

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 11, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Good God Almighty

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

My Jesus

CCLI #7174531
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Same God

CCLI #7183537
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I Love You, Lord

CCLI #25266
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PRAYER TIME

MORNING MESSAGE

The Ideal Parent?

1 Chronicles 28:9-10; Ephesians 6:1-4 NLT
Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

Spirit Song

CCLI #27824
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The Worship of God

MAY 11, 2025
SANCTUARY • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

* HYMN #92 *For The Beauty of the Earth* DIX

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Pat Carmichael

BABY RECOGNITION (11:00 AM)

* FELLOWSHIP *I Sing Praises to Your Name*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #408 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

RESPONSE #94 *Doxology*

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Simple Gifts* Chancel Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

MORNING MESSAGE

Benjy Varnell

The Ideal Parent?

1 Chronicles 28:9-10; Ephesians 6:1-4 NLT

* INVITATION #445 *Happy the Home* ST. AGNES

When God Is There

Verses 1, 2 & 4

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE

Kevin Lamb

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



If I Had My Child to Raise All Over Again

I used the following poem in a sermon several years ago. After the congregation heard the poem, written by Diane Loomans, I had more requests for copies than anything I have ever used. The poem strikes a chord with anyone who is raising or has ever raised a child. The time we have with our children goes by so fast. During that time, we often choose to deal with the “important stuff” at the expense of our children and other important people in our lives.

Some of us will read the poem and we will reflect on a time gone by. For others of us, the poem may serve to open our eyes to some current course corrections we may need to make. For all of us the poem sends a strong message about priorities and our relationships with others.

*If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch (phone), and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars,
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often,
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd model less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.*

Moms are amazing people! They always find a way to make every child feel like he or she is their top priority; they exemplify the power of love in our lives.

Thank you for the power of love each of you have demonstrated to my family and me during my recovery from surgery. We are blessed to be your parsonage family. You have overwhelmed us with your kindness and care. Most of all you have covered us in prayer, and we have felt the power of God at work in our lives in wonderful ways. I am making good progress and anticipate being back at the church for the New Member Gathering on Sunday evening, May 18; back in the office on Monday, May 19; and back with you in worship on Sunday, May 25. I can't wait!

Blessings,

Tom



New Member Gathering

Join us on **Sunday, May 18 at 4:00pm in the Parlor** for our **New Member Gathering**. Enjoy refreshments and snacks as you connect with other new members and spend time with our Pastors.

If you've joined within the past year (or even a little longer) and haven't yet attended a gathering, we would love to welcome you. It promises to be a warm and wonderful time of fellowship and fun!

Graduate Recognition Sunday ~ 5/18

If you are a High School 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 18! Please email justis@stsimonsumc.com for details and to be included!

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
May 4, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$26,644.70
Received YTD | \$437,714.64
Expenses YTD | \$415,954.95
Difference YTD | \$21,759.69
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$459,424.41
Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,856.00
Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,005.35

thank you

Attendance ~ May 4, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **83** Online Worship Views: **492**
9:45 AM Worship Service: **73** Sunday School/Small Group: **97**
11:00 AM Worship Service: **160**
Total In Person Worship: **316**

Members in Ministry ~ May 11, 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 Conner, Laura Weldy
11:00 Jordi Graffis, Sharon Brantley

Projection:

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

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper, Savannah Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Elden Carmichael, Joel West
New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Linda Alterio, Paxton Glaude, Carolyn Hamilton, Dewi Krismulyanti, Tannis McLaughlin, Bill & Wendy McNair, Ed Morgan, Lissy Parker

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Stephen Adams, 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, Betsy Draughon, 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, Tom Jones, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, **Holly Lamb**, 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, **Jimmy Rogers**, 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.

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights –

Scripture Readings April 28-May 4

II Samuel 18:33— “The king was overcome with emotion. He burst into tears! He cried, “O my son, Absalom! If only I had died instead of you!”

Psalms 18:1-2— “I love you, Lord; you are my strength! The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection”

I Chronicles 28:9-10— For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. So take this seriously! The Lord has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong and do the work!”

