

Contemporary Worship

February 15, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Traditional Worship

February 15, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Good God Almighty

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Fellowship Time

Honey in the Rock

CCLI # 7191257
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Build My Life

CCLI #7070345
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Prayer

Who Else

CCLI #7223119
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Today's Message

Perfect Love

1 John 4:16-19
Rev. Benjy Varnell

Invitation

I Give You My Heart

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Benediction

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benjy Varnell
Interim Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Ellington Graffis (11:00 AM)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give Me A Song

Chancel Choir

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*We Have Come to
Join in Worship*

HOLY MANNA

MISSION MOMENT

Square Foot Ministry

INTERLUDE (11:00)

Smith Graffis

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

I Love You Lord

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Verses 1, 2 & 4

ST. THOMAS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

The Power of Your Love

Pam Taylor

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:16-19

Benjy Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Benjy Varnell

Perfect Love

* INVITATION #170

O How I Love Jesus

HE LEADETH ME

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cindy Taylor

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Valentine's Thoughts

This Saturday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. Valentine was a devout Christian of the Third Century who was imprisoned and executed for coming to the aid of fellow Christians who were being persecuted for their faith in Christ. He was declared a Saint in the Roman Catholic Church. He refused to renounce his belief in Jesus as Lord and was martyred by the order of the Roman emperor.

There have been many legends about St. Valentine. One was that before his death he wrote a note to the daughter of a famous judge. Years earlier he had been a guest in the judge's house and the judge had heard of Valentine's belief in the power of God. The judge was not a Christian, but asked Valentine to pray to God to restore the sight of his blind daughter. Valentine prayed for her and she was able to regain her sight. Years later, from his prison cell awaiting execution, he supposedly wrote a note to the girl and signed it "From Your Valentine." This was one theory about how the romantic view of Valentine's began.

The idea of Valentine's Day as a day celebrating romantic love was later popularized by a poem written in the 14th Century by Geoffrey Chaucer, author of "The Canterbury Tales." The day continued to grow in popularity and by the 1840's sending Valentines cards by mail became popular. In 1868, British candy company Cadbury began making heart-shaped boxes of chocolates for Valentines. They later became famous for chocolate Easter eggs. Roses also became the Valentine flower and became a symbol of romance.

I recall in elementary school we would send valentines to each other and to our teacher. We also gave each other conversation hearts, which were candy mints with messages on them like "Be Mine" and "Love Always." Valentine's Day is big business in the US. It is estimated that 29 Billion dollars will be spent in 2026 in this country on cards, flowers, candy, dining out, jewelry and buying Valentine's gifts for pets!

I wonder what the real St. Valentine would think about all this? Romantic love is a beautiful sentiment, but I'm not sure that Valentine would want to be remembered for just that. We should not forget that he gave his all to follow Jesus! I believe we should remember that the main focus of his life was the message that Jesus is Lord of all! That should also be our message as we live our daily witness for Him!

In His Love,

Benjy

Hope to see you Sunday at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00!

Ash Wednesday Services

We invite you to begin the season of Lent with us on Wednesday, February 18. Join us in the Sanctuary for one of two meaningful Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon or 6:00 p.m. As we gather for prayer, reflection, and the imposition of ashes, we prepare our hearts for the journey toward Easter.

A nursery will be available during the 6:00 p.m. service.



Financial Report

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

February 8, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$32,364.00

Received YTD | \$148,619.62

Expenses YTD | \$114,632.53

Difference YTD | \$33,987.09

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$143,306.35

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$3,315.00

thank you

Attendance

February 8, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **55**

Online Worship Views: **434**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **75**

Sunday School/Small Group: **121**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **255**

Total In Person Worship: **385**

Members in Ministry~ February 15, 2026

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Barbara Foster

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Kari Cooper, Christiana Weisberg

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Ellington Graffis, Julia Humphries

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Traci Carmichael, Linda Denman, Connie Kersh, Shari Luken, Norma Mock

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: John Brower, Anna Erlandson, Renee Giedl, Bruce Harvey, Sarah Heath and family, **Larry Jordan, Hannah Marie**, Family & friends of Bob Meier, Christy Meier

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Carlotta Budd, Trudy 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, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Martine Haynes, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, JoDee Ellington Hubbert, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Megan & Blake Moore, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, **Dick Pipe**, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Chuck Wilson, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock

Marsh's Edge: Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift, Ray Thrift

Sears Manor: Joan Harris

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.



