

Weekly Calendar



Sunday, December 22

- 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**
- 6:00 PM Blue Christmas Service, **Chapel**

Monday, December 23

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, December 24- Christmas Eve!

- Church Office Closed
- 4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, **Sanctuary**
- 11:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, **Sanctuary**

Wednesday, December 25- Christmas Day!

- Church Office Closed
- 12:00 PM Christmas Lunch, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, December 27

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

Saturday, December 28

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Barbara & John Lindgren, **Sanctuary**



Merry Christmas from the

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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,*

The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 22, 2024

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Cate & Stephen Ouzts and Family

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

It's Christmas Medley!

Away In A Manger

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Go! Tell It On the Mountain

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Holy Forever

(Christmas Version)

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PRAYER TIME

Marsha Hendrix

MORNING MESSAGE

Rejoice and Be...Mary

Blessed

Luke 1:39-45 NLT

Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

The Blessing

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

DECEMBER 22, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and Be Merry

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Kim & Dave Howe and Addie Church (8:30)

Lydia, JP, McKaye & Manning Thornton (11:00)

* HYMN #240

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

KATE HEARIN HANEY (8:30)

CHARLES THOMAS "CHARLIE" MORRISON (11:00)

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

How Great Our Joy!

Verse 4

by Bob McGee

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00AM)

Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER

Betty Sharp (8:30)

Celia Eisentraeger (11:00)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #219

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

* RESPONSE #95

Doxology

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Hallelujah

Men's Quartet

Arr. Emerson

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MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Rejoice and Be...Mary

Blessed

Luke 1:39-45 NLT

* INVITATION #218

*It Came Upon
The Midnight Clear*

Verses 1 & 4

CAROL

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

Kevin Lamb

* PLEASE STAND AS COMFORTABLE

Poinsettias 2024



Given by:

Camille & Taylor Adams
 Susan Blakely
 Becky & Lawrence Bridges
 Joy Coleman
 Dona & Ray Colglazier
 Carol Conner
 Ann & Wright Culpepper

 Stephanie Downey
 Gerry Egger
 Jimmy Fincher & Ashley Sitz
 Their Children & Grandchildren

Caroline Lovell Fleetwood
 Howell Jennings Fleetwood
 Thomas, Jennings &
 Hunter Fleetwood
 Janet & Chip Higginbotham
 Margot Howard
 Glenna Lorence Humphries
 Pam Lewis
 The Maupin Family

Carol & Lee Norton
 Mable Proctor & Donna Nedik
 Susan & David Paulk
 Anne & Larry Rogers

Cathy & Mark Rogers

Maxine & Billy Smith
 Dianne Searcy Smoot
 Marilyn & Neal Steiner

Mary & Benjy Varnell

Riley Vaughn
 The Vinson Family
 Susan & Lee Watkins

Given by:

A Friend
 Adelaide Beall
 Susan Daniell & Kim Powell
 Gerry Egger
 Clara & Dewey Hayes

Janet & Chip Higginbotham
 Lauren & Keeva Kase

Tammy & Jimmy Langford
 Pam Lewis
 Susan & David Paulk

Debbie, Clif & William Pease
 Mable Proctor
 Anne & Larry Rogers
 Judy & Tom Smith
 Connie & Ron Williams

In Memory of:

Claudia Adams
 Tilman T. Blakely
 Our Parents
 Gil Erbsch
 Raymond E. Colglazier, III
 Rev. Jim Jensen
 Dr. & Mrs. William E. Gause and
 Judge & Mrs. George B. Culpepper, III
 My Mother
 Rose & Mack McKenzie
 Suzette Fincher
 Jesse & Kitty Fitzgerald
 Jessie Graham Powell, Prentiss Graham
 & Carl Powell
 Dr. & Mrs. Wood W. Lovell
 Mrs. H. F. Laramore by her godson,
 Dr. & Mrs. Wood Lovell
 by their grandsons
 Our Parents
 Martha & James Cochran
 Joan Lorence, my mother
 Tom Lewis
 Jane & Charles Jones
 Susta & Jim Maupin
 Col. Frank Norton
 Alan Proctor
 Katherine "Katie" Anne Paulk
 Rebekah Rogers
 Wes Rogers
 Amelia Lasater
 Juna Todd
 Ronda Hansen
 My mother, Barbara "Beegie" Searcy
 Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Borth
 Mr. & Mrs. John Steiner
 Dr. & Mrs. J. C. Varnell, Jr.
 Dr. & Mrs. C. M. Massey
 Kingsley West
 Tim Vinson
 Our parents; Lee & Mary Watkins
 Dan & Eva Lott

