

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Here I Am to Worship

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I Love You, Lord

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PRAYER TIME

Rev. Benjy Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE

Take Off Your Shoes!

Exodus 3:1-5, 9-15 NLT
Rev. Tom Jones

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Who You Say I Am

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

SANCTUARY 8:30 AM • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

Director of Music Ministries

Call to Worship ***Great Gettin' Up Morning*** Chancel Choir

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

Senior Pastor

* HYMN #117 ***O God, Our Help in Ages*** ST. ANNE
verses 1, 2, 4 & 6

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS (11:00 AM)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer

Director of Children's Ministries

* HYMN #451 ***Be Thou My Vision*** SLANE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

Assistant Pastor

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

Music Associate—Pianist

MESSAGE IN MUSIC ***Who You Say I Am*** Holly Lamb

Music Associate

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Take Off Your Shoes!

Exodus 3:1-5, 9-15 NLT

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* INVITATION #389 ***Freely, Freely*** FREELY, FREELY

* BENECTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Who?

In our journey through the Bible, we are now in the book Exodus. It is a book full of rich and wonderful stories describing how the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt followed by their trials in the wilderness and how their faith in God fluctuated between hot and cold.

One of the more familiar stories is the call of Moses. Who can forget from our days in Sunday School the story of the burning bush that didn't burn up and how God spoke to Moses in that moment? It's a story that makes an immediate impression and is difficult to forget. But beyond the booming voice of God, at least that's the way it was in the movies, and the dramatic use of fire there is so much more to this story. It's a story we can call, "Who?" The word "who" figures prominently in the story because it seems to be the only thing Moses can say. Scholars think Moses may have had a stutter. In this case, he seems to be stuttering over the word "who." Who am I that you should pick me? Who are you, by the way? Who will believe me? No one, that's who! Who will listen to anything I have to say? Who else could you send to do this?

There are those of us who are unsure of how to handle the idea that God has called us. We hear the word "call," and we think of a call to ordained ministry or some higher calling. But as a follower of Christ, it is important to remember that your call is to full-time ministry. When you stop asking "Who?" and accept that God is calling you, you will begin to approach all you do and each interaction with others as opportunities for ministry. You will be surprised in doing so how ordinary, everyday places can become holy ground.

Did you find all **16 books** of the Bible in last week's brain teaser? If not, here's a little help:

Maybe it is just a (1) fluke, but there are sixteen books of the Bible included in these (2) remarks. For some it will keep them (3) looking so hard for the (4) facts. For others, each sentence will include a (5) revelation. Some found themselves in a (6) jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the (7) truth finally struck home to (8) numbers of readers. To others it was a real (9) job. My hope was to make this (10) a most enjoyable exercise. (11) Yes, there will be some easy ones to spot. Others may require (12) judges to help them. I will quickly (13) admit it usually takes a Bible scholar to find one of them, and there may be loud (14) lamentations when it is found. One person said (15) she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can (16) compete. Relax and enjoy the experience. There really are sixteen names of books in the Bible in this statement.

To be in God's Word is a vital part of living into God's call for your life. Keep reading!

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – Jan. 19-25

What did you highlight in your Bible last week? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom were:

- **Job 1:1** – There once was a man named Job. He was blameless – a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil.
- **Job 7:1** – "Is not all human life a struggle?"
- **Job 9:33** – "If only there were a mediator between us, someone who could bring us together."
- **Job 19:25** – "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives."

Keep reading!

Financial Report

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

January 26, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,268.28

Received YTD | \$86,554.38

Expenses YTD | \$34,094.94

Difference YTD | \$52,459.44

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$93,283.05

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$161.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,640.35

Thank you

Attendance ~ January 26, 2025

8:30AM Worship Service: **88**

Online Worship Views: **486**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **77**

Sunday School/Small Group: **90**

11:00PM Worship Service: **232**

Total In Person Worship: **397**

Members in Ministry ~ February 2, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Tom Smith, Caryn Riggs, Pat Carmichael

11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker

9:45 Judy & JR Wright

11:00 Barbara Smith, June Smith

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Addy Thompson & Julia Humphries

Communion Servers:

8:30 Linda & Jay Hodges

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 Yvonne & Ron Flowers

Communion Prayers:

Betty Sharp, B. J. Whitaker

Toni Metz, Betty Sharp

Betty Sharp, B. J. Whitaker

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Ranny Blount, Susan & Kelsey Kaufmann, Belinda Ray, Barbara Whitney, JR Wright

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Dolores & Ed Anderson, Family & friends of Mary Dobbs, **Albert & Joyce Fendig**, Bill Harris, Jennifer & Tim Higdrom, Bolie Hoffman, Robin Gallagher, Don Konechne, Danny McGhee, Lee Neel, The Nordberg Family, Krissy O'Conner, **Angie Perry**, Family & friends of Paul Rader, Family & friends of Connie & Robin Saul, Darnell Shadburn, **Ben Smith**, **Pat Strickland**, Mary Russel Toole, Wallace Wheelles, **Family & friends of Joe Wills**,

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett, III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Cathy Dowdy, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, **Geoff Fields**, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Wayne Land, Jimmy Langford, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Whitney McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Mega & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, **Audrey Wood**, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinner - February 5

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The menu is: **Chili, Baked Potatoes, all the toppings and Dessert.** This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice, warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. **PLEASE register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!** We hope to see you there!

