

Weekly Calendar



Sunday, December 1

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
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**
***All Services Streamed Live**

Monday, December 2

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, December 3

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:00 AM MAP Packing, **MAP**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
3:00 PM W.A.V.E.S.~ Children's Afterschool Program, **Kid's Clubhouse**
4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, December 5

- 10:30 AM Advent Study, **Room 201**
1:00 PM Parkinson Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, December 6

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
4:00 PM SAM trip to The Journey, **Leave church to Savannah**

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ST. SIMONS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH




Rejoice and Be... Mary



FAVORED ONE
LUKE 1:26-30

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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 1, 2024

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Martine & John Haynes

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

What Child Is This

CCLI #30983

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Christmas Offering

CCLI #7005509

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Prayer Time

Rev. Benjy Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE

Rejoice and Be...Mary

Favored One

Luke 1:26-30

Rev. Tom Jones

HOLY COMMUNION

Special Music:

CCLI #2022 Angie Feel Good Songs

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INVITATION

Jesus Does

CCLI #7050425

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING Rev. Tom Jones

PRELUDE Emri Comer

CONFESSION & PARDON Kevin Lamb

* HYMN #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Cathie & Dick Wilton (8:30)
Tammy & Jimmy Langford (11:00)

* FELLOWSHIP TIME *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* by Bob McGee
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00AM) Celia Eisentrager

* HYMN #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
Verses 1,2 & 6

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb

* RESPONSE *A Christmas Doxology* O TANNENBAUM

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Behold Our God* Chancel Choir
By Mary McDonald
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MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

Rejoice and Be...Mary

Favored One

Luke 1:26-30

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* INVITATION *A Star Shone Bright* O WALY WALY
Verse 1 & 3

* BENEDICTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE Kevin Lamb

* PLEASE STAND AS COMFORTABLE



Why Mary?

Why Mary? She was a poor, young woman, from a humble family who lived in the insignificant, off the beaten path town of Nazareth. She fully believed that her life was not going to be any different from her mother's or from that of any other woman in town. She was destined to take her place of living into the daily, routine tasks of a woman in the first century. Yet, God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

Why Mary? He saw a woman who loved God and wanted to serve him with all her heart. Her love for God is underscored in Luke 1:38 when Mary responds to the angel, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."

Mary must have wondered, "Why me?" All of us have had similar thoughts on occasion. But have you ever been in a situation where you couldn't help but think, "Why did God choose me?" The answer is simple. God always looks beyond what we consider our weaknesses or failures. The apostle Paul receives great encouragement in his ministry when God says to him in 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."

This week I begin a sermon series entitled, "Rejoice and be... Mary!" We will look at Christmas through the eyes of Mary's experiences and what we can learn from her example of complete trust in God. Her fear; her uncertainty; and her unwavering faith clearly points to why God chose her to be the mother of Jesus.

None of us will be called to give birth the Christ child – you can take that possibility off the list. But each day we are called to carry Christ into the world. Are you willing to affirm before God, "You have chosen me. I will be the Lord's servant."

Blessings,

Tom

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
November 24, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$19,916.10
Received YTD | \$1,141,338.92
Expenses YTD | \$1,102,397.66
Difference YTD | \$38,941.26
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,168,495.16
Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$34,326.00
Maintaining the Mission (given to date) | \$275,270.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- November 24

8:30am : **97** Online Worship Views: **356**
9:45am : **57** Sunday School/Small Group: **112**
11:00am: **164**
Total In Person: **318**

Members in Ministry- December 1

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Pete Irby, Tom Smith
11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Tricia Boatright, Helen Baker
9:45 TBD
11:00 Carla Brandon, Robbie Clark

Projection:

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

Acolytes:

11:00 TBD

Communion Servers:

8:30 Judy Smith, Betty Sharp
9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy
11:00 David Clark, TBD

Communion Prayers:

Mike Martin, Becky Bridges
Stan Robinson, Toni Metz
Judy Smith, Chuck Buhman

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Elaine Boothman, Laura Johnson, **Jimmy Langford**, Mary Charles Moulton, Sally Stroud, Family and friends of Juna Todd

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Maggie Ann Grayson, Ruth Hahn, Marianne Jackson, Ella Jones and her parents, Kristen Merrill

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett, III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Linda Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Cathy Dowdy, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Ken Graffis, Mary McCreary George, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, June Humphries, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, John Lindgren, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, Jason May & family, Whitney McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Nancy Rozier, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Mike Stiles, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Gena Paige Tolleson, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock
Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford

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.

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION

SSUMC Chancel Choir
December 8 | 10:30 am

Rejoice and Be Merry!

Join us for a Musical Celebration of "Rejoice and Be Merry"! We invite you to a heartwarming performance by our talented Chancel Choir and Christmas singers on Sunday, **December 8 at 10:30 AM** in the sanctuary. Come early to find the perfect seat and experience the joy of this festive and meaningful musical celebration!

MESSIAH PART THE FIRST
G.F. HANDEL
2024 COMMUNITY MESSIAH CHORUS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 4:00 PM
ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
205 KINGS WAY



The Journey

Immerse yourself in the true spirit of the season with Compassion Christian Church's biennial event, The Journey, on December 6th. Register in Realm or call the church office. A few spots available!

Christmas Lunch

Join us for our Annual Christmas Lunch! This meal will be held on Christmas day, Wednesday, December 25, at noon in the Thorpe Building. The church will provide turkey, ham, dressing, gravy and tea. We ask those who are attending to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. **Please RSVP on Realm or to the church office by Monday, December 23!**



Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias through Monday, December 16

Help place poinsettias in the Sanctuary to Celebrate the Birth of Christ. They will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 22 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



Sparrows Nest-1st Sunday Collection

They are in need of more food every month and suggested the following items: Canned meats, Canned vegetables, Instant mashed potatoes, Soups, Ramen Noodles, Ravioli and SpaghettiOs, Mac n' Cheese, Kid Snacks, Canned Fruit, Cereal and Oatmeal, Boxed Powdered or Canned Milk, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Plastic or paper grocery store bags. Thank you for your generous donations every month!



Join SSUMC in supporting this fundraising mission by "Ringing the BELL" on Friday, December 13, 2024 at the Winn Dixie on St. Simons. Be

a part of something special by giving your time in the community. We need volunteers to cover every hour from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Sign up in the Sign Up Genius or by calling the church office for assistance. Thank you for your support of this vital mission opportunity in our community!

Plant Hatch Tour- Rescheduled!

Tour Plant Hatch on Thursday, January 23, 2025. Departure at 8:30AM and cost is \$10.00 per person with a Dutch treat lunch. Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore one of Georgia's key energy sites- reserve your spot today.

CAROLS
and
KEYBOARDS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
7:00 PM

Advent Mission: Giving Trees



Hope 1312 | FaithWorks | Salvation Army

All Items should be returned by: **Sunday, December 15**

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

It's time to Rock the Universe!

Who is ready for two days of nonstop worship and fun? The planning for Rock the Universe is in full swing and we need YOU to sign up your middle or high schooler! The dates of the trip are Jan 24-26, and the price is roughly \$325. The price can be offset by points earned working in the pumpkin patch, and I have those points totaled. **SPACE IS LIMITED-- Sign up ASAP! DUE BY Sunday - December 1st!** Signups are located on the desk of the Gohlsom Room. More information to come— email justis@stsimonsumc.com I CANNOT WAIT! **Justis**



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 in the Stubbs Bldg.
- 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 in the Stubbs Bldg.

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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