

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Lift Me Up”

Bonnie Rabert

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017 | 10:00 am Worship

Greeter

Jack Hartman

Ushers

Teresa Hodgdon

Matt Hodgdon

Ada Owens

Jerry Spencer

Acolytes

Kate Head

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 767

SAN ANSELMO

Together We Serve

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jann Briscoe

Please sign and pass the friendship register.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

PRELUDE

D. Eliot

Air Tendre

Amy Bishop, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack Hartman

“Worship is not automatic. It is an act of the will, inspired by the spirit of gratitude....An appropriate beginning for worship is an invitation... to deliberately celebrate God’s presence.”
from *Words for Worship*
by Arlene M. Mark

One: We come to lift up love songs to the God who created us in love.

ALL: Let us love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind.

One: We come to be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

ALL: We come to hear Christ’s command to love our neighbors as ourselves.

One: We come to be embraced by the loving wholeness of divine union.

ALL: We come with the desire to be made wholly loving.

*OPENING HYMN 757

KINGSFOLD

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Jack Hartman

Loving God, we have been stingy in our love of you and our neighbor. We spend so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not know your dreams for us. We avoid even recognizing those who are not like us as your children, much less loving them as ourselves. We want to hide from the brokenness that is in us, listening to our fears rather than to your promise of transformation into loving wholeness. Have mercy O Lord, be gracious to us as you continue to teach us your hopes, your dreams, your love for all of creation, a holy wholeness in which lives everything that is. May we practice what we learn, as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in faith.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Out of our lives laced with foolish mistakes, unwise choices, and even outright rebellion, God is able to weave a tapestry of grace, forgiveness, and healing.

ALL: God has sent redemption for all; God has worked healing wholeness within and among us. At all times, and for every grace, we give thanks to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

I. Wilson/G. Schuler

Make Me a Blessing

Quartet: Rhonda Hambright, Esther Maloof,
Tom Haughney, and Bud Longley

“It’s here in all the pieces of my shame that now I find myself again. I yearn to belong to something, to be contained in an all-embracing mind that sees me as a single thing. I yearn to be held in the great hands of your heart - oh let them take me now. Into them I place these fragments, my life, and you, God - spend them however you want.”
-Rainer Maria Rilke

*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

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

"The sacred in us grows
out of the depth of search
for God everywhere. We
are not the ones waiting for
God. God is already with
us. God is waiting for us to
realize it and rank the rest
of life accordingly."
-Joan Chittister in
the *July Monastic Way*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jack Hartman

Genesis 18:1-15

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

G. F. Handel

How Beautiful are the Feet from Messiah

Esther Maloof, Soloist

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:34-37

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*Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading; fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing; help us to follow you.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.*

SERMON

Rev. Jann Briscoe

An Altar in the World: **Community**

"The Practice of Encountering Others"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God made us for life in community. For God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 767

SAN ANSELMO

Together We Serve

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Holy, Holy, Holy
Amy Bishop, Organ

“New life has bloomed here, God’s life has warmed us; Now the world calls us to go and spread that love. God’s peace go with you. May it sustain you, and bring us together to praise God again.”
-Peggy McClanahan

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.sspres.org/sermons.

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.

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 (Resuming in September)

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

WeeKidZ (3 Years to Grade 2)

Sundays: Wee Worship/KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship.

(Wednesday Night KidZ Events resume on August 30)

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

KingdomKidZ (Grades 3 to 5) (Resuming Sept. 10)

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

Chimes and Choir (Grades 3 to 5)

Wednesdays: Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

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

Youth

Sunday School (Resuming in September)

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

Sunday Night Fellowship (Resuming August 27)

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)

(Resuming August 15)

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

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

Music (Grades 6 to 12) (Resuming August 27)

Sundays: Youth Ensemble meets at 5PM in Music Attic

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 (Resuming in September)

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 - Chapel

Trinity - Parlor

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

Men's Bible Study

Mondays at 12PM in the Britt Room (Resuming August 7th)

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 (Resuming in September)

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) Circles (Resuming in Sept.)

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

Anne Aspinwall at anneaspinwall@gmail.com.

Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com.

Music

Choir (Resuming in August)

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

(Resuming in August)

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

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

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.

St. Simons Presbyterian 638-2220

Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

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PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR



Montaña de Luz Honduras Mission Trip

July 12 - 19

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Beach Night!

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7 PM | COAST GUARD STATION



FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Wednesdays in July

6 PM | Social Hall

Please bring a covered side dish!

July 19 | Tacos & Human Bingo

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If you or a loved one are
undergoing a difficult life
transition, Stephen Ministers
are available to help.

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This Week | July 16 - 22

Today, July 16

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Breakfast/Joint Sunday School** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor

Monday, July 17

- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, July 18

- 2:00 pm **Coffee & Conversation** - Marsh's Edge

Wednesday, July 19

- 6:00 pm **Family Fun Human Bingo Night!** - Social Hall

Thursday, July 20

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Instrumental Ensemble** - Social Hall
- 4:00 pm **Free Flow Yoga** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, July 21

- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 7:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** - Coast Guard Station

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



8:30 AM

Morning Prayer

Sanctuary



9 AM

Breakfast/

Joint Sunday School

Social Hall



10 AM

Worship

Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Anne Aspinwall in honor of our teens and adults on the mission trip to Montaña de Luz in Honduras.

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called for a brief congregational meeting for the purpose of electing this year's nominating committee **next Sunday, July 23 following the 10 AM worship service in the sanctuary.** The names of those who have agreed to serve are *Fleming Martin, Leslie McCracken, Stacy Wills, Richard Hathaway, Karen Summers, Daryl Rabert, and Judy Benjamin.*

To Ponder Prayerfully

What We Have Most In Common

“**W**HAT WE HAVE MOST IN COMMON IS NOT RELIGION BUT HUMANITY. I LEARNED THIS FROM MY RELIGION, WHICH ALSO TEACHES ME THAT ENCOUNTERING ANOTHER HUMAN BEING IS AS CLOSE TO GOD AS I MAY EVER GET, IN THE EYE-TO-EYE THING, THE PERSON-TO-PERSON THING, WHICH