Early Response Team in Action

The following note is from one of our members whose roof was damaged in the recent ice storm:
"We really appreciate the ERT group and the quick response! Everyone did a fabulous job, and I feel so thankful! You turned an anxiety filled morning into a more calm and peaceful day. We love you all. Please thank all of your crew."
We are grateful to Scott Hunter, Jim Weldy, Laura Weldy, Bob Swinehart, and Toby Eisentraeger for braving the cold in order to serve. At St. Simons UMC – We Care!

Confirmation 2025!

Join the Journey!
Calling all 5-8th Graders who haven't been Confirmed!



March 7-9 – Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea and the cost is \$190 a student. The deadline for payment is Sunday, February 17! This retreat will serve as the kick off for this year's confirmation class. For more information please email: victoria@stsimonsumc.com Sign up now!

Confirmation Schedule:

- Friday– Sunday, March 7-9**– Retreat—Join the Journey
- Sunday, March 16, 4:00-6:00pm** - UM History & Beliefs
- Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-7:00pm** – Worship & Membership
- Saturday, March 22, 10:00-11:00am** – Confirmation Rehearsal
- Sunday, March 23, 11:00am** – **Confirmation Sunday**—followed by a lunch for Confirmands and their families

The Chosen, Season 4

Join us Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm, in the chapel. The group is facilitated by Jeff Zoul. For more information contact Jeff at jeffzoul@gmail.com

Save the Date for Serve Saturday

Saturday, March 8, 2025—is our 3rd Annual Serve Saturday!
Join us on Saturday, March 8, volunteers will meet at the church at 8:00am for breakfast, and a devotional. At 8:45am we will depart to local organizations to lend a hand and serve. We hope you will join us and save the date on your calendar for this meaningful day of service in our community! More information on the organizations and how to sign up and serve will be sent out soon!



Wednesday Evenings Kid's Choir!

Kid's Choir has kicked off! Its not too late to join us at **4:30 pm** with singing, drama, and instruments as we teach kids to worship and lead others in worship.

Note: Afterschool pickup will not be available this semester, so please plan to bring your child. After choir, stay for **Family Dinner** and enjoy time together. We can't wait to see your kids making joyful noise!

An Evening with Michael Hulett



Join us on Thursday, February 20 at 6:00pm and enjoy a fun evening of music with the talented Michael Hulett! A delicious dinner will be served, and who knows... there might even be some dancing! The event will begin at 6:00pm in the Thorpe building, cost is \$20.00. Join us for a night of fun! Sign up in Realm or call the church office!

WE'RE HIRING

AV Tech

We are Hiring!

We are hiring an AV Tech for Sundays! Come join the fun! Contact Kevin at kevin@stsimonsumc.com for more information!

Welcome to our Newest Member

Join us in welcoming our newest member:
♦ **Sharon McClellan**
We welcome her to our church family and are grateful for her commitment to St. Simons UMC!

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

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 2

- 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**
5:00 PM Youth Group & Dinner, **Youth Room**

Monday, February 3

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, February 4

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
5:30 PM ERT Meeting, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Serve Saturday Meeting, **Room 204**

Wednesday, February 5

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**
6:00 PM "The Chosen", **Chapel**

Thursday, February 6

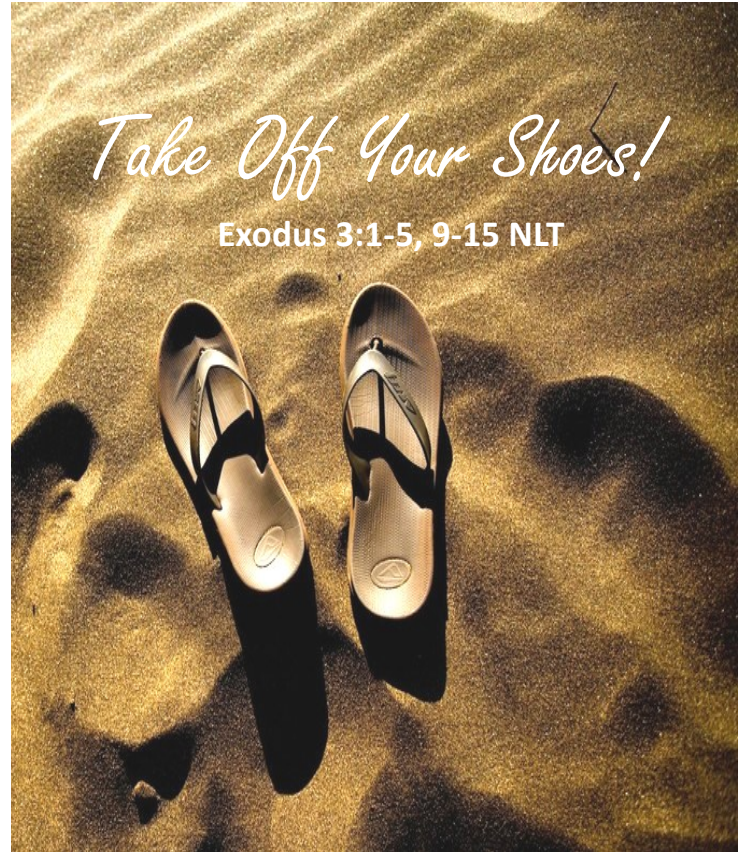
- 1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, February 7

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

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