

## Guest Preacher This Sunday is Rev. Jeff Myers

Jeff is a retired Presbyterian minister who served over 40 years in congregations in Wilmington Delaware; the coalfields of southern West Virginia; Huntington WV; outside of Columbus, Ohio; and most recently as Transitional Pastor at neighboring Montgomery Presbyterian Church (2014 & 15). He also taught part time at Marshall University in the history department. Jeff is a member of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and lives with his wife Sue on Hilton Head Island. Together they have three children and five grandchildren.



## Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church Offers Community Prayer and Praise on Sundays at 5:00 PM

Once again, our church is offering our Island Community the opportunity of worshipping together by raising our voices in song and joining in prayer.

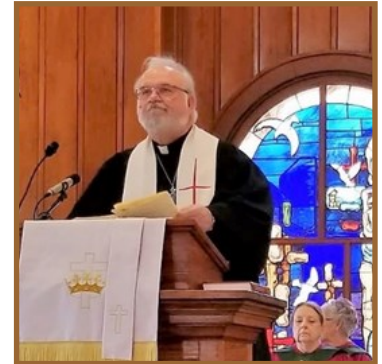
Many of us on the island have missed our friends and neighbors over the past several months. It is for this reason that the SIPC will again offer uplifting, open air "Community Prayer and Praise" celebrations on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM.

Music will be provided by Brad Damas who has worked at several churches in Tennessee and Georgia. Brad has a passion and love for the Lord, his family, and music. He has traveled the world leading people of all ages into the presence of God through his music.

Join in the songs that you love to sing. Listen to short uplifting messages and return home with a smile. Enjoy the new normal with family and friends.

Come in your golf carts or bring chairs. There's plenty of room for social distancing on the lawn near the beautiful setting of the large oak tree at the back of the church. Masks are required.

That's Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM. Check the website at: [sipres.org](http://sipres.org) for any weather related changes.



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### Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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"The One Thing"

### Temporary Clerk of Session: Lynne Kaley

### Elders

Class of 2021	Class of 2023
Marcia Dodd	David Denhard
John Evans	Kurt Kalwitz
Eleanor Graham	Don Mayer
Lynne Kaley	Milo Moore

### Class of 2022

Vic Bell  
Howard Gandelot  
Sue Jones

## Music Notes Sunday Service 9:55 AM



We are still seeking singers who would like to be a part of our next virtual choir! We will sing an arrangement of “Here I Am, Lord.” and all are welcome to join from home or anywhere in the world! If technology is a cause for hesitation, we are eager to help. Please let me know if you are interested.

There are two preludes this Sunday at 9:55 AM. The first is “Worship” by Edouard Batiste and arranged by George Blake. Batiste was a professor at the Paris Conservatory and the organist at Saint-Eustache Church in Paris. His light, French romantic style of compositions were popular in the U.K. and U. S. in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. The second prelude is an arrangement by Robert J. Hughes of the spiritual “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian,” which will be sung later in the service. This arrangement presents the entire tune in one key and then completely again in another key.

The hymns for Sunday come from three continents and five countries representing an eclectic collection of hymns but all with the same theme. The opening praise hymn, sung by Richard, will be “Fairest Lord Jesus.” The tune is from the Silesia region from central Europe around Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic. Although the tune name is Crusaders’ Hymn and once thought to have been sung at the Crusades in Germany in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, there is no factual data. The author of the German text about God’s beautiful creations is unknown.

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian,” is a well-known call-and-response spiritual that has not been sung at SIPC in the past 9 ½ years that I am aware of. Normally the call is the first two lines sung by the soloist and the response is the last two lines sung by everyone. Here, Richard will sing and lead both parts. This hymn was requested by the guest minister, Rev. Jeff Myers.

After the sermon, Richard will sing another request by Rev. Myers, “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love.” This is a folk melody from Ghana adapted by Tom Colvin that has been sung at SIPC on Maundy Thursday with its reference to Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The text was written by Tom Colvin who was a pastoral missionary for the Church of Scotland in Ghana. The tune name, Cheroponi, is named for the town in northern Ghana where Colvin wrote the hymn text. Dr. C. Michael Hawn from the Perkins School of Theology writes, “The composition of the hymn itself is symbolic of collaboration between two cultures. In this composition, even the act of hymn singing may become a metaphor for neighborly relationships that are possible in Christ.”