Saints and Sinners

You're warmly invited to join us for a delightful lunch and great fellowship with friends on Tuesday, May 13th at 12:00 noon in the Thorpe Building. S.A.M. will be providing the entree, and we kindly ask each guest to bring a dish to share. You won't want to miss this program! **Jeff Roberts**, Special Agent with the FBI, and **Lydia Hall** from the U.S. Attorney's Office will present an informative session on **Senior Scams and Elder Fraud**. We hope you will sign up and bring a friend. Please register on Realm or by calling the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!



Men's Ministry Dinner and Seminar

Join Us for an Evening of Delicious Food & Meaningful Conversation— **Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00–8:00 PM- Thorpe Bldg.**

Enjoy a warm Italian dinner featuring: Baked Pasta, Rustic Italian Bread, Mediterranean Salad and Tiramisu

Following dinner, we are honored to welcome **Billy Copelan**, Certified Community Educator with the Alzheimer's Association and Director of Revenue Management at Sea Island Resort.

Do you know someone who would benefit? Please invite them — all are welcome! **A donation of \$10 is greatly appreciated. Register on Realm or by calling the church office by Monday, 5/19.**

Let's come together for an evening that feeds both body and soul while supporting our community.

Broadway is Back at St. Simons UMC!

We're getting ready for our **2nd Broadway presentation** — and we'd love for YOU to be part of the fun!

This summer, join us at the start of **Chancel Choir rehearsal (5:45pm)** for just **15-20 minutes** as we prepare for our exciting August show, featuring music from **The Carole King Musical** and **Hairspray!**

No long-term commitment needed — just bring your voice and your enthusiasm!

Got questions? Contact Kevin at kevin@stsimonsumc.com.

Let's make Broadway magic happen again at St. Simons UMC!

Moms of Toddlers- M.O.T.s

Join us for a special time designed just for moms of little ones ages 1-5 on Saturday, May 17 from 2:30-4:30pm in the Thorpe Bldg.

“Come as you are and leave refreshed, supported and connected”

For more info and to **RSVP**— contact **Peyton 912-771-6801**



Summer Sundays at SSUMC —

One Service at 10:30 AM

Come experience worship fresh and new this summer at St. Simons United Methodist Church!



One service at 10:30 AM — the perfect chance to get to know friends from all services & worship as one unite family.

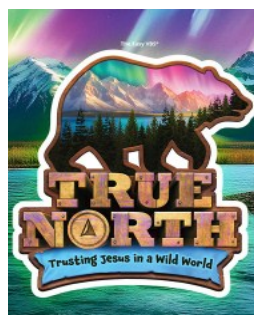


Want to try something new? Sunday School meets before service at 9:15 AM— come early and grow deeper in faith.



Fellowship continues with coffee and sweet treats before worship — connect, relax, and enjoy the summer spirit together.

Let's make Summer Sundays special — June and July at SSUMC. See you there!



Register for VBS 2025!!!

Join us June 8- June 12 for a Wild & Fun week learning about God!

Come find your **TRUE NORTH!**

Sign up by visiting the website at: <https://vbspro.events/p/a4421d> or by scanning the QR CODE:

Contact Victoria for more info. at victoria@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, May 11

- 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**

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
- 10:00 AM Healthcare Coalition, **Thorpe Building**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 12:00 PM Saints and Sinners Lunch, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**

Wednesday, May 14

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, May 15

- 12:00 AM Sunshine Circle Lunch, **Tramici**

Friday, May 16

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

Saturday, May 17

- 2:30 PM Moms of Toddlers M.O.T.s Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Silver Second Sundays!

This Sunday the children will collect silver coins (and dollars) at the 9:45am and 11:00am service. Buckets will be available at the entrance to the sanctuary so that those who attend the 8:30am service may also donate. The May collection will go to Safe Harbor. Thanks so much for your generous donations!

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Today, in celebration of Mother's Day, the United Women in Faith joyfully recognize all the babies born into our church family since last Mother's Day. Each child will be gifted a baby Bible as a special keepsake to mark this meaningful occasion.

*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,*



The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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