

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 18, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

We Welcome You

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Days of Elijah

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

God So Loved

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PRAYER TIME

MORNING MESSAGE

Somebody to Lean On

Psalm 86: 1-7, 11-12, & 15 NLT
Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

Shout To The Lord

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

MAY 18, 2025
SANCTUARY • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

GRADUATE RECOGNITION (11:00AM)

Justis Kuykendall

Ava Clark
Annabelle Hall
Anna Sipe

Congregational Prayer Time for Graduates

SPECIAL MUSIC

May You Always Have a Song Ketch Kase

GHOLSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

* FELLOWSHIP *Surely the Presence*

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 #368 *My Hope Is Built* THE SOLID ROCK
Verses 1, 3 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

RESPONSE #94

Doxology

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Wonderfully Made

Chancel Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

MORNING MESSAGE

Benjy Varnell

Somebody to Lean On

Psalm 86: 1-7, 11-12, & 15 NLT

* INVITATION #467 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY
Verses 1, 2 & 4

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Milestones

This week is a very special week. We have the honor of celebrating our Class of 2025 Graduates!

Graduation marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. It's a time to honor the hard work, growth, and perseverance of each graduate. Whether from high school, college, or a professional program, this recognition celebrates more than academics, it acknowledges dedication, character, and potential.

Each graduate walks across the stage carrying a unique story of challenges overcome and goals achieved. It's a proud moment shared with family, friends, and mentors. As we recognize their accomplishments, we also celebrate the promise they carry into the future.

Join us in celebrating the Class of 2025!

High School Graduates

Holly Baldwin

Ava Clark

Philip Fairman

Annabelle Hall

Anna Sipe

College Graduates

Paul Steven Hegeman

Justis Kuykendall

Spencer Meadows

Many Blessings,
Justis Kuykendall

Director of Youth Ministry



New Member Gathering

Join us this afternoon 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!

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!

Financial Report

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

May 11, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$28,397.00

Received YTD | \$466,111.64

Expenses YTD | \$430,836.35

Difference YTD | \$35,275.29

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$484,549.21

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,876.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,005.35

thank you

Attendance ~ May 11, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **70**

Online Worship Views: **492**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **95**

Sunday School/Small Group: **97**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **209**

Total In Person Worship: **374**

Members in Ministry ~ May 18, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Martha Dixon, Mike Presley, Joy Coleman

11:00 John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja, Dona Colglazier, Steve Smith, Cyndy Franklin

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Barbara Foster

9:45 Toni Metz, Eva White

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Claire Kase, Ketch Kase

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CATHY DOWDY TO MUSIC

MINISTRY BY:

JEANETTE MCALUM

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of JoAnne Alford, Elden Carmichael

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Linda Alterio, Chari Buhman, Rita Buhman, Cindy Evans, Dot Fryer, Paxton Glaude, Rose Johnson, Dewi Krismulyanti, Tannis McLaughlin, Bill & Wendy McNair, Ed Morgan, Paige Roney, Kori and Paul Roney, Meredith Trawick, Jake Woolard

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, Cindy Evans, 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, Lissy & Bill Parker, 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.



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 united 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!

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – Scripture Readings May 5-11

I Kings 2:10-12- “Then David died and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David. Solomon became King and sat on the throne of his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.”

Psalms 8:3-5- “When I look at the night sky and the work of your fingers- the moon and the stars, what are mere mortals that you should think of them? Yet you made them a little lower than angels and crowned them with glory and honor.”

Psalms 23:1, 4- “The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid for you are with me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.”

Keep Reading! You'll be blessed!

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!

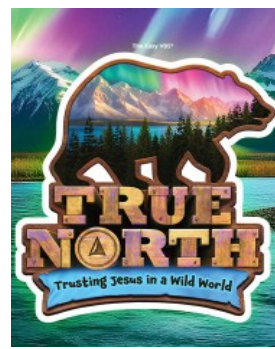
Following dinner, we are honored to welcome **Billy Copelan**, Certified Community Educator with the Alzheimer's Association and Director of Revenue Management at Sea Island Resort.

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.

Baby Bottle Campaign

You may help support the Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign by picking up a bottle in the Gholson room and/or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Fill these bottles with spare change, cash or check and return the bottle by Father's Day, June 15.



Register for VBS 2025!!!



Join us June 9- June 12 for a Wild & Fun week learning about God! Come find your

TRUE NORTH!

Volunteers still NEEDED!

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

With your help we can make this the best VBS ever!

VBS DONATION ITEMS NEEDED!

- ♦ Bugles (chips)
- ♦ Teddy grams
- ♦ Graham crackers
- ♦ Regular sized marshmallows
- ♦ Hershey's chocolate fun size bars
- ♦ Paper towels
- ♦ Small plates
- ♦ Small plastic cups
- ♦ Thick pretzel sticks
- ♦ Nutella



Donated items can be left in the Gholson Room near the True North sign! Thank you!

Salvation Army Update

On Monday, May 12, the food from the congregation of St. Simons United Methodist Church was delivered to the Salvation Army in Brunswick. There were two grocery carts overflowing and filled with more than 50 grocery bags of food, that helped restock the food pantry. What great participation by our church. Just one example of the impact to the food shelf- they went from 2 bags of rice, to 15. It took about 30 minutes to put the groceries in the proper place. Thank you for your participation and prayers for the Salvation Army!

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 18

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
4:00 PM New Member Gathering, **Parlor**
5:00 PM Youth Hangout, **Youth Room**

Monday, May 19

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**

Tuesday, May 20

10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
6:30 PM UWF SIS Circle Meeting, **Parlor**

Wednesday, May 21

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 22

6:00 PM Men's Ministry Health Seminar & Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, May 23

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

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DEUTERONOMY 31:6

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

The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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