The closing hymn is “O, How I Love Jesus,” of which the stanzas were written by Frederick Whitfield, an English clergyman and the refrain is anonymous. Whitfield wrote nine stanzas but most hymnals publish four of these, including ours. The American tune is anonymous and its stanza and refrain may also have come from two sources. Tiffany Shomsky from Hymnary.org writes, “the whole tune has a gentle, almost dance-like quality and is easy to sing.”

The postlude is “One Fellowship of Love ” by John Johnson and is the final piece of music chosen to fit the message for Sunday’s service. The energy of this piece begins immediately with the presentation of a dotted rhythm that hops and skips its way throughout the piece marked to play “joyfully.”

## Save The Date – November 1 – All Saint’s Day – Communion

Our SIPC family will celebrate communion during our hybrid service on November 1.

The Worship Committee (Laurel McKeith) has procured a combination of the elements (bread and juice) in one unit.

The elements unit will be placed on a communion table at the entrance of the sanctuary with elders attending, so that our congregants may pick them up before going to their pews. This will be used later during the communion service. At the end of the service, we ask that each congregant dispose of the empty juice cup and tabs in the trash can as they leave the sanctuary.

These elements will be available to our live streaming members during the week and can be picked up from Betty’s desk.

## The Church Staff Offices Are Open For Regular Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9 AM – 4 PM

Friday, 9 AM – Noon

The church facility is closed for group meetings until the Session receives proposed guidelines from the Operations & Administrative Committee at its upcoming meeting October 26. The opportunity to schedule group meetings of church members and outside groups will be offered when these are approved. The hope is that SIPC will be able to again host meetings soon.

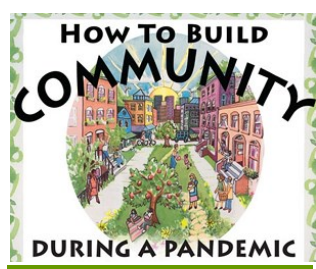
In the meantime, circles, Bible studies, committees, and task forces of the church are welcome to meet outside on the church grounds. You may bring your own chair or utilize the church’s folding chairs. Groups have met under the breezeway between the sanctuary and Liston Hall. Another option (with less traffic noise) is the covered area around the fountain between the sanctuary and the office building.

The Preschool and the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were granted permission to operate by the Session following guidelines of “Bright from the Start” (State of Georgia).

Jim Brown

## Read Aloud To Each Other And Children - Week 11

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When the pandemic began and families were asked to stay home, I was touched by the efforts of some of you grandparents who were setting up Zoom calls with your grandchildren to read bedtime stories to them. Another church member moved me when she shared that she had been calling a friend who was not able to connect to the virtual services and was reading scripture to her over the phone line. Today was my day to visit one of the preschool classrooms and read scripture. The theme of the day was Genesis 1. Reciting the familiar words, “In the beginning...” and “It was good...”

bolstered my own faith in God who has been bringing order to chaos since the beginning of time. Reading God’s Word out loud brings God’s Word to life and builds community!

*Isaiah 55:10-11 - For just as rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return without watering the earth, making it bud and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat, so My word that proceeds from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please, and it will prosper where I send it.*

Peace,  
Deanie

## Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11

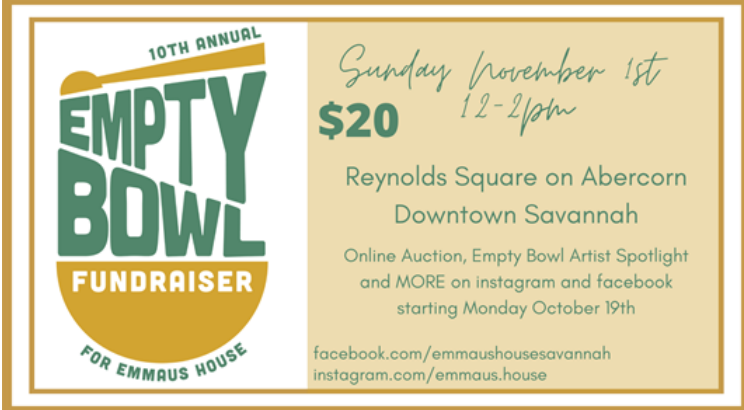
As Veterans Day approaches, we are gathering a list of those attending our church who have served in the military. If you did not give me your information last year please call or email me your name, branch of service and years of service (example 1942-1946). My email is: [betty@sipres.org](mailto:betty@sipres.org)

An "honor-roll" list of those who have served will be in the newsletter on the Sunday before Veterans Day.