Wednesday Night Dinner! 2/18/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include **Alice Springs Chicken, Lima Beans, Rice, Salad, Roll, & Dessert.**

This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice, warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. **PLEASE register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!**

Lenten Bible Study- Thursdays in March

Join us for a Lenten Bible Study beginning on Thursday, March 5. We will look at various characters we meet on the way to the Cross in the four Gospels. We'll meet in room 201 from 10:30 to 11:30 each of the four Thursdays in March. All you will need is your Bible and a pen and paper. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us! See you then! This class is led by Benjy Varnell. Sign up in Realm or by calling the church office.

Hospitality & Wednesday Night Dinner Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for volunteers to help with Sunday morning coffee & donuts (one Sunday per month) and Wednesday Night Dinners. These ministries are a great way to serve, connect, and make a difference. For more info or details email **Mike Martin** at mgmartin21@comcast.net.



The Thorn

The Thorn is an extraordinary theatrical performance that combines powerful storytelling with incredible music. The unique experience explores profound themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption through an engaging blend of drama, dance and live music. We will depart on Sunday, March 29 from the church at 12:30pm to Savannah and the cost is \$100. Space is limited to 24 tickets, so please sign up and pay promptly on Realm or by calling the church office.

Serve Saturday- SIGN UP ASAP!

**Saturday, March 7, 2026— our 4th Annual
Serve Saturday!**

Join us on **Saturday, March 7** at 8:00am for breakfast and a devotional in the Thorpe Building. PLEASE wear your Serve Saturday T-shirt from last year or order one by submitting your size needed when you register. Volunteers will depart at 8:45am wearing our Serve Saturday T-shirts and ready to Serve our community!

A Sign-Up Genius link has been emailed out! The link is listed here also:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-ssumc/

Please contact the church office for assistance signing up or with questions at 912-638-3317 or email Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com for more info.



Confirmation 2026- Info and Retreat!



All **5th–8th grade students who have not yet been confirmed** are invited to join us for this year's **Confirmation Classes and Retreat**, a meaningful journey exploring the foundations of Methodism, the core tenets of Christianity, and the opportunity for each student to profess Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Classes will meet in the **Youth Room from 3:45–4:45 PM on February 15, February 22, and March 1**, culminating in an **exciting retreat at Epworth by the Sea, March 6–8 (\$190 per student; payment and forms due Wednesday, February 18)**. A **confirmation practice will be held Wednesday, March 11 at 5:45 PM**, and **Confirmation Sunday will take place March 15 during the 11:00 AM worship service**. To register for the retreat and for more information please contact Victoria at victoria@stsimonsumc.com

Join us for Youth on Sundays

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 am. We will start in the Contemporary service and then head to the Youth Room after the music each week.

Sunday Nights every week! (5:00-6:30)

Volunteers needed Weekly! Contact Bill at bill@stsimonsumc.com

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MABLE PROCTOR

Diane & Jim Bailey

Jennifer & Zdenek Kuja

Tammy Langford

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MEADOWS

Mary & James Barger

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TILMAN BLAKELY

Susan Blakely

Communion Pray-ers for 8:30 Service

We are in need of Pray-ers on Communion Sundays at the 8:30 AM Service. If you are interested in this important and meaningful prayer ministry please contact Anne Frazier at the church office by email 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:

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Transfer from another United Methodist congregation or Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Benjy Varnell at benjyv@stsimonsumc.com | 912.393.4566

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 15

- 8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
- 8:30 AM The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
- 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**
- 3:45 PM Confirmation Class, **Youth Room**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner, **Youth Room**

Monday, February 16

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry, **Parlor**

Tuesday, February 17

- 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**
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, **Room 203**
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Worship Committee, **Room 201**
- 6:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting, **Preschool**
- 6:30 PM UWF "SIS" Circle, **Parlor**

Wednesday, February 18– Ash Wednesday

- 9:30 AM MOMS– Walking Group, **Church parking lot**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, **Sanctuary**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 4:30 PM Lift & Learn- Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
- 5:00 PM Children's Bible Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:10 PM The Chosen Season 5, **The Chapel**
- 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, **Sanctuary**
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, February 19

- 10:30 AM Life Lessons from Bernie & Ernest T., **Chapel**
- 12:00 PM Sunshine UWF Circle Lunch, **Tramici Restaurant**

Friday, February 20

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

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