

# Weekly Calendar- Holy Week

## Sunday, March 29- Palm Sunday

- 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**
- 12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch, **Thorpe Building**
- 12:30 PM SAM Group departs for The Thorne, **Savannah, GA**
- 5:00 PM Youth Dinner & Kickball, **Frosty's and Mallery Park**

## Monday, March 30- Day of Authority

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:45 AM Glynn Academy Choir, **Sanctuary**
- 12:00 PM Holy Week Community Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
- 12:30 PM Holy Week Lunch, **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, March 31- Day of Conflict

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 12:00 PM Holy Week Service & Lunch, **First Baptist SSI**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

## Wednesday, April 1- Day of Withdrawal

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 12:00 PM Holy Week Service & Lunch, **Wesley Church**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:45 PM Chancel Choir, **Sanctuary**

## Thursday, April 2- Day of Intimacy

- 12:30 PM Parkinsons Support Group, **Thorpe**
- 6:00 PM Tenebrae Service, **Sanctuary**

## Friday, April 3- Day of Sacrifice

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 11:30 AM Community Lunch, **St. Simons Presbyterian**
- 12:00 PM Prayer Vigil, **St. Simons Presbyterian**

### Youth Meet at Frosty's!

Youth will meet at Frosty's at 5:00PM this Sunday followed by kickball in the park. Pick up 6:30 from Mallery Park.

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# Traditional Worship

March 29, 2026  
Sanctuary ● 8:30 AM

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March 29, 2026  
Sanctuary ● 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Interim Senior Pastor

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #278 **Hosanna,  
Loud Hosanna** ELLACOMBE

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles Creed** Rev. Benjy Varnell

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG #657 **This Is The Day**

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #277 **Tell Me the Stories of Jesus** STORIES OF JESUS

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb

\* RESPONSE #95 THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC Chancel Choir  
**Palm Sunday Hosanna**

MORNING MESSAGE

*The Time of Visitation*

Luke 19:35-44 (RSV)  
Rev. Benjy Varnell

\* INVITATION #419 **I Am Thine, O Lord** I AM THINE  
Verses 1 & 2

\* BENEDICTION Rev. Benjy Varnell

POSTLUDE

\* Stand As Able

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPENING PRAYER

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\* FELLOWSHIP SONG #657 **This Is The Day**

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY Young Musicians

*Sing, Children Sing  
Easter*

PRAISE  
REASON I SING  
KING OF CALVARY  
WERE YOU THERE?

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# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

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## Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

## Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

## Hosanna

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## Open Up the Heavens

CCLI # 6304702

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## Fellowship Time

## Praise is Rising

CCLI # 4662491

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## What a Beautiful Name

CCLI # 7068424

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## TODAYS MESSAGE

*The Unexpected Expected One*

Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Tab Miller

## Invitation

## Blessed Be The Lord

## God Almighty

CCLI #21480

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## Benediction



## SERMON NOTES

## From Palms To The Cross

This Sunday we go back in our minds to the day Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem seated on a donkey. Crowds surrounded him and put their garments down before him. They cut palm leaves and waved them as a show of adulation. They shouted “Hosanna”, a word that meant save us now. To the crowd, Jesus was to be their political hero; the Anointed One of God come to drive out the Roman oppressors and restore the reign of Israel. This, however, was a short-sighted view of his mission.

Some have theorized that the ministry of Jesus could be divided into the time before Palm Sunday and the time following this triumphal entry. Before Palm Sunday, Jesus amazed the crowds and the Jewish leaders by his miracles, his sayings and his teachings. Then after Palm Sunday, Jesus begins to get very serious about the days ahead. He frustrates the leaders and his followers by his total commitment to his mission of salvation. He indeed came to do the will of the one who sent him.

Each story following Palm Sunday shows the complete dedication to God’s plan to save the world. From the cleansing of the Temple to the mysterious last supper with the disciples, Jesus is teaching us all what it means to be in the role of a servant. This lesson is finalized as he prays in the garden, that God’s will be done instead of his own.

The true purpose of Palm Sunday is to show that Jesus is the King who serves! He is calling each of us to be servants as well. As we near the end of our Lenten journey, I pray that we will all see that we reach our highest and best when we deny ourselves and take on the mantle of service to God and those around us. This is the lesson Jesus taught us by example. This is the lesson he hopes we will learn and put into practice each day!

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

**Benjy**

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stsimonsumc.com](http://www.stsimonsumc.com)

March 22, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$34,332.62

Received YTD | \$299,434.98

Expenses YTD | \$282,412.66

Difference YTD | \$17,022.32

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$302,021.78

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$5,580.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

March 22, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **83**

Online Worship Views: **1,041**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **68**

Sunday School/Small Group: **132**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **195**

Total In Person Worship: **346**

## Members in Ministry~ March 29, 2026

**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** Helene Magee, Cathie Wilton

**9:45** Judy & JR Wright

**11:00** Sherry Pickett, Nancy Jenkins

**Projection:**

**8:30** Robin Parmelee

**9:45** Carol Conner

**11:00** Richard Hart

**Acolytes:**

**11:00** Arden & Magnolia Culpepper

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Adelaide Bell, Faye George, Donna Proctor Nedik, Jim Weldy

