

Worship Notes

TODAYS MESSAGE

Help is With Us

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
- ² So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.
- ³ Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
- ⁴ A river brings joy to the city of our God,
the sacred home of the Most High.
- ⁵ God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
From the very break of day, God will protect it.
- ⁶ The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble!
God's voice thunders, and the earth melts!
- ⁷ The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come, see the glorious works of the Lord:
See how he brings destruction upon the world.
- ⁹ He causes wars to end throughout the earth.
He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world."
- ¹¹ The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

The Worship of God

JULY 6, 2025

SANCTUARY • 10:30 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

***God Is Our Refuge
And Strength***

Chancel Choir

* HYMN #529

How Firm A Foundation

NICEA

*All Children Are Invited to come up on the last verse
For the Kid's Message*

* CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

* FELLOWSHIP

Chain Breaker

My Chains are Gone

MORNING PRAYER

Stan Robinson

OFFERTORY

Peace

Justis Kuykendall
Director of Youth Ministry

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

Kate Matthews

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Help is With Us

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

* INVITATION #337

Only Trust Him
verses 1 & 3

STOCKTON

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Today, we will receive Communion by **intinction, which simply means you will **dip the bread** you are given into the **juice cups**.

There are **four stations at the front**, so please **make your way to the next available station** when invited.

For those with dietary needs, **gluten-free bread** is available. We also offer **prepackaged, sealed Communion cups and wafers** if you prefer that option.

This is an **open table**—all are welcome and invited to participate in this sacred meal.

If you would like someone to pray with you, individuals will be available at both ends of the altar rail.

As is United Methodist tradition, any offering left at the altar rail will be used to support needs within our local community.



Summer Worship Hours Change 8:30am and 11:00am Services Beginning this Sunday, July 6

Dear Church Family,

What a joy this summer has been! Those of you who've joined us for our summer worship services have experienced the beauty of heartfelt music, the joy of gathering as one united church family, and—most importantly—the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit moving among us.

Worship attendance has been truly remarkable, with large crowds each week! While that's certainly something to celebrate, it has also presented some challenges. As you may have heard, once a sanctuary reaches 80% capacity, it begins to feel "full" to those in attendance - and lately, we've been nearing or exceeding 100% Also, parking has become increasingly difficult, and communion services are running longer due to the number of worship attendees.

These are wonderful challenges to have, but they are still challenges - and we want to make sure that everyone who wishes to worship with us has a place to sit, space to park, and a meaningful worship experience.

To help address these needs, beginning this Sunday, July 6, and continuing through the month of July, we will offer two worship services at 8:30am and 10:30am. The 8:30am service will be a shorter, 45-minute service, allowing time for those attending Sunday School to get to their classes. Please take note of this temporary schedule and help us spread the word to others.

We plan to return to our regular three-service schedule (8:30am, 9:45am, and 11:00am) in August.

God is so good, and we are witnessing his abundant blessings here at St. Simons UMC! I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday—at 8:30am or 10:30am as we celebrate Holy Communion together.

With gratitude and joy,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible June 30– July 6? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom are:

2 Chronicles 29:35-36 – So the Temple of the Lord was restored to service. And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced because of what God had done for the people, for everything had been accomplished so quickly.

2 Chronicles 30:26 – There was great joy in the city, for Jerusalem had not seen a celebration like this one since the days of Solomon, King David's son.

Proverbs 28:13 – People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

Psalms 42:1 – As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.

Psalms 42:5 – Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again - my Savior and my God!

Psalms 46:1 – God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
June 29, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,204.00

Received YTD | \$585,898.25

Expenses YTD | \$597,412.32

Difference YTD | -\$11,514.07

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$663,936.39

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$13,728.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,130.35

thank you

Attendance ~ June 29, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service: **338**

Online Worship Views: **399**

Sunday School/Small Group: **75**

Members in Ministry ~ July 6, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Travis Irby, Caryn Riggs, Pat Carmichael

10:30 Kevin Brandon, Ed Reynolds, Garrett Brandon, David Clark,
Dylan Brandon, Judy & JR Wright

Greeters:

8:30 Thornton Willingham, Helen Baker

10:30 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell

Projection:

10:30 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

10:30 Addy Thompson, Julia Humphries

Communion Servers:

8:30 Betty Sharp, BJ Whitaker
Judy Smith

10:30 Betty Sharp, BJ Whitaker
Bev Myers

Communion Prayers:

Mike Martin, Becky Bridges

Paul Gallogly, Judy Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Ann Pickard

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Scotte D., Bruce Harvey, Steven Horowitz, Vina Josey, The Parker Family, Larry Sharpe, Mary Smith, Stan Smith, Rev. Steve Smith, Family & friends of Shirley Spiers, Kip Sterling, Mel Tavares, Tim Young

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, 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, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Pete Irby, Barbara Jensen, 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, Mary Alice Mills, Megan & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Jimmy Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Joel West, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Audrey Wood, Bobbée 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.