In Honor of:

Ann Pickard
 Cynthia Beall
 Tish Searcy
 Don, Karen & Madison Lewis
 Michelle & Al Stasko
 Carolyn Ivey & Paul Minadeo
 Holly & Kevin Lamb
 Pom Johnson
 Debby Moore
 Our children & grandchildren
 My Family
 Rebecca Reason Van Horn &
 Anna Christine Birnbaum
 Cindy Bostick
 Donna Nedik
 Laura Rogers
 Our grandchildren, Luci & Lucas
 Our beautiful Music Program

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
 December 15, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$27,508.40
 Received YTD | \$1,221,189.32
 Expenses YTD | \$1,206,205.12
 Difference YTD | \$14,984.20
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,244,231.31
 Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$34,536.00
 Maintaining the Mission (given to date) | \$280,420.35

thank you

Worship Attendance- December 15

8:30am : **82** Online Worship Views: **422**
 9:45am : **92** Sunday School/Small Group: **112**
 11:00am: **189**
 Total In Person: **363**

Members in Ministry- December 22

Ushers:

8:30 Ward Sweat, Chip Higginbotham, Bob Swinehart, Jeff Zoul
11:00 Clif Pease, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Rick Denman

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Barbara Whitney
9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg
11:00 Susan Kaufmann, Cherie DeMarco

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee
9:45 Carol Conner
11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Smith Graffis, Piper DeAurora

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: **Adelaide Beall**, Mary Glen Giery and family, Jordi Graffis, Laura Johnson, **Wayne Land, Family & friends of John Lindgren**, Mary Charles Moulton

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: **Family & friends of Gerry Bohannon**, Maggie & David McNally, Kristen Merrill, **Jean Morris, Kathy Muir-Heart, Billy Perry**, Amy Roberts, **Marty Shuster**, Robert Strain, **Carrington Wilson**, Linda Wright

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, June Humphries, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Jason May & family, James McBride, 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, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Mike Stiles, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, 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 BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Service of Comfort
December 22, 6:00pm

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 22 at 6:00pm— Chapel

Christmas can be difficult. Loss of any kind can cause us to feel blue in this season of joy.

All are welcome as we gather to acknowledge our struggles and find comfort in community. At St. Simons UMC - We Care!

A nursery will be provided.

Christmas Eve Services

Candlelight & Communion Services

FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE 4:00 PM

Join us for our *Paper Bag Pageant*. Everyone is a participant in this pageant. We will have carols, communion and candle lighting!

TRADITIONAL SERVICE 11:00 PM

This service has a more meditative feel, but still with carols, communion, and candle lighting!

Offering from both services will go to the FaithWorks Ministry.

Purchase your Chronological Bibles

The One Year Chronological Study Bible – New Living Translation is published by Tyndale House and can be easily found on Amazon and at other book vendors. We will also have these bibles for sale on Sunday in the Gholson room or in the church office for the next few weeks. The bibles are \$17.00 each. Join us on a personal and churchwide journey through the Bible together in 2025!

The Chosen, Season 4

The video series, *The Chosen, Season 4*, returns Wednesday, January 15, from 6:00-7:30pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The group is facilitated by Jeff Zoul. For more information contact Jeff at jeffzoul@gmail.com

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.

Poverty Simulation— Save the Date

What is it like to experience a day in the life of a person less fortunate than us?

Save the date: Saturday, January 25, 9:00am-12:00pm, Thorpe Bldg. Sponsored by the Men's Ministry of our church.

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!**



Thank you!

Thank you to all who gave to the Mission Giving Trees and who helped Ring the Bell for Salvation Army! We appreciate our generous and thoughtful church especially during the Advent season!

Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, January 14, 2024 12:00 pm

Entree will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share. Cost is \$5.00. Reservations due by January 9 via Realm or by contacting the church office.

End of Year Giving— 2024!

The Finance Committee of St. Simons UMC is so thankful to those who have contributed to our church this year! Your giving has been a blessing to the church and its mission and ministry in this community and beyond. If you need to complete your pledge for 2024 or are preparing a year end gift to the church, please note that gifts must be received by the church postmarked no later than December 31 to be included in 2024 giving statements.

The office will be OPEN 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM on **December 23, 26, 30 and until noon on 12/31**. The Church Office will be **CLOSED: December 24 & 25**.

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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