



ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REJOICE
and Be
MERRY

A CHORAL MUSIC CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:30 AM

CAROLS

and

KEYBOARDS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00 PM

624 OCEAN BOULEVARD

912.638.3317

Rejoice AND BE Merry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy to the World
Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receiver her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.

Chancel Choir
arr. Joseph Martin
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WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell

THE LORDS PRAYER

THE PROCLAMATION *Rejoice and Be Merry*

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth,
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth:
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation: His praises, His praises we'll sing.

John Rutter
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* CAROL MEDLEY *Hark! the Herald Angles Sing*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

arr. David Hamilton
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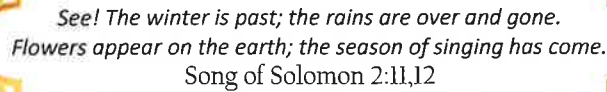
THE OFFERTORY

O Come, Emmanuel
O come, O Come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Holly Lamb, Soloist

VENI EMMANUEL

arr. David Hamilton
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*See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come.
Song of Solomon 2:11,12*

Gesu Bambino

When blossoms flower amid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and light.
The angels sang. The shepherds sang. The grateful earth rejoiced.

Pietro Yon
arr. Jay Rouse
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See Amid the Winter's Snow

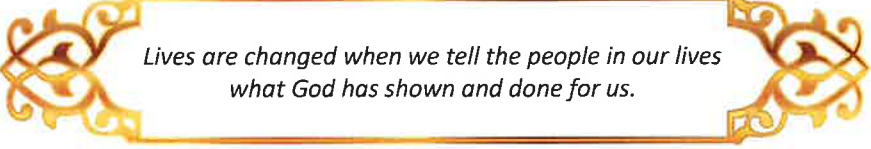
See, amid the winter's snow. Born for us on earth below.
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn. Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.

John Cross
arr. Dan Forrest
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The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Stan & Debra Clark and Family



*Lives are changed when we tell the people in our lives
what God has shown and done for us.*

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Do you see what I see? Said the night wind to the little lamb.
Do you hear what I see? Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy.
Do you know what I know? Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
A song high above the tree with a voice as big as the sea.

Noel Regney
arr. Derric Johnson
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'Tis A Wonderful Thing

Born, born, born is the King.
Let Heaven and nature join and sing.
Glory, Hallelujah, 'tis a wonderful thing.

Randy Vader
arr. Jay Rouse
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Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name
alone is exalted; His glory is above the
earth and Heaven. -Psalm 148:13

Ding Dong Merrily On High

Ding dong! Merrily on high in Heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! Verily the sky is filled with angel singing.
Gloria, they sing gloria! Hosanna in the highest!

16th Century French
arr. Jay Rouse
©2013 PraiseGathering

O Holy Night

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night, O Holy Night, Christ is the Lord!
O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

Hope Giedl, Soloist
CANTIQUE DE NOEL
arr. Mary McDonald
©2020 Lorenz

God here among us to pardon and heal us,
Perfection surrendered, love glorified!

INVITATION

Star of the Morning

Star of the Morning, Son sent from Heaven.
Child come to free us, mystr'y of love.
Ancient unchanging, Babe in a manger. Born of a virgin, begotten of God.

Randy Vader
arr. Jay Rouse
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Hallelujah Chorus

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom if this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ.
And He shall reign for ever and ever. KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

George Frederick Handel

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our congregation for your incredible support of the music ministry. Your generous contributions to SSUMC and the special donations designated for the music ministry make it possible for us to present meaningful programs like today's, this summer's Broadway concert, and the upcoming *Carols and Keyboards* event on Friday, December 20, at 7:00 PM.

A special thank you goes to our staff, especially the music team—Sondra Anderson and Holly Lamb—for their dedication and talent. I'd also like to thank Emri Comer for playing organ today and for continually supporting the music ministry. Holly and I are deeply grateful for the love and encouragement you've shown us through your prayers, cards, and meals over the years. We are blessed by your unwavering support and are looking forward to an exciting 2025 together!
With gratitude, Kevin

Today's Guest Musicians

Susan Magg, flute
Sean Morgan, horn
AJ Pullium, violin

James Hall, clarinet
Charlie Propper, trombone
Jenna Horan, violin II

Randy Tinnin, trumpet
Chris Creswell, trombone
Courtney Chrestensen, viola

David O'Toole, trumpet
Aaron Plotz, percussion
Nathan Ealum, cello



REGISTER TO **Bell Ringing!**

RING

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!



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

Carols and Keyboards

Join us on Friday, December 20 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary! You will not want to miss this beautiful and meaningful evening of pianos, the organ and carol singing! Bring a friend to this complimentary Christmas concert and enjoy the music of Christmas!



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!**



A BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Service of Comfort
December 22, 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Services

Candlelight & Communion Services
4:00 PM & 11:00 PM

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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



Join Our Email List or Update Your Contact Info: info@stsimonsumc.com | 912.638.3317

Financial Report: December 1, 2024

thank you

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$28,407.00

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,193,624.14

Received YTD | \$1,169,745

Expenses YTD | \$1,141,075.26

Difference YTD | \$28,670.66

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$34,411.00

Maintaining the Mission (given to date) | \$275,270.64

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

Worship Attendance- December 1, 2024

8:30am : **92**

Online Worship Views:

9:45am : **61**

Sunday School/Small Group: **127**

11:00am: **170**

Total In Person: **323**

Members in Ministry- December 8, 2024

Ushers:

10:30 Mike Fitzgerald, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams, Jordan Graffis

Greeters:

10:30 Kari Cooper, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

10:30 Elizabeth Daniel

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Betty Daher, Linda Hodges, Glenna Humphries, Jimmy Langford, Mary Charles Moulton, Ed Reynolds, Lily Stewart, Sally Stroud, **Christa Thompson and family**, Family and friends of Juna Todd

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Gerry Bohannon, Kelly Conner, **Family & friends of Jackson Dodgen**

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 8

- 10:30 AM A Musical Celebration— One Unified Service, **Sanctuary***
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
Service Streamed Live
- 5:30 PM Youth Group Christmas Party, **Epworth**

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**

Wednesday, December 11

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 12:00 PM Footprints Widows Support Lunch, **King & Prince**
Call Susan Hoshall to RSVP— 912.399.5454
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

Thursday, December 12

- 10:30 AM Advent Study, **Room 201**
- 4:00 PM UWF Circle 5, Epworth Library

Friday, December 13

- 9:00 AM SSUMC Salvation Army Bell Ringing, **Winn Dixie**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, **Sanctuary**

Saturday, December 14

- 5:00 PM Wedding Ceremony, **Sanctuary**



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!



Family Ministries Christmas Caroling

Our Children and Youth will get together on Sunday afternoon, Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 pm in front of the Thorpe Building for hot cocoa and cookies before we carol to congregants around the island. Dress festive!

