

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 13, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Hosanna!
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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Heart of the Father
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PRAYER TIME

Gratitude
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MORNING MESSAGE

Us and Them
Mark 10:1-10; Luke 23:33-34 RSV
Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty
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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

APRIL 13, 2025
SANCTUARY • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist
arr. Wolaver

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* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* HANKEY

Special Music (11:00 AM) Young Musicians

* FELLOWSHIP TIME #176 *Majesty*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministries

Morning Prayer *The Lord's Prayer*

* HYMN #280 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH
Verses 1, 3, 4 & 5

OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb (8:30 AM)
Young Musicians (11:00 AM)

RESPONSE #95 *Doxology*

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Hosanna, Hosanna* Chancel Choir
arr. Joseph Martin

MORNING MESSAGE Benjy Varnell

Us and Them
Mark 10:1-10; Luke 23:33-34 RSV

* INVITATION #359 HUDSON
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
Verses 1 & 5

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Kevin Lamb

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

Holy Week – Make the Journey

Holy Week is the name given to the week leading up to Easter. It begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday when we join with Christians around the world in singing our hosannas and waving palm branches in honor of messiah, King Jesus. Each day following takes us closer to the cross and then to celebration of resurrection on Easter.

You have often heard me say, “Don’t miss the journey to the cross.” When you choose not to skip from Palm Sunday to Easter, the depth of the meaning of Easter is much richer and all the more celebratory.

I want to encourage you to take the time this week to consider and reflect upon the Last Supper; to experience the emotions as we hear and relive the story of Jesus’s suffering; to feel the weight of darkness as Christ. When you make the walk to the cross, Easter morning will shine more brightly, and the power of the resurrection will shake us like the one that shook the earth when Jesus defeated death.

The schedule for the week is as follows:

Community
HOLY WEEK

DAY OF AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY EVENT
Monday, April 14 | 12 PM
St. Simons United Methodist | Rev. Rachel Rhodes
Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5
Glynn Academy Chamber Choir - 11:45 AM

DAY OF CONFLICT
COMMUNITY EVENT
Tuesday, April 15 | 12 PM
First Baptist Church | Rev. Lucas Ramirez
Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5

DAY OF WITHDRAWAL
COMMUNITY EVENT
Wednesday, April 16 | 12 PM
Wesley Church at Frederica | Rev. Tom Purdy
Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5

DAY OF INTIMACY
Thursday, April 17
NO COMMUNITY SERVICE

DAY OF SACRIFICE
COMMUNITY EVENT
Friday, April 18 | 11:30 AM
St. Simons Presbyterian Church
Lunch at 11:30am | Donation \$5
Three-Hour Vigil beginning at 12:30pm
Congregants may come and go throughout the course of the vigil. There will be 7 pastors preaching brief homilies based on the seven last words of Christ. Music performed by Glynn Academy Concert Choir.

EASTER SUNDAY
COMMUNITY EVENT
Sunday, April 20
Sunrise Worship Service | 6:30 AM
St. Simons Pier | Rev. Rob James, Jr.

Have a blessed and meaningful Holy Week!

Tom

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
April 6, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$27,578.28
Received YTD | \$355,998.94
Expenses YTD | \$311,962.75
Difference YTD | \$44,036.19
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$356,033.11
Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$2,471.00
Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,985.35

thank you

Attendance ~ April 6, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **89** Online Worship Views: **529**
9:45 AM Worship Service: **75** Sunday School/Small Group: **101**
11:00 AM Worship Service: **186**
Total In Person Worship: **350**

Members in Ministry ~ April 13, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham
11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, PJ Hamilton, Jordan Graffis, Cindy Simpson

Greeters:

8:30 Nancy Krabill, Sharon Blount
9:45 Carol Connor, Stan Robinson
11:00 Kari Cooper, Christiana Weisberg

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee
9:45 Jim Weldy
11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: JoAnne Alford, Tom Jones, Jenna Kennedy, Anne Rogers, Beverly Trainor

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Katherine Applin, Nancy Coleman, Don Cross, Family & friends of Bodhi Dickson, Cindy Evans, Georgia, Paxton Glaude, Warren Lee, Jason Lefrere, George Mickalis, Liz Saynor, Jennifer Scales, Staci White

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett, III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, 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, Mark Daugherty, **Cathy Dowdy and family**, Betsy Draughton, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, Wayne Land, Jimmy Langford, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, **Kristen Merrill**, Megan & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, **Holly & Bill Wagner**, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Audrey Wood, Betsy Worthy, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: Judy Clifton

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.