Thank you,  
Betty Gorman

### Empty Bowl Event 11/1:

- Take-out style event will take place outdoors in downtown Reynolds Square on Abercorn Street
- Soups provided by Emmaus House  
[Executive Chef Brandi Kelsey](#)
- A variety of handmade bowls to choose from and take home as a reminder of the plight of hunger in our community.



For more information or to purchase tickets online visit:  
<https://unitedministriessavannah.org/emptybowl>

## Sign Up to Be a Bird Counter

Turn your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries! The Cornell Lab of Ornithology conducts Program Feederwatch ( <https://feederwatch.org/>) from November – April to survey birds that visit backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. **You don't even need a feeder!** All you need is an area with plantings, habitat, water or food that attracts birds. **The schedule is completely flexible.** Count your birds for as long as you like on days of your choosing, then enter your counts online. Your counts allow you to track what is happening to birds around your home and contribute to a continental data-set of bird distribution and abundance. With FeederWatch, your observations become part of something bigger than your backyard. If you are reading this online: **Click here to join.** You'll be sent everything you need including a Research Kit with instructions for participating, as well as a bird identification poster, a calendar, and more. Each fall participants receive our 16-page, year-end report, Winter Bird Highlights. Participants also receive access to the digital version of Living Bird, the Cornell Lab's award-winning, quarterly magazine.

### COUNTING BIRDS IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3



1. INSTALL A FEEDER
2. COUNT THE BIRDS THAT VISIT
3. ENTER THE DATA



## A New Interfaith Ministry invites Us To Seek Justice, Love, Mercy, Walk Humbly With God

Savannah Area Interfaith Justice Ministry, or SAIJM is a new organization which involves about 25 Christian churches, a mosque and two synagogues. The first organizing meeting was held a little over a year ago in Stewart Hall and recently the group hired a staff person, Asia Pitts, to serve as lead organizer. SAIJM is using a model of community engagement that has been developed in 23 other cities. For example, Charleston, SC has reduced the number of Black teens' arrests and Jacksonville has convinced the transit authority to increase transportation from low-income neighborhoods to areas where those residents work.

The process SAIJM is using a proven one. It begins with houses of worship in small groups talking about local issues of concern. These are called "sacred conversations" and will be conducted by Zoom during October. Once the most pressing issues (one or two) in the city are determined, research is done to identify solutions. Then SAIJM members as a whole present their plan to the appropriate decision-making body. Imagine a large number of people of faith saying to the mayor or school superintendent, "We have this problem. We have identified a solution, and we need your help to get it done." It is a very powerful way to advocate for positive change. A broad, diverse group engages an issue that "speaks love to power," and can report on measured progress.

SIPC's Mission and Benevolence Committee is already financially supporting SAIJM. While maintaining our wide reaching involvement with mercy ministry—feeding the hungry, providing housing for the homeless—there is the opportunity to address root causes by advocating for justice ministry.

Will you help? Call Sherry Leblang at 659-3226 to participate in our "sacred conversation" group by zoom on Monday, December 7, at 10:30 AM.



***Veterans Day Flags***  
**Kiwanis Show Our Colors**  
Order a set for Veterans Day



The Veterans Day Holiday is just around the corner. You may have noticed last July 4<sup>th</sup> that 25% of Skidaway Island Homes had two 12" X 18" flags in a white base with the Kiwanis Logo placed in their yards.

The Flag Program is the largest and fastest growing Kiwanis fund raiser with over 800 sponsors to date. Our volunteers will place and remove the flags in your yard or the doorway of your apartment, four times per year, Veterans Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day and July 4th. If you are away for any reason you can be well assured your flags will be flying. This year we expect to raise over \$50,000 for at-risk children in Savannah/Chatham County.

