

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Serpentine Cross"

Giovanni Fantoni

Metal sculpture at the summit of Mount Nebo in Jordan

4th Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

D.A. Martin

Ushers

Sandi Goeldner

Ben Bryson

Barbara Powers

Harry Moffett

Acolyte

Kate Head

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

INTROIT (215)

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love is This

Chancel Choir

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the pew. As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the sanctuary entrances.

PRELUDE

G. F. Handel; arr. Liebergen

Praise, Praise from the Oratorio "Solomon"

Chancel Choir; Beverly Fetter, Harpsichord;

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

D. A. Martin

One: O let us give thanks to the Lord,

ALL: For the love of God will never end.

One: Let we who love God be unashamed to declare it,

ALL: Because God has answered our cries for help.

One: The Lord our God has met our every need,

ALL: We will therefore proclaim the love of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN 667

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

In 1984, John David Eaton built a small Italian harpsichord. Soon after, our church purchased the instrument. After a number of years, it has been fully restored and will be used in worship. A generous gift from David and Audrey Stewart has made this possible. We rededicate this instrument to the Glory of God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Gracious God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we me know the full joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Silence for Personal Confession

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

H.W. GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Greer and Mobley Ward

Day of Service

BAPTISM

Charley Alice Hodgdon

Infant daughter of Ryan and Anna Hodgdon

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (442)

WOODWORTH

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Lent is a season of confession. As confession — admitting to God our brokenness — stands near the center of worship, so also confession stands near the center of our Lenten observances.

Baptism is a celebration of the child being baptized; a thanksgiving for their life and for all that God gives them and us; and a welcome into the family of the Church, both worldwide and locally.

OFFERTORY

arr. Kerr

Ellacombe
Amy Bishop, Organist

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children please come forward at the pastor's invitation.
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.*

FIRST READING

D. A. Martin

John 3:14-21
Page 1650 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Stainer

God So Loved the World
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

Numbers 21:4-9
Page 242 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

The word worship comes from an old English term that was not originally religious in connotation. Worship simply meant "to ascribe honor to something or someone because of its/their ultimate importance." This is what we do when we worship God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God restored some of the people to their land and left others scattered over the earth. In a time of exile and alien rule, the Jews survived and multiplied. They enriched the whole world: they compiled the Scriptures, preserving God's Word to them; they sang their songs of praise and lamentation; they sought wisdom, examining God's ways in the world; they searched the mysteries of rising and falling kingdoms and set their hope on the kingdom of God. We testify that God is faithful. Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. The Lord still brings from oppressed and uprooted peoples riches of insight and daring visions that can judge and bless the world. We can have confidence in God's coming kingdom even in the darkest times.

After we hear the good news, we stand to say what we believe in an Affirmation of Faith. Often these words come from the church's creeds and confessions. In these writings, we remember and tell the world who we are, what we believe, and how we hope to live according to God's Way.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God Be The Glory

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (568)

AMEN (HAUGEN)

Amen

We go forth into the world to serve God in our daily lives as a continuation of our worship so that our work is our worship until such time as we gather again

POSTLUDE

arr. Behnke

Now Thank We All Our God

Amy Bishop, Organist

If You Are New Here. Whether you are visiting from out-of-town, a seasonal resident, or searching for a church home, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please indicate that on the Friendship Register as it is passed down your pew at the beginning of worship so that we can be in touch with you soon.

Child Care. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery is available for children, birth through age five. The nursery is located in the Children's Wing at the rear of the church.

If You Are in Need of Prayer. You may fill out a prayer request card (available in the pews) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

To Aid in Worship. A "Rocking Room" with live video of the service is available in the chapel located outside of the front right doors of the sanctuary. Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals and Bibles may be obtained from the ushers.

Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

Sign up for our eNewsletter. Stay informed by subscribing to our weekly eNewsletter. Sign up on our friendship register or visit www.sspres.org/newsletters.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

First Monday of every month

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

Marie Dodd at mariewdodd@bellsouth.net.

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@gmail.com.

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.

Habitat for Humanity

Join us for local Habitat for Humanity home construction. Builds happen each fall and winter.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Community & Global Missions

Share God's love with service locally and globally. Missions include Angel Tree Christmas Gifts, Hunger Action Team, and summer mission trips.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship. (Pre K-2nd)

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. WOW supper at 6PM.

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet in the Britt Room for supper at 6PM.

Chimes and Choir

Wednesdays: Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

Sunday Night Fellowship

Sunday evenings in the Youth Suite

Dinner at 6PM

Mid & Senior High at 6:30PM (Grades 6 to 12)

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

Music (Grades 6 to 12)

Sundays: Youth Ensemble meets at 5PM in Music Attic

Meg Johnson at meg@sspres.org

Young Adults

Faith on Tap

Monthly Thursday (usually 2nd Thursdays) at 7PM

A casual young adult Bible Study for 20 and 30-somethings meets monthly. Location varies. Childcare available.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Please come for breakfast and a time of fellowship each week in the Britt Room prior to class.

Britt Class - Upper Room

Come & See - Social Hall

Rejoice - John Law Room

Trinity - Parlor

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study

Mondays at 12PM in the Britt Room

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Monday. Visitors are always welcome.