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by April 16 | Cost is \$22

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 20. Order Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by the office.



Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

Join us for a Church Family Easter Egg Hunt **TODAY** starting at 12:00pm after church in the Thorpe Building and Thorpe side yard. Please bring a covered dish to share! Invite your friends & family to join us!



Meaningful Mission Opportunity

Join us for this opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Wewahitchka, FL to work with Square Foot Ministry in building a home for those in the most need. This is an area of poverty which is still recovering from past storms. The trip and build is April 27-30. with the wall raising on April 28 at 8:00am. Long Avenue Baptist Church, in Port Saint Joe, FL is providing meals and a place to stay with air mattresses or cots. No expense for us and we will take the church van.

This is a great chance to work on a build that is already funded and organized and to see how Square Foot operates. Who knows, Jesus may call us to do this closer to home. For more info contact David Clark at **770-639-0346** or **dfclark929@gmail.com**

Silver Second Sundays!

This Sunday is Silver Second Sunday! Our SSUMC children will be collecting silver coins (or cash) today before each service. This month's donation will go to HOPE 1312 Collective. Thank you in advance for your donation to our mission project!



Save the Date for VBS 2025!!!

Join Us June 8- June 12 for a Wild week learning about God! Come find your **TRUE NORTH!** Sign up participants and to volunteer at this link and QR Code: <https://vbspro.events/p/a4421d> Or We can't wait to see what God has in store!



Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – March 31– April 6

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

Judges 5:3– “Listen you kings! Pay attention you mighty rulers! For I will sing to the Lord! I will make music to the Lord, the God of Israel!”

Judges 8:22-23– Then the Israelites said to Gideon, “Be our ruler!” But Gideon replied, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son. The Lord will rule over you!”

Judges 16:28a– Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “Sovereign Lord, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me just one more time!”

Keep reading!

Holy Week SCHEDULE

Holy Week Community Service and Lunch-

Monday, April 14 at 11:45am – Join us for our Holy Week Service and Lunch. The Glynn Academy Choir will be here to sing at 11:45am for a beautiful beginning of the service. Get here early to hear them! Sign Up to bring salads, sandwiches or desserts to share or to help serve at the luncheon. Use our signup genius link at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-holy1#/ or call the church office.

Tenebrae Service-

Thursday, April 17 at 6:00pm – Join us as we experience the last hours of Christ's earthly ministry. We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service as Christ's disciples gathered with Him in the upper room. We complete our Lenten journey to the cross in darkness as we leave to contemplate Good Friday and anticipate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday Worship Services-

Sunday, April 20 at 8:15am, 9:30am, & 11:00am – On Easter Sunday, there will be three worship services to celebrate the Risen Lord in our Sanctuary! Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection with beautiful music, scripture, and the Easter message. Come celebrate Easter with us at one of these meaningful three services! **Please note the time changes for these THREE services!**

Volunteer for our Pew Information Team!

The Pew Information Team “**PIT Crew**” keeps the printed materials in the Sanctuary and Chapel up to date. They serve in one month rotations. Please email Anne Frazier if you would like more information or to volunteer at anne@stsimonsumc.com.

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, April 13

- 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**
12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch, **Thorpe Building**
5:00 PM Youth Hangout, **Youth Room**

Monday, April 14

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:45 AM Holy Week Service, **Sanctuary**
12:30 PM Holy Week Lunch, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, April 15

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting, **Youth Room**
6:30 PM UWF SIS Circle Meeting, **Parlor**

Wednesday, April 16

- 11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, April 17

- 12:00 PM Sunshine Circle Meeting and Lunch, **Tramici Restaurant**
6:00 PM Tenebrae Service, **Sanctuary**

Friday, April 18

- 11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga

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 United Methodist Church. The Pastor, Youth Director and Church Administrator were appointed to determine who would receive the scholarship. Please contact Justis for an application at justis@stsimonsumc.com. Application and letters of recommendations must be received by Monday, May 12 2025. The scholarship will be presented on Sunday, May 18 during the Graduate Recognition in the 11:00am service!

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