

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 16

- 8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
- 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**
- 2:00 PM Advent Wreath Making and Cookies, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:00 PM Youth Cooking Class, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Meet Up, **Youth Room**

Monday, November 17

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**
- 5:30 PM Finance Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, November 18

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 10:00 AM UWF Reading Group, **Parlor**
- 10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 4:30 PM College Student Committee Meeting, **Gholson Room**
- 6:30 PM UWF "SIS" Circle Meeting, **Parlor**

Wednesday, November 19

- 9:30 AM MOMS- Walking Group, **Church parking lot**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 4:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Choir, **Choir Room**
- 5:00 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Bible Fun, **Kid's Club House Upstairs**
- 5:00 PM Youth Friendsgiving, **Mellow Mushroom**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

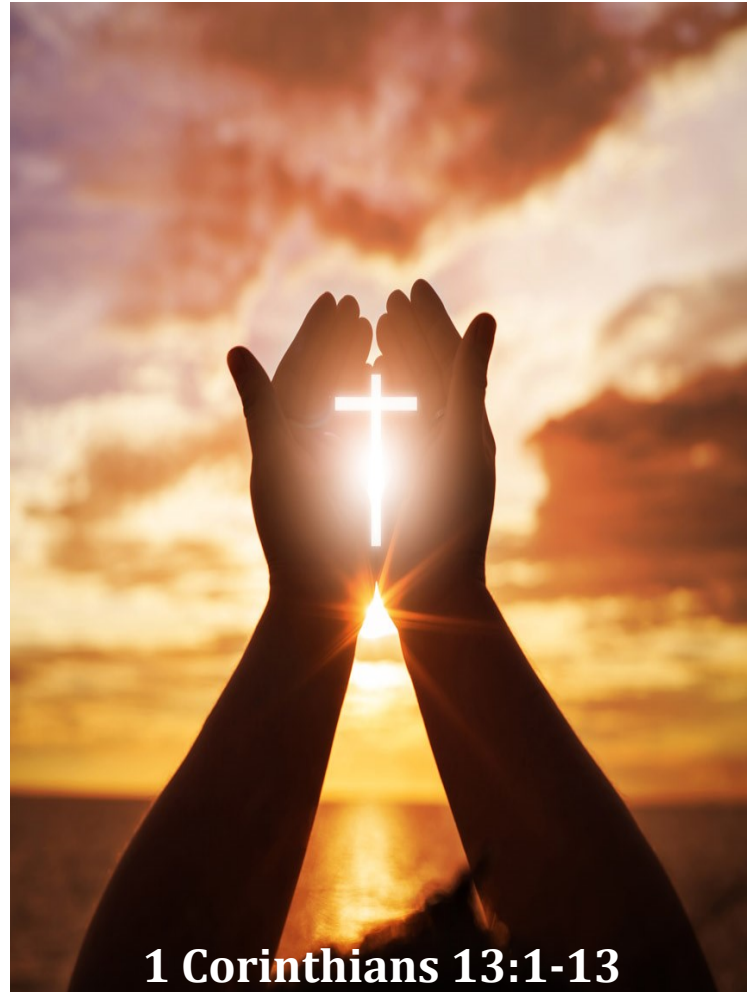
Thursday, November 20

- 11:00 AM Preschool Thanksgiving Program & Lunch, **Thorpe Building**
- 12:00 PM Sunshine Circle Meeting & Lunch, **Tramici Restaurant**

Friday, November 21

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

WELCOME



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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

Contemporary Worship
November 16, 2025
Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Love the Lord

CCLI # 4572938
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Fellowship Time

I Speak Jesus

CCLI # 7136201
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Do It Again

CCLI #7067555
© Said And Done Music

Let It Rise

CCLI #2240585
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Morning Prayer

Today's Message

Lawless

Galatians 5:16-23
Rev. Tab Miller

Invitation

O Come to the Altar

CCLI #7051511
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Blessing

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

*I love you with the love of the Lord.
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King,
And I love you with the love of the Lord.*

PRELUDE Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *Pray for the People* Chancel Choir

INVOCATION Tom Jones

* HYMN OF PRAISE #384 *Love Divine,
All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
Verses 1, 2 & 4

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)
Spencer Ray Hipsher

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG *I Love You with the
Love of the Lord*

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

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Jay Hodges

* HYMN #408 *The Gift of Love* ST. COLUMBIA

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tom Jones

OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

* RESPONSE The Doxology OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Each One, Reach One* Holly Lamb
Music Associate
Contemporary Worship Leader

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

Agape Update

* INVITATION #111 *How Can We Name a Love* TERRA BEATA
Verses 1 & 4

* BENEDICTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

* Stand As Able

Emmanuel – God With Us Advent Devotional Book

As our thoughts begin to turn to Thanksgiving and the upcoming season of Advent, we do so in a world that feels heavy with uncertainty, conflict, and concern. Many of us carry personal burdens as well. It can be easy to forget that we do not face these days alone. Advent serves to remind us of God's presence among us. It is a belief that is at the heart of our faith; a living promise for every moment we face.

As a special gift to our church during Advent this year, our members and pastors have joined together to write daily devotionals. The devotionals have been compiled into a book entitled, "Emmanuel – God With Us." These reflections offer a glimpse of faith lived out in real life - a faith that hopes, prays, and trusts even in challenging times. Each page invites you to pause and reflect, as we draw close to our God who still desires to draw close to us.

The devotional book will be available starting this Sunday at the Welcome Desk and Members Desk located in the Gholson Room. There will also be a daily devotional email sent to the congregation beginning November 29. I want to express my gratitude to Nancy Krabill who initiated the idea, to the individuals who wrote the devotionals, to our children who illustrated the book, and to our staff who put the book together.

