

The Worship of God

AUGUST 3, 2025
SANCTUARY • 8:30 AM

PRELUDE Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE #96 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*
Verses 1 & 3 AMSERTDAM

* CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

HYMN #593 *Here I Am, Lord*
Verse 1 HERE I AM, LORD

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OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

* THE DOXOLOGY #95

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *How Beautiful* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 2:4-7, 11-13

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones
Cracked Cisterns

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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Fellowship Song *Shout to the Lord*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

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There's No Place Like Home

"There's no place like home." Dorothy said it best after clicking her heels and realizing that everything she truly needed was right where she started.

No matter where I go- a business trip, a vacation, or just after a long day of doing what pastors do (and yes, despite popular belief, they work more than one day a week)- it always feels good to come home.

Without fail, my dog is the first to greet me. Her uncontrollable excitement, her ability to listen without talking back, and her gift for loving me unconditionally always brings a smile to my face. Soon after, my wife and daughter appear- usually a little less enthusiastic than the dog to see me, but their welcome-home hugs are still unbeatable.

Home is where I can be myself. It's where I wear my most questionable T-shirts, sprawl out on the couch like a limp flower in the summer heat, and conduct raids on the refrigerator and pantry- without (much) judgement. But beyond just being comfortable, home is where I'm surrounded by people who love and support me- even though I still haven't convinced them to adjust the thermostat setting above "Arctic Tundra."

Each Sunday it is our hope that everyone who enters our doors is made to feel at home. You don't have to pretend to be something you're not, simply be yourself. (Though we do kindly discourage sprawling across the pews as if they were your living room sofa.) Still, it is here that you will find people who are excited to see you; who are willing to listen if you need to talk; who work hard to love you unconditionally without your feeling judged- and who will more than likely throw in a hug if you need one.

As summer winds down and routines return, I invite you to come home. Church is better when the whole family is together. And when you're not here, we notice- because home just isn't the same without you.

So go ahead- click your heels or use whatever method you prefer - just make your way back home to St. Simons UMC. We'll be here, waiting with open arms!

Blessings,

Tom

Congratulations to the Giery family!

We celebrate the birth of Hattie Grimes Giery, born on Friday, July 25. Congratulations to proud parents Mary Glen and Michael Giery, and to big sister Harper. We give thanks to God for this precious new life and pray blessings of health, joy, and love for the Giery family.

Footprints Widow's Support Group

Join us for a compassionate gathering of hope and healing. The Footprints Widow's Support Group will meet at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, August 5th at Golden Isles Olive Oil. For more information, call or text Susan Hoshall at (912) 399-5454. All are welcome.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
July 27, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,289.00
Received YTD | \$701,317.53
Expenses YTD | \$684,089.04
Difference YTD | \$17,228.49
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$764,574.83
Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$14,068.00

thank you

Attendance ~ July 27, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **54**
10:30 AM Worship Service: **234**
Total In Person Attendance: **293**
Online Worship Views: **270**
Sunday School/Small Group: **89**

Members in Ministry ~ August 3, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Travis Irby, Caryn Riggs, Pat Carmichael
11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Helen Baker
9:45 Judy & JR Wright
11:00 Barbara Smith, June Smith

Projection:

8:30 TBA **9:45** Jessica Zettler
11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Addy Thompson, June Humphries

Communion Servers:

Communion Prayers:

8:30 Becky Bridges & Chuck Milliken Betty Sharp & BJ Whitaker
9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy Toni Metz & Paul Gallogly
11:00 Yvonne Flowers & David Clark Betty Sharp & BJ Whitaker

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Wayne Land

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Darlene Cramer, Eliza Frazier, Hope Hall, Bob Hochwald, Peyton Johnson, Jade & Charlotte Keith, Fanna Love, Ralph Lundstedt, Bill Markert, Michael, Angie Perry, Eugene Ramba

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, 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, Kristen Merrill, Megan & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Jimmy Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, 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, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, 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.



Fall Kick Off & Cook Out!

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening

- Bounce houses & yard games
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks & dessert
- Bingo and Prizes



All Church family and friends are welcome to this complimentary event but please let us know you plan to attend! Register on Realm, scan the QR code or call the church office!

Volunteer for Sunday Projection Team!

Join our team on Sunday mornings! We are in need of a volunteer to help with our projection during the 11:00 AM service a few Sundays a month! Please email Kevin Lamb for more information or if you are interested in this vital ministry opportunity at kevin@stsimonsumc.com

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Bring your backpack on Sunday, August 10 to our morning worship services as we pray for our students & teachers returning to school.



Welcome to Rev. Tab Miller

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to announce that Tab Miller will become a part of our worship ministry team effective August 3. Tab will assist with the preaching responsibilities on Sundays with his focus being on the Contemporary Worship Service. In recent years Tab has served as the associate pastor at College Place United Methodist Church. He currently serves with FaithWorks with his specific responsibilities being at The Well. Tab is married to Natalie and they have three children, Audrey, Lia, and Tabitha. Please join us in welcoming Tab to our worship team! He can be reached at tab@faithworksministry.org.

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.



Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible July 27– August 2? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom are:

Isaiah 58:10– Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

Isaiah 63:7– I will tell of the Lord's unfailing love. I will praise the Lord for all he has done. I will rejoice in his great goodness to Israel, which he has granted according to his mercy and love.

Jeremiah 1:6-7– "O Sovereign Lord," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!" The Lord replied, "Don't say, I'm too young," for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you."

Jeremiah 2:13– "For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me—the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!"

Nahum 1:7– The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him.

Habakkuk 2:4– "Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God."

Support Our Teachers This School Year

As a new school year approaches, our dedicated teachers are already hard at work preparing classrooms that are welcoming, creative, and engaging for their students. Often, they do this by reaching into their own pockets to purchase classroom supplies. You can make a meaningful difference by supporting our **Teacher Supply Drive** over the next few weeks. Simply write "Teacher's Supplies" on your check or offering envelope to designate your gift. Thank you for your generosity and for investing in the lives of students and teachers alike! For more information contact Anne Frazier 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.
- 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, August 3

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
- 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**
****Worship Service Live Streamed**
- 12:00 PM Youth Trip to Top Golf

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**
- 5:30 PM Nominations Committee Meeting, **Parlor**
- 5:30 PM ERT Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, August 6

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

Thursday, August 7

- 12:45 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, August 8

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

SSUMC Manna House Team

Our First Thursday of the month Manna House team is looking for a team captain. If you would like to lead this well established group please reach out to Anne Frazier in the church office. We are looking for someone to start serving in this capacity by September!

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Welcome!

We are glad you are here.

*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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