

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Ariane"

Maria Helena Vieira da Silva, 1988

5th Sunday in Lent

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Greeter

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Leslie McCracken

11:00 am

Anna Henry

Ushers

8:45 am

Wells Kilgore

Sandy Kilgore

Mary Bryson

Ben Bryson

11:00 am

Anne Aspinwall

Dan Pentecost

Judy Foster

Ami Bishop

Acolyte

Emmeline Griffith

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. 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.

† INTROIT (425)

Maori Hymn; Murray

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

Chancel Choir

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

Please sign and pass the friendship register.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

PRELUDE

As We Gather at Your Table

Amy Bishop, Organ

arr. Evanovich

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Warren Jansen •
Anna Henry †

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

ALL: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

One: Come together and wait for God.

ALL: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

One: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

ALL: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

One: Come, worship the Lord.

ALL: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

*OPENING HYMN 804

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

"God brings all things into being by the Word. God offers the Word of grace, and people respond to that divine initiative through the language of worship. They call God by name, invoke God's presence, beseech God in prayer, and stand before God in silence and contemplations."

-PCUSA Directory For
Worship

* Please stand if able.

• 8:45 Service Only

† 11:00 Service Only

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

God of life, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to “the last day” or “the world beyond this one,” not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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.

“In the Prayer of Confession, we trust God’s mercy enough to lay before God not only those sins which may belong to us individually and personally, but also the sins and brokenness of the congregation, the church universal, and the world. We do not confess primarily specific acts of omission or commission, but rather the tragic brokenness of our human condition, in which, even without intending to, we are constantly running away from God and our neighbors.”

-The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

† PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (824)

MC AFEE

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

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.

OFFERTORY

• *Taste and See*

arr. Childs

Amy Bishop, Organ

† *Out of the Deep* from *Requiem*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir; Ariadna Perez, Cello

*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

†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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Warren Jansen •
Anna Henry †

Psalm 130

Page 969 OT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 11:1-45

Page 1668 NT, Pew Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The Apostles' Creed

After we hear the good news, we say what we believe. 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 should live according to God's Word.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The practice of receiving communion by intinction is an ancient one. When taking Communion by intinction, the body of the Church acts together, moving as a community towards the Table. Worshippers are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, and intinct or dip it in the cup, place it in their mouth, and return to their seats. Gluten free bread is available for those with gluten allergies. Additionally, an elder is available to bring communion to you where you are seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

arr. Hal Hopson

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

Rhonda Hambright, Viola; Ariadna Perez, Cello;
Amy Bishop, Piano

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 826

CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

*BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE (568)

HAUGEN

Amen

POSTLUDE

arr. Childs

One Bread, One Body
Amy Bishop, Organ

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope, because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.

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 worshiping 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.sspress.org/sermons.

Holy Week

Calendar of
Worship & Events
April 9-16

*Lunch following: \$3 donation

Palm
Sunday

Palm Sunday | April 9
Worship: 8:45 & 11:00 am
Procession of the Palm Branches

Day of
Authority

Monday | April 10
Community Worship: St. Simons United Methodist Church - 12 pm*
Rev. Dave Hanson, Retired, United Methodist Church

Day of
Conflict

Tuesday | April 11
Community Worship: First Baptist of St. Simons Island - 12 pm*
Rev. Bob Brearley, St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Day of
Withdrawal

Wednesday | April 12
Community Worship: Wesley UMC at Frederica - 12 pm*
Rev. Marcia Cochran, St. Simons United Methodist Church
(Arrive by 11:30 for a Concert Prelude by the Glynn Academy Choir)

Day of
Intimacy

Maundy Thursday | April 13
Refugee Resettlement Presentation: *Upper Room - 5 pm*
Merritt Groeschel
Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion at Table: *Social Hall - 6 pm*
Prayer Journey: 7-8 pm
Stations in Chapel, Memorial Garden, and Sanctuary

Day of
Sacrifice

Good Friday | April 14
Community Worship: St. Simons Presbyterian Church - 12 pm*
Rev. Tommy Townsend, Holy Nativity Episcopal
Good Friday Luncheon: *Social Hall - 12:30 pm*
Good Friday Prayer Vigil: *Sanctuary Open - 1-8 pm*

Easter
Eve

Saturday | April 15
Individual Fasting and Prayer

Easter
Sunday

Easter Sunday | April 16
Easter Sunrise Service: *Village Pier - 6:30 am*
Rev. Garry Shavers, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Easter Worship: *"Flowering of the Cross" - 8:45 & 11 am (No Sunday School)*
Easter Luncheon: *Social Hall - 12:15 pm*
Easter Egg Hunt on the Church Lawn - 1 pm

Palm Sunday

All children are invited to carry palms next Sunday at 11 am worship! Meet in front of church outside at 10:50 am.

Manna House

April 3rd

Mondays

1st

9:30 am - Cook
11:00 am - Serve
1:00 pm - Clean



This Week | Apr 2 - Apr 8

Today, Apr 2

8:45 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
9:30 am **Breakfast** - Social Hall
9:45 am **Sunday School**
11:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary

**No Youth programs tonight- Happy Spring Break!*

Monday, Apr 3

9:30 am **Manna House** - 1408 G. Street Brunswick
12:00 pm **Men's Noon Day Bible Study** - Britt Room
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room

Tuesday, Apr 4

10:00 am **PW Leadership Team Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, Apr 5

**No Wednesday programs this week.*

Thursday, Apr 6

6:30 pm **Stephen Ministry**- Parlor
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room

Friday, Apr 7

10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office

A Labyrinth Experience

April 20

5 PM - Learn
6 PM - Walk
7 PM - Dinner

Sunday School Classes

Children- Children's Hall
Preschool & Elementary

Adult
Britt Class- Upper Room
Come & See- Social Hall

Youth- Youth Suite
Senior High & Mid High

Rejoice- Chapel
Trinity- Parlor

Easter Sunday April 16th

Worship 8:45 & 11:00 am

"Flowering of the Cross"

Please bring flowers from your garden.

Easter Luncheon 12:00 pm

Please bring two dishes to share.

Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 pm

Please bring Easter baskets for the hunt.



Chancel Greenery: The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Anne Aspinwall in loving memory of our recently departed and beloved church members William Roberts, Don Carter, and Fred Stradtman.

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.

Volunteers for Easter: We are in need of volunteers to assist during Easter Sunday! We are looking for ushers for the sunrise service at the pier, help in the nursery, and extra hands to clean up after the luncheon. If you are available and would like to offer your service to us, please contact the church office!

To Ponder Prayerfully

Plotting the Resurrection

“THERE WAS SOMETHING COMICAL YET TOUCHING IN HER BEDRAGGLED APPEARANCE... THE SMALL HUNCHED-OVER FIGURE, HER STUDIED ABSORPTION IN THE IMPLAUSIBLE NOTION THAT THERE WOULD BE YET ANOTHER SPRING, OBLIVIOUS TO THE ENDING OF HER OWN DAYS, WHICH SHE KNEW PERFECTLY WELL WAS NEAR AT HAND, SITTING THERE WITH HER DETAILED CHART UNDER THOSE DARK SKIES IN DYING OCTOBER, CALMLY PLOTTING THE RESURRECTION.”

— E.B. White, *writing of his terminally ill wife Katharine, who was planning the planting of bulbs in her garden even though she knew she likely would not live to see the spring*

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