Chancel Choir
By Jane Marshall

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

Welcome the Living Christ

LUKE 24:36-48 NLT

* HYMN #383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS
Verse 1, 3 & 4

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** Worshipers stand as able*

*The beautiful flowers on the altar today are placed in
Memory of my Sweetheart, our Daddy & Peppa,
Fred Alexander on his Birthday.*

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When People Pray - God Listens

Psalm 4:1 says: "Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer." To prepare for the General Conference session, Bishop David Graves has called on the South Georgia Conference, its local churches, and its people to pray. This prayer initiative, "Hear Our Prayers" will run through the General Conference session, scheduled April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Each day laity and clergy will be asked to pause and pray for our church's mission and for the upcoming conference at 4:01pm.

"There is power in our connection and in prayer, and during this time of uncertainty, what better way to be in ministry together!" said Allison Lindsey, chair of the conference nurture team and member of the General Conference delegation. "In the words of Oswald Chambers, 'We have to pray with our eyes on God and not on the difficulties.' Hear Our Prayers gives us an opportunity to do just that, to come together in prayer with our focus on God."

Bishop David Graves invites all to pray this prayer:

With the hope of Easter People, help us face the obstacles and opposition in our lives with the same enthusiasm we embrace opportunities. Help us move faithfully forward, confident that God's power is greater than all life will present us, realizing that the worst thing is not the last thing. In Christ alone!

Rev. Doreen Smalls, chair of the South Georgia delegation to General Conference, says the delegation has been preparing and praying and is thankful for the prayers of the conference. "As we prepare to do our work this month, and then as we travel to Charlotte and work each day representing South Georgia while we are there, we covet your prayers," said Rev. Smalls. "God has great plans for the people called United Methodists, and I'm thankful this delegation has a voice in helping shape our future as we act with confidence and hope in the power of the Holy Spirit."

For more information about the prayer initiative and to view helpful guidelines for prayer, visit www.sgauhc.org/hearourprayers.

When people pray – God listens! I hope you will join with me wherever you are at 4:01 each afternoon to pray for the General Conference, the United Methodist Church, and this amazing church called St. Simons United Methodist Church!

Blessings,

Tom

Small Group & Sunday School Facilitators Gathering

Join us this Sunday, April 14 at 9:30am in the Church Parlor for an interest meeting of potential facilitators/leaders in education/small groups. We will gather for light refreshments on Sunday, morning to discuss and dream!

Contact Celia Eisentrager celiamccollum@gmail.com or Jennifer Lewis davidplewis@bellsouth.net for more information!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF LOIS WINSNESS BY:
Nancy Jenkins

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CAREY BROCK BY:
Nancy Jenkins

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TILMAN BLAKELY BY:
Ann, Seaton, & Bert Brown

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
March 31, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$37,565.00

Received YTD | \$419,220.01

Expenses YTD | \$310,177.88

Difference YTD | \$109,042.13

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$349,826.81

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$3,974.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,619.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- April 7, 2024

8:30am : 109

Online Worship Views: 529

9:45am : 83

Sunday School/Small Group: 122

11:00am: 218

Total In Person: 410

Members in Ministry- April 14, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Jeff Parker, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams

Greeters:

8:30 Edie Vinson, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Kari Cooper, Susan Pope, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee **9:45** Ashley Swann **11:00** Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Scarlett Kirby & Julia Humphries

Church Council Meeting

Our next Church Council meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2024 at 5:30PM in the Thorpe Building.

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jim Daher, Mike Martin, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Betty Sharp, Chris Simmons

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Judy Alexander, Lynn Anderson, Matthew Bryan, **Garrett D'Orio**, Kevin Dean, **Eddie Echols**, **Dee Harvey**, **Doug Hornick**, Mike McDonald, **Martha Soenksen**, Ed Stanley, Andy Taylor, **Larry Trotman**, **Linda Veal**, Renee Waters, Bob Wynne

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Billy June Boyd, Marsha Boyette, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Joy Cowart, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Bill Hansen, Alice Hicks, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Anne Jones, Kevin Josey, Mitchel Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, John Lindgren, Chris Lorence, Bob Mastromatteo, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Priscilla Mercer, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Nancy Pickren, Alan Proctor, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Mike Stiles, Gena Paige Tolleson, **Rhonda Van Liew**, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry

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.