We are Hiring:

Media & Administrative Assistant

St. Simons UMC is looking for a creative, organized, and faith-filled individual to support our ministry through media, marketing and administration.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage church social media, website & marketing
- Prepare bulletins, newsletters & visual worship content
- Support live streaming & AV for services

General office duties & volunteer coordination

You'll Need:

- Skills in Microsoft Office, Canva, ProPresenter & Realm
- Strong communication & organizational abilities
- A Christ-centered, team-oriented spirit

Some Sunday/event work required.

Salary based on experience/degree.

Apply by sending your resume to: anne@stsimonsumc.com

Come be a part of something meaningful!

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, June 29, 2025.

- ♦ Rich and Diane Varner
- ♦ Richard Russell and his children; Mary Ryals & Nash

Join us in welcoming them all to our church family!

Realm Update –

We Need Your HELP!

We're refreshing our directory in Realm and need your help!

Please log in to update your **information** and **photo** at your earliest convenience. Do we have your best email and phone #? Don't love your current photo or prefer we update it for you? No problem! Just send us a new one, and we'll handle the rest. Also, if you want to share your info. make sure you are not marked private in REALM. Call or Email Anne with any update information or photos– anne@stsimonsumc.com

Thanks for keeping our community connected and up to date!



Sparrows Nest–Collection

Thank you for those who are bringing Sparrows Nest food for our first Sunday collection. They are in need of more food every month and suggested the following items: Canned protein, Canned vegetables, Instant mashed potatoes, Soups, Chili, Pork N Beans or Baked Beans, Ramen Noodles or flavored rice, Canned pasta or Ravioli and SpaghettiOs, Mac n' Cheese, Kid Snacks, Canned Fruit and Fruit Cups, Cereal and Oatmeal, Boxed Powdered or Canned Milk, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Bath Soap and Body Wash, Plastic or paper grocery store bags.

Thank you also to the volunteers who deliver the food and help at Sparrows Nest.



Youth Ministry Parent Meeting & Children's Ministry Parent Meeting

We invite all youth parents (**Rising 6-12 Grade**) to a special combined meeting with the Youth Committee on **Sunday, July 13, at 5:30pm, in the Youth Room**. Tom Jones and Justis Kuykendall will lead the conversation as we explore the future of our youth ministry and discuss meaningful ways to strengthen and grow the program.

All parents of children (**Rising K—5th Grade**) are invited to attend a special combined meeting with the Children's Committee on **Sunday, July 20, 5:30pm, in the Youth Room**. Tom Jones and Victoria Fryer will lead the discussion as we explore ways to grow and enhance the children's ministry.

Your voice matters! Whether your child is currently active with our youth or children's groups or not, your perspective and input are invaluable. Please make every effort to attend one or both of these meetings. We look forward to hearing from you!

Attention July Jewels ❀

Debbie Pease and Cyndy Franklin are organizing our annual Dutch Treat lunch and birthday celebration at Sweet Mama's on Wednesday, July 23 at 11:00 am. 🍰 🎂 🎁 🌸

Please RSVP by 7/16 to Cyndy 404-388-7137

Gathering Place Main Event!

Calling all Youth- June 1 -July 13 6:00-8:30pm.

The Main Event is a high energy non-denominational event that draws students throughout the summer on Sunday nights from June 1st – July 13th.

Contact Justis for more info– justis@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.
- 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.

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, July 6

- 8:30 AM Summer Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:15 AM Sunday School & Small Groups , **Various Locations**
10:30 AM Summer Worship Service, **Sanctuary****
*Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services
**Streamed Live
6:00 PM The Gathering Place Main Event, **Gather in Brunswick**

Monday, July 7

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, July 8

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**

Wednesday, July 9

- 8:00 AM High School One Days, **Gathering Place- Brunswick**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, July 10

- 8:00 AM Gathering Place Middle School One Day, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, **Parlor**

Friday, July 11

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

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