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Emily Childs, Joy Crider, Donna Fetner, Family & friends of Gary Galloway, **Abbie Gilmore**, Family & friends of Barbara Gosa, Peyton Horne, **Family & friends of Kevin Josey**, Family & friends of Gayle King, Family & friends of Ralph Lunstedt, **Family & friends of Mike McMillan**, Lynn Nichols, Anne Sharpe, Kearen Zehler

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Dianne Beisel, 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, Brenda Fields, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, Joe Gonzales, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Martine Haynes, Jennifer & Tom Higdorn, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Randy Little, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, 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

**Missionaries & Christians in Middle East and abroad**

**Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:**

**Heritage Oaks:** Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Mel Rozier

**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.*

# HOLY WEEK

## COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

All Weekday Services Include a Community Luncheon  
*Suggested \$5 Donation*

<p><b>DAY OF AUTHORITY</b> <i>Monday, March 30</i> Rev. Rob James</p>	<p><i>St. Simons United Methodist</i> 11:45 AM   Glynn Academy Choir 12 PM   Worship Service 12:30 PM   Luncheon</p>
<p><b>DAY OF CONFLICT</b> <i>Tuesday, March 31</i> Rev. Steve Temmer</p>	<p><i>First Baptist Church</i> 12 PM   Worship Service 12:30 PM   Luncheon</p>
<p><b>DAY OF WITHDRAWAL</b> <i>Wednesday, April 1</i> Rev. Mike Murray</p>	<p><i>Wesley Church</i> 12 PM   Worship Service 12:30 PM   Luncheon</p>
<p><b>DAY OF INTIMACY</b> <i>Thursday, April 2</i> no community service</p>	<p><i>Services held at individual churches.</i></p>
<p><b>DAY OF SACRIFICE</b> <i>Friday, April 3</i></p>	<p><i>St. Simons Presbyterian</i> 11:30 AM   Luncheon 12:30 PM   Three Hour Vigil <i>Congregants are invited to come and go during the vigil, which will feature seven brief homilies by seven pastors on the Seven Last Words of Christ.</i></p>
<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>Sunday, April 5</i></p>	<p><i>St. Simons Pier</i> 6:30 AM   Sunrise Worship Service</p>

Meet our New Pastor– Joining us in July!

# David Blackwood

David is fond of just about anything. He is an avid bike rider, runner, and gym goer. He is witty and loves a good history podcast for long drives! He loves Georgia football and all things outdoors! And most of all, he is excited to start his new journey of island life and loving God with you all!

## David's Favorites:

Food: Greek yogurt bowl with frozen berries

Drink: Dr. Pepper Zero

Beach Snack: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cold from the bottom of the cooler

## Theme Song:

Ramblin' Man by Allman Brothers



## Little Blessings– Wellness Kits

Sarah's UWF Circle and our Youth & Children are collecting travel size items for local agency to help those in need. Items will be collected from 3/8-3/29 in the Gholson room. Or a **\$10.00 donation made out to SSUMC– notated.**

## Easter Hydrangeas

Order by March 30| Cost is \$25

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 5. Order Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by the office.



## Sunday Ushers and Greeters Needed

We're looking for friendly, welcoming faces to serve as ushers and greeters on Sundays. This is a once-a-month commitment and a simple but meaningful way to help others feel at home when they arrive for worship. If you enjoy connecting with people and want to be part of this vital ministry, we'd love to have you join us. To sign up as a greeter or usher, or to learn more about serving, email [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com).

## Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIMMY LANGFORD**

Kelly & Carter Lanier

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MEADOWS TO MUSIC MINISTRY**

Judy & JR Wright

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF NANCY STODDARD TO MUSIC MINISTRY**

Judy & JR Wright

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DICK PIPE**

Edie Vinson      Brooke & Rees Sumerford  
Angela Knight

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DICK PIPE TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY**

Elizabeth and John Bird Daniel

**A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DICK PIPE TO THE SSUMC PRESCHOOL**

Aubrey Duke

# HOLY WEEK

AT SSUMC

## Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 – 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 am

We continue our preparation for Easter as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Children will be waving palms and singing at the 11:00 am service. Egg Hunt and Lunch to follow in the Thorpe Building.

## Holy Monday

Monday, March 30 at 11:45 am

Join us for our Holy Week Service and Lunch. The Glynn Academy Choir will be here to sing at 11:45am for a beautiful beginning of the service. Get here early to hear them! Sign Up to bring salads, sandwiches or desserts to share or to help serve at the luncheon. Use our sign-up genius link or call the church office.

## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm

The Chancel Choir will lead a Tenebrae service featuring music, reflection, and Holy Communion. As the sanctuary gradually darkens throughout the service, the Tenebrae experience symbolizes the journey from the celebration of Palm Sunday toward the crucifixion remembered on Good Friday, as we wait in anticipation of the joy of Easter.

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am

All Easter worship services will be held in the Sanctuary. The 8:00 and 11:00 services will be traditional services featuring choir, brass, organ, and piano, with the Easter message delivered by Rev. Benjy Varnell. The 9:30 service will be a blended service including choir, brass, organ, piano, and praise team, with the message delivered by Rev. Tab Miller.

## 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](mailto:benjyv@stsimonsumc.com) | 912.393.4566