The new flag base allows the flags to form a "V" for all our courageous **V**eterans, for **V**ictory over adversaries of Freedom and hope for **V**ictory over this Pandemic. The set of flags, for a \$50 annual donation, is a simple reminder of your Patriotism while helping the less fortunate children.

To participate, please send your check for \$50 **payable to Kiwanis Club of Skidaway**, to Bill and Chris Aiken Sickels @ 147 Saltwater Way, Savannah, Ga 31411.

# Happy Birthday David!

October 30

David Squires



## Worship Service Sunday October 18

Last Sunday, 38 members attended our worship service and 49 joined our virtual via our live stream, which is available from our website at: [www.sipres.org](http://www.sipres.org) and on YouTube at: <http://skidawaypres.org/youtube>

### Church Phone Number 912-598-0151

#### Staff Extensions

Jim Brown	Administrator	1105
Rev. Deanie Strength	Parish Associate	1104
James Eleczko	Finance	1103
Maria Rogers	Preschool Director	1106
Mary McKee	Music Director	1107
Betty Gorman	Office Coordinator	

(Leave a message in the general mailbox for Betty)

Please check out our website at [sipres.org](http://sipres.org) frequently for the latest information on church activities and cancellations.

The worship service is being streamed live. To watch please go to our website: [www.sipres.org](http://www.sipres.org) and select button that looks like this:

**STREAMING LIVE/SUNDAY 10:00 AM/CLICK HERE**

If you miss the 10:00 AM live stream, just visit our YouTube channel at: <http://skidawaypres.org/youtube> to watch a recording of the service. While you are there, please SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel and get notifications of future live stream events and video additions.

## MEMBERS

Ann Ash  
Lee Cassady  
Kay Eskew  
Harry Heck  
Nancy Heck  
Dick Higgins  
Richard Hunter  
Marie Kemp  
Sarah Lanier  
Fenton Ludtke  
Jack Richardson  
June Richardson  
Diane Schwind  
George Schwind  
Curt Shambaugh  
Kelli Usher

## PRAYER REQUEST Online Viewers

### Greg Crabtree requested:

We are watching online from Chattanooga, TN and wish for prayers for Wally in San Francisco. Wally is just out of the hospital after a serious operation and we pray for his continuing recovery.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### For Friends and Family

Austin Family, Friends of Milo and Judy Moore  
Brian Beebe, *Friend of Austin Eskew*  
Janet Beerman, *Friend of Sherry Leblang*  
John Carpenter, *Brother of Grace Walter*  
Jackie Cashwell, *Sister of Nancy Gloege*  
Scott Cassady, *Son of Lee and Mary Cassady*  
David Cavitt, *Son of Mary Alice Cavitt*  
Rowan Collier ("Row Boat"), *son of Brigitte & Rev. Dr. Todd Collier, former Associate Minister at SIPC*  
Kelly Congleton, *Daughter of Michael and Sherry Congleton*  
Ryker Cook, *Friend of Caroline Garrison*  
Denny, *Friend of Carolyn and Bob Ernest*  
Pete Dillingham, *Son-in-law of Mary Fritz*  
Amy Douglas, *Friend of the Jones Family*  
Iris Eskew, *Mother of Sam Eskew*  
Nick Francisco, *Nephew of Lynne Kaley*  
Bill Fritz, *Son of Mary Fritz*  
Sam Garcia, *Friend of Austin Eskew*  
Sam Gates, *Grandson of Don and Sandy Mayer*  
Kimberly Greenlaw, *Wife of Thom Greenlaw*  
Hollie Godbee, *Daughter of Paula Godbee, Former Administrator of SIPC*  
Pam, Brooks and Roman Goode, *daughter and grandchildren of Ann Fendig, lost apartment in Tuscaloosa AL, due to tornado*  
Peggy Hedeman, *Friend of Anne Welsh*  
Joe and Hilde Gibson, *Friends of Vic and Jean Bell*  
John, *Friend of Alice & Bruce LaVigne*  
Ehoch Gonzales, *Friend of Austin Eskew and Fellow Marine*  
Josh Hancock and family, *Nephew of Carri Stoltz*  
Kerry Goode, *Friend of Ann Fendig*  
Benji Hall, *Friend of Richard and Karen Fisher*

