

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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MORNING MESSAGE

My Favorite Commandment

Exodus 20:1-17 NLT

Rev. Benjy Varnell

INVITATION

How Can I Keep From Singing

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

SANCTUARY 8:30 AM • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE Emri Comer
Organist

GREETING Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

COLOR GUARD PROCESSION (11:00 AM) DUKES BARLOW
Senior Patrol Leader –Troop 248

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (CONGREGATION)
SCOUT OATH (TROOP MEMBERS)

* HYMN #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDA

PRESENTATION FROM TROOP 248 (11:00 AM) STEVEN HALL
Scout Master–Troop 248

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS *My Tribute*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER Tom Jones (8:30 AM)
Mason Hall (11:00 AM)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #340 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION
Verses 1 & 2

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tom Jones

OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

RESPONSE #95 **DOXOLOGY**

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Worthy of Your Name* Chancel Choir
By: Pepper Choplin

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

My Favorite Commandment

Exodus 20:1-17 NLT

* INVITATION #453 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MARTIN
Verses 1 & 2

* BENEDICTION Benjy Varnell

POSTLUDE Emri Comer

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Just Can't Be Satisfied

It was the Summer of 1965, and I had just turned 12 years old. As was our daily custom, my friends and I got on our bikes and rode to the Statesboro Recreation Center where we would just hang around every day. They always played the popular songs of the day through speakers set up around the pavilion and the pool, and we would listen to the new songs as we tried to look cool and impress girls. I will always remember the blaring sound of the fuzz guitar opening the sound of the Rolling Stones number one hit "Satisfaction." This song, with that guitar hook and the wailing voice of Mick Jagger, became the anthem of teenage angst for the summer, expressing so well the confusing times of beginning our teen years. The feeling that we felt was one of not being satisfied with our young lives.

That feeling of not being satisfied with life, is one that is a part of being human. No matter what life brings you would be hard pressed to find anyone who is satisfied with it. There always seems to be something that we don't like or that we wish was different. In our Bible reading for February 6 in Exodus 16, we find the Israelite people about 3 months out of captivity, wishing they were slaves again! They said to Moses, we had plenty to eat as slaves back in Egypt, but now you've brought us out in the middle of nowhere to starve. God hears their whining and sends manna from heaven and has it rain quail providing both bread and meat. He had already given them water so they had everything they needed, but still it wasn't enough to satisfy them. Their problem was that they did not trust God.

That is often our problem as well. We put our trust in money, or possessions, or people or governments, and it's never enough. We just can't be satisfied. Paul found that when he put his total trust in God through Christ, he was fulfilled. He wrote these words from a prison cell: "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." How could he write that? It was because he had learned the secret of satisfaction in life. He was now trusting God through Christ and that was all the satisfaction he needed. Putting God first above all else enabled him to overcome any circumstance of living! As he put it, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me!" May God help us to truly trust in Him through His Son Jesus so that whatever life brings we will be satisfied!

Join us Sunday as we join in worship together and I reveal in the sermon my Favorite Commandment! See you at one of our three services!

Benjy Varnell

Ushers- Needed!

Are you looking for a way to get involved and serve at SSUMC? We are in need of individuals to usher one Sunday a month at either the 8:30am or 11:00am worship services! This is a great opportunity to serve your church once a month and to get involved. Please contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com for more information or to sign up to serve. No prior experience necessary!

The Chosen, Season 4

Join us Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:15pm, in the chapel. The group is facilitated by Jeff Zoul. For more information contact Jeff at jeffzoul@gmail.com

Financial Report

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

February 2, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,000.50

Received YTD | \$104,554.88

Expenses YTD | \$83,934.27

Difference YTD | \$20,620.61

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$119,172.78

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$201.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,740.35

thank you

Attendance ~ February 2, 2025

8:30AM Worship Service: **96**

Online Worship Views: **343**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **83**

Sunday School/Small Group: **125**

11:00PM Worship Service: **212**

Total In Person Worship: **391**

Members in Ministry ~ February 9, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Cyndy Simpson, PJ Hamilton, Jordan Graffis