The Way Forward FAQ

Is the Bible open to interpretation?

Disagreements over the interpretation of the scriptures have always been a part of church culture. From the outset of Christianity, we read in the book of Acts how Peter and Paul disagreed over the interpretation of scripture and whether Christians should live under the law or under grace.

Is it possible for us to disagree on the interpretation of scripture and still experience unity? Methodists have long been guided by the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. It describes John Wesley's four-sided approach to studying the Bible. Most importantly it recognizes the primacy and authority of Scripture as God's inspired word, and then goes on to describe how scripture is best interpreted in the light of traditions, our reason, and our experience. This practice of opening our hearts and minds to the numerous ways God's Word can speak to us individually helps explain why United Methodist are not literalist.

Care should be taken to avoid the often-used practice of arbitrarily selecting verses of scripture to justify one's position without considering the context. A more grace-filled and unifying approach in our use of scripture is to study the Bible through the over-arching lens of God's love for us; our love of God; and God's desire for us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves – seeking unity, as Peter and Paul did, even when we disagree.

Meals on Wheels

SSUMC was offered the opportunity to volunteer with Senior Citizens Inc, out of Savannah, in providing drivers for the Meals on Wheels program.

The meals will be delivered to our church where the drivers will pick up, then deliver to the local clients (SSI). The routes will be on Tuesday and Thursday and should take less than an hour to complete. There is flexibility in the commitment to the number of days per month each person drives.

Please email Sandy Clark at sandyarrington24@gmail.com to let her know if any of you would like to volunteer and for the forms and more information.

Thank you for all you do as we strive to serve in Jesus' name.

David Clark – Missions Committee Chair

The Chosen, Season 4!

Our church will host an exclusive community-wide showing of The Chosen - Season 4 beginning, Tuesday, April 16, and running every subsequent Tuesday from 5:30-6:45 through Tuesday, June 4 in our Sanctuary. All members of the community are welcome, whether you have been a viewer of Seasons 1-3 or if you want to jump right into Season 4. This will be an eight-week series; each week we will view one episode followed by a very brief reflection time. The Chosen is appropriate for teenagers and older viewers; nursery care will be provided for younger children. Contact Jeff Zoul, who will be leading this series, at jeffzoul@gmail.com with any questions. No need to register; just show up to our Sanctuary.

Baby Recognition

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

We will be celebrating all of the babies born in our Church Family during the past year on Mother's Day- Sunday, May 12, 2024. Please contact Anne Frazier if your baby was born after Mother's Day 2023, so we may include them in this celebration! anne@stsimonsumc.com



The Louis & Millie Gholson Scholarship

The Louis and Millie Gholson Scholarship Fund was created to award a graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Simons UMC. The Pastor, Youth Director and Church Administrator were appointed to determine who would receive the scholarship. Please contact Anne Frazier for an application at anne@stsimonsumc.com. Application and letters of recommendation must be received by Wednesday, May 8 2024. The scholarship will be presented on Sunday, May 19 during the Graduate Recognition in the 11:00am service!

Graduate Recognition Sunday~ 5/19

If you are a High School or College senior graduating this spring, or the parent of one, please email to let us know! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be during the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, May 19! Please email anne@stsimonsumc.com for details and to be included.



SCUBA VBS
REGISTER FOR VBS
JUNE 9-13!

We are going to take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of GOD! Registration for children and volunteers scan the QR Code or sign up at the link: <https://vbspro.events/p/98ce1e>



Register Now for our FAMILY KICKBALL GAME!