### For Those Serving In the Military

Philip Boggs, *servicing in the Army, stationed in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, grandson of Patty Boggs*  
Devin Crute, *servicing Homeland Security/Border Patrol, grandson of Lori Harris*  
Zach Crute, *servicing in the U.S. Navy, stationed at the San Diego, CA, Naval Base, grandson of Lori Harris*  
Sidney Evans, *stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, granddaughter of Eric and Gerry Flicker*  
Richard Kelly, *servicing in the U.S. Navy, grandson of Margie Kelly*  
Elizabeth Evans, *servicing in the Florida National Guard, daughter of John and Karen Evans*  
Patrick Lenihan, *servicing in U. S. Marines, Yuma, Arizona, nephew of Barbara Beckwith*  
Dolan Lewis, *servicing as a nuclear engineer aboard the USS Ohio submarine, SC, grandson of Don and Sandy Mayer*  
Matt Quinn, *servicing in the U.S. Army, related to the Baumgardner family*  
Taylor White, *servicing in the U.S. Navy, grandson of Bunny Ludtke*

### For Friends and Family

Jim and Judy Hannah, *Friends of Mary Yeomans*  
Emily Horton and her family, *Neighbors of Kelli and Matt Usher*  
Larry Hutcheson, *Friend of Sherry Leblang*  
Michael Just, *Friend of Bob and Jane Reinhard*  
Kaleigh, *Friend of Karen Fisher*  
Elsa Lindenschmidt, *Friend of Carri Stoltz*  
Peter Liney, *Father-in-law of Sherry Liney*  
Jeff Magee, *Brother-in-law of Diane Schwind*  
Mary McKeever, *daughter-in-law of former members, Dennis and Cathy McKeever*  
Tom Malley, *Brother of Maureen Squires*  
Larry Nelson, *Friend of Sherry Liney*  
Nick & Kathy, *Friends of Alice & Bruce LaVigne*  
Nedra O'Brien, *Friend of Dee Angell*  
Lanny Rhodes, *Friend of Sam and Kay Eskew*  
The family of Maria Rogers, *Staff Member*  
Chris Richardson, *Friend of Sam Eskew*  
Mary Romanos, *Friend of Carol and Joe Young*  
Nicki Sands, *Friend of Diane Tracy*  
Gary Strength, *Father of Joey Strength*  
Nancy Strobel, *Friend of Joe Young*  
Bob Titus, *Brother of Mary Alice Cavitt*  
Sue Welsh, *Sister of Anne Welsh*  
Tim White, *Cousin of Diane Tracy*  
Shirley Wilson, *Sister of Nancy Gloege*  
Nancy Zarich, *Sister of Bill Foster*  
Alex Young, *Husband of Marge Young*

Jennifer Dempsey, Preschool Teacher requested:

Please pray for Speer Nesbit, infant boy (preschool family) for complete healing after shunt operation.

- **SIPC's Mission**  
Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the World
- **SIPC's Vision**  
To be a joyful, thriving church reflecting the face of Jesus to the world.
- **Core Values**  
Demonstrating God's Love By:

Welcoming

Offering

Respecting

Serving

Helping

Improving

Praying

Reflecting the face of Jesus

## Can You Help Our Mission?

When we pray to God by reciting our Lord's Prayer, one portion says "Give us this day our daily bread." We understand that this means more than our request that God will sustain us physically. His blessings fulfill us spiritually as well.

Sometimes our worship and service to the Lord can be performed in a literal sense. We need a volunteer to help deliver bread once a month to Emmaus House, the homeless shelter that our church helps support. Captain John Derst's bakery donates day-old bread to the needy, including those at Emmaus House who are hungry. Would you consider giving one to two hours a month to pick up bread from the bakery and deliver it to:

Emmaus House

18 Abercorn Street

Savannah, GA 31401



**Emmaus House**

Please call June O'Hearn (598-7875) for more information.

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