I encourage you to take time to read and pray through these devotionals. The beautiful and thoughtful writing of those who contributed will be an inspiration, reminding us again that God's presence is not far away but right here among us - in our church, our community, our hearts, and our homes.

As the Advent season approaches my prayer is that it will be a time to renew our hope, deepen our faith, and fill us with the peace that comes from knowing we are never alone.

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible November 9-15? These are a few verses that stood out to Tom:

Acts 9:3-5 - As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!"

Acts 10:34-36 - Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel - that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."

Galatians 1:23 - All they knew was that people were saying, "The one who used to persecute us (Saul who became Paul) is now preaching the very faith he tried to destroy!"

Galatians 3:28-29 - "There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you."

Galatians 6:9 - "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

Financial Report

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

November 9, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$33,553.00

Received YTD | \$1,048,822.35

Expenses YTD | \$1,067,485.05

Difference YTD | -\$18,662.70

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,147,159.31

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$18,863.00

thank you

Attendance ~ November 9, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **91** Online Worship Views: **528**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **64** Sunday School/Small Group: **127**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **202**

Total In Person Attendance: **357**

Members in Ministry ~ November 16, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Martha Dixon, Elden Carmichael, Mike Presley

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

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Barbara Foster

9:45 Toni Metz, Eva White

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Savannah & Natalie Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jody McCollum, Jesse Roberson, Linda Victory

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Family & friends of Christian Akers, Susan & Dr. Jody Barrow family, Marjorie Coleman, Vera Collins, Darlene Cramer, William John Dale, Paul Gulgus, Family & friends of Sandy Gruser, Hope Hall, Marianna Jackson, Taylor Keagy, Mike McKinney, Tannis McLaughlin, Nancy Hortman Mead, June Pittman, Marily Schwenk, Family & friends of Nancy Snyder, Dawn Spruiel, Family & friends of Madge Watson, Benjamin W. Wiggins,

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Betsy Draughton, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Eloise Harvey, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Pete Irby, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, 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, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

The Island of Jamaica

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift

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.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch! This meal will be held on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 27, at noon in the Thorpe Building. The church will provide turkey, dressing, gravy and tea. We will ask that those who are attending bring your favorite side dish/casserole or dessert. **Please RSVP by calling the church office or registering on Realm, by Monday, November 24.**



UWF Pecan Pickup!

The pecans are here and are available for pickup Sunday between, and after the three Worship Services in the Parlor. The United Women in Faith are very thankful for your support! There will be some extra bags available for purchase - **Contact: Pat Carmichael 912-270-5739**



Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias through Monday, December 15
Help place poinsettias in the Sanctuary to Celebrate the Birth of Christ. They will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 21 and go home after the 11:00am worship service that day! The cost of each poinsettia is \$26. You may designate them in memory of, in honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Look for envelopes in the pew racks or contact the Church Office. anne@stsimonsumc.com | 912.638.3317



Shopping fun & St. Augustine Lights

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Get in the holiday spirit with a day of shopping, dining, and the spectacular **St. Augustine Nights of Lights!** We will be traveling in comfort on a charter coach with all the amenities.

Itinerary:

10:30 AM: Depart for IKEA (shopping and lunch).

If you haven't experienced IKEA here's your chance, and if you are not a shopper there's lots of comfortable seating for reading and drinking coffee. You must try the Swedish Meatballs for lunch.

1:30 PM: Head to St. Augustine Outlets for a shopping spree.

4:30 PM: Dinner at the famous Columbia Restaurant.

7:00 PM: Board the trolley for a breathtaking lights tour.

Cost: \$30 per person (does not include dinner)

Reserve your spot now for this exciting trip in Realm or call the office.



SSUMP and SSUMC Children's Committee
presents

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

SSUMP and SSUMC
624 Ocean Blvd

Friday, November 21
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



Free for all ages 6 weeks to 5th Grade! Give yourselves a break while we bring the fun! Sign up quickly as spots are limited. We will have a movie, pizza, games, prizes, dance party and arts & crafts. RSVP to tanja@stsimonsumc.com or to the church office ASAP!

Christian Concert

First Baptist Church, SSI Sunday, November 23 • 6:00 PM

Featuring Jaukeem Fortson – a rising star whose voice blends heart, soul, and purpose. From church pews to the national stage on *The Voice*, Season 26, Jaukeem's powerful talent and humble spirit are sure to inspire and move you.

Advent Mission: Giving Trees

Hope 1312 | FaithWorks | Salvation Army

The Advent Missions Challenge is brought to you by our SSUMC Missions Committee. This Season we will support 3 Ministries, each by an individual Christmas Giving Tree. Each tree in the Gholson Room will have either gift ornaments or gift tags representing a need. Please feel free to take as many gift ornaments or gift tags as you would like. Visit the Gholson Room Sunday mornings to find out more and select gift ornaments or gift tags. You can bring your gifts back to the appropriate tree or to the church office.

Packing Instructions for each Ministry:

FaithWorks - No packaging needed.

Hope 1312 - A gift bag or wrapping with the tag attached.

Salvation Army - Instructions should be on the tag but if not should be unwrapped but can be put in a gift bag that would show the contents and attach the tag.

All Items should be returned by: **Sunday, December 14**

Thank you all in advance for your generosity to these local ministries during the Christmas season!



Part-Time Youth Director Position

Our church has an immediate opening for a Part-Time Youth Director. Join our team and make a difference with our next generation of youth! If interested in the position, please contact Anne Frazier for more details and to submit your resume at anne@stsimonsumc.com.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF REV. DR. CHARLES HOUSTON, JR.
Hoke Brunson Jr.

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIMMY LANGFORD
Lesli & John McQuigg

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JOEL WEST
Joan Hoffer

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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