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Kari Cooper, Christiana Weisberg

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jim Weldy

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper & Genie Gowen

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Susan Bagwell, Family and friends of Marcia Boney, Ranny Blount, Family & friends of Jean Johnson, Susan & Kelsey Kaufmann, Betty Lunsford

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Dolores & Ed Anderson, Alice Branton, Tom Christie, Albert & Joyce Fendig, Family of Jerrod Foster, Robin Gallagher, Ken Graffis, Bill Harris, Sharon Hawes, Jennifer & Tim Higdom, Bolie Hoffman, Mark Jenkins, Don Konechne, Matthew, Danny McGhee, Family & Friends of Amy O'Connor, Angie Perry, Family & friends of Paul Rader, Family & Friends of Reggie Rogers, Ben Smith, Jan Smith, Pat Strickland, Family & friends of Joe Wills, Linda Wooten

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett, III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Cathy Dowdy, Betsy Draughon, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Wayne Land, Jimmy Langford, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Whitney McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Mega & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Audrey Wood, Betsy Worthy, Bobb'e 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.



Wednesday Night Dinner - February 12

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The menu is: **Chicken Pot Pie, House Salad, Garlic Rolls and 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!** We hope to see you there!

Confirmation 2025!

Join the Journey!

Calling all 5-8th Graders who haven't been Confirmed!



March 7-9 – Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea and the cost is \$190 a student. The deadline for payment is Sunday, February 17! This retreat will serve as the kick off for this year's confirmation class. For more information please email: victoria@stsimonsumc.com Sign up now!

Confirmation Schedule:

- Friday– Sunday, March 7-9– Retreat—Join the Journey
- Sunday, March 16, 4:00-6:00pm - UM History & Beliefs
- Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-7:00pm – Worship & Membership
- Saturday, March 22, 10:00-11:00am – Confirmation Rehearsal
- Sunday, March 23, 11:00am – Confirmation Sunday—followed by a lunch for Confirmands and their families



Men's Low Country Boil!

Calling all SSUMC Men! Join us on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00pm at the Thorpe Building for our second annual **Fat Tuesday Low Country Boil!!** Mark your calendars for an

evening of camaraderie, connection, and flavor for only \$10. Please register early by signing up on Realm or by calling the church office.

Serve Saturday

Saturday, March 8, 2025— our 3rd Annual Serve Saturday!

Join us on **Saturday, March 8** 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 matching Serve Saturday T-shirts and ready to Serve our community!

A Sign-Up Genius link will be emailed to you **next week with a list of organizations for you to sign up and serve! Be on the look out!** Some of the organizations are: Coastal Hospice, Keep Golden Isles Beautiful, The Farm at Oatland North, The Well, International Seafarers, Mountain 2 Sea Ministries, Safe Harbor, ERT/Brunswick Home repair, The Land Trust, SSUMC Preschool Clean Up and more!



Wednesday Evenings Kid's Choir!

Kid's Choir has kicked off! Its not too late to join us at **4:30 pm** with singing, drama, and instruments as we teach kids to worship and lead others in worship.

Note: Afterschool pickup will not be available this semester, so please plan to bring your child.

After choir, stay for **Family Dinner** and enjoy time together. We can't wait to see your kids making joyful noise!

An Evening with Michael Hulett

Join us on Thursday, February 20 at 6:00pm and enjoy a fun evening of music with the talented Michael Hulett! A delicious dinner will be served, and who knows... there might even be some dancing! The event will begin at 6:00pm in the Thorpe building, cost is \$20.00. Join us for a night of fun! Sign up in Realm or call the church office! Only a few spots left!



WE'RE HIRING

AV Tech

We are Hiring!

We are hiring an AV Tech for Sundays! Come join the fun! Contact Kevin at kevin@stsimonsumc.com for more information!

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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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 9

- 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, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 10:00 AM Healthcare Coalition, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**

Wednesday, February 12

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers AI-Anon, **Room 203**
- 4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:45 PM "The Chosen", **Chapel**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, February 13

- 4:00 PM Esther Circle, **Harrington School**

Friday, February 14

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



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