Thursdays at 7:15 AM in the Britt Room

Come for breakfast and Community Men's Bible Study led by area pastors every Thursday.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Ladies' Video Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:30AM in the Youth Suite

Gather for prayer and discussion each week using a video study. All women are invited!

Gail Ledbetter at gbledbetter@att.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room (Sept.-May)

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle

All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Anne Aspinwall at anneaspinwall@gmail.com or 912-399-1101

Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com or 912-580-8754.

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Ashantilly wing on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments are an important part of the music ministry for children through adults.

Rhonda Hambricht at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry offers confidential one-on-one Christian care to those experiencing difficult life circumstances.

Jann Briscoe at jannbriscoe@gmail.com or 269-0212.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, births, deaths, or prayer request, contact the church office at 912-638-2220. If you need pastoral care after hours please contact one of our pastors.

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Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

girl scouts sunday

We are celebrating Girl Scout Sunday today in honor of Girl Scout Troop 072, which meets at St. Simons Presbyterian.

The purpose of this special day is to emphasize that we take the Girl Scout Promise seriously - "On my honor, I will try to serve God." It is a time for Girl Scouts to reflect upon the importance of the words, "to serve God."

Day of Service Saturday, March 24

Throughout Community

All Ages & Abilities

8:30 AM - 1 PM

Register Online!

Nursery Available.

"Try Something New"

Day Trip to Isle of Hope in Savannah

Tuesday, April 17th

**ALL ARE INVITED AND
WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

We will be guided on four private tours through the following museums:

- Wormsloe Plantation
- Cohen's Retreat
- Bethesda Academy
- Pin Point Heritage Museum

Cost is \$65/ person. Lunch included.

MORE DETAILS ABOUT EACH TOUR &
SIGN UP CAN BE FOUND ONLINE!

This Week | March 11 - 17

Today, Mar 11

8:30 am

Chapel Service - Sanctuary

9:00 am

Coffee Hour & Breakfast - Social Hall

9:30 am

Sunday School - Various Locations

11:00 am

Traditional Service - Sanctuary

3:45 pm

APNC Meeting - Upper Room

5:00 pm

Marsh's Edge Worship - Marsh's Edge

5:00 pm

Youth Ensemble - Music Attic

6:00 pm

Youth Fellowship - Youth Suite

Monday, Mar 12

10:00 am

Chancel Ensemble - Sanctuary

12:00 pm

Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room

7:15 pm

Ladies of the Night Circle - Upper Room

Tuesday, Mar 13

7:00 am

Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-a

8:30 am

Depart for Callaway Gardens - Meet in Kitchen Lot

10:00 am

One-derful Morning Glories - Upper Room

12:00 pm

Lunch Bunch Circle - Upper Room

2:00 pm

Circle of Esther - Ida Walker's Home

Wednesday, Mar 14

4:00 pm

KidZ Crew & Choir - Playground Veranda

4:30 pm

Lenten Book Study - Parlor

5:00 pm

Confirmation Class - Chapel

6:00 pm

WOW Supper - Social Hall

6:30 pm

Chancel Ringers - Bell Room

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, Mar 15

7:15 am

Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room

10:00 am

Ladies Bible Study - Upper Room

5:30 pm

'Traveling Light' Book Study - John Law Room

6:30 pm

Stephen Ministry - Parlor

Friday, Mar 16

10:00 am

Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Joyce and Al Ledingham's birthdays from their blessed and grateful children, Lorene & Bob Reid.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Greg Hollis, our former organist, who entered into rest on March 2.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to purchase Easter flowers, please fill out the envelope found in your pew and place in the offertory plate. This year, our Easter flowers will be hydrangeas and the price for each is \$20.

Lenten Banners: Our cut-work images represent mind, body, heart, and soul. In the mind quadrant, a gear pattern fills the space. It represents the continual processing of our thoughts. A pattern of various breads completes the body quadrant. The bread motif speaks to our Communion ritual wherein the body of Christ is illustrated by bread. Our continual reflective journey is represented by diverse animal tracks inside the heart in the lower part of the banners. Lastly, the soul permeates all other quadrants by appearing in the corners, just as God's light within us glows in all aspects of our lives. —artist Hannah Garrity

WOW Supper Menu (March 14) // RSVP Online!

Goulash, salad, rolls, and dessert.

KidZ-Friendly Menu: Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, oranges

To Ponder Prayerfully

The Ground We Stand On

“**W**E HAVE PLACES OF FEAR INSIDE OF US, BUT WE HAVE OTHER PLACES AS WELL—PLACES WITH NAMES LIKE TRUST AND HOPE AND FAITH. WE CAN CHOOSE TO LEAD FROM ONE OF THOSE PLACES, TO STAND ON GROUND THAT IS NOT RIDDLED WITH THE FAULT LINES OF FEAR, TO MOVE TOWARD OTHERS FROM A PLACE OF PROMISE INSTEAD OF ANXIETY. AS WE STAND IN ONE OF THOSE PLACES, FEAR MAY REMAIN CLOSE AT HAND AND OUR SPIRITS MAY STILL TREMBLE. BUT NOW WE STAND ON GROUND THAT WILL SUPPORT US, GROUND FROM WHICH WE CAN LEAD OTHERS TOWARD A MORE TRUSTWORTHY, MORE HOPEFUL, MORE FAITHFUL WAY OF BEING IN THE WORLD.”

— Parker Palmer

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