Everyone is invited to play or to cheer on the team on Sunday, April 28 at 5:00pm at Mallery Park. We will cookout and cheer on the teams! Don't forget to invite a friend or two! **PLEASE Register by Monday, April 22 by calling/emailing the church office or on Realm.**

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 (adult only) & 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**



Join Our Email List or Update Your Contact Info:
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 14

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
9:30 AM Small Group & Sunday School Facilitators Meeting, **Parlor**
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
12:15 PM Missions Committee Meeting, **Room 203**
1:40 PM Youth Meet at Thorpe to go to Ropes Course at Epworth

Monday, April 15

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
9:00 AM Preschool Mini Motions, **Children's Room**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**
5:30 PM Finance Meeting, **Room 203**
6:30 PM UMW Circle 1, **Parlor**

Tuesday, April 16

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
10:00 AM UMW Reading Group, **Parlor**
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:30 PM The Chosen Season 4, **Sanctuary**
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, April 17

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:00 PM Handbells, **Handbell Room**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, April 18

- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini Motions, **Gholson Room**
11:00 AM Lay Leadership -Way Forward Meeting, **Youth Room**
5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Meeting, **Parlor**
5:30 PM ERT Meeting, **Room 203**

Friday, April 19

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

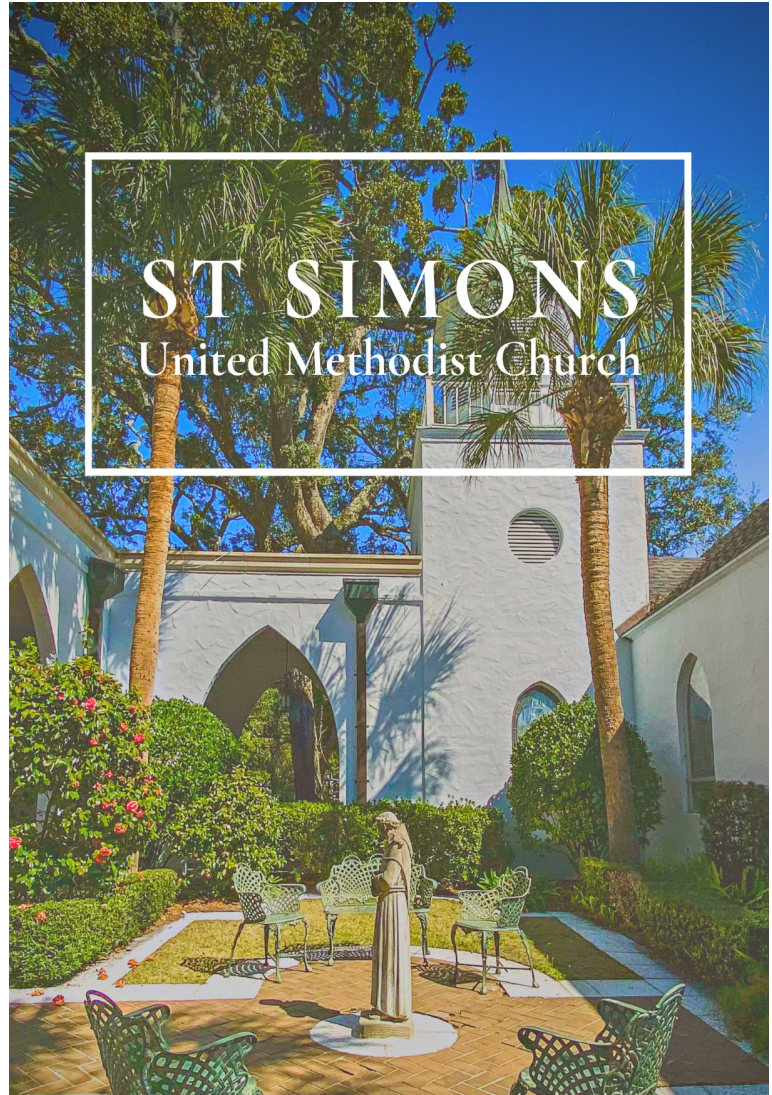
FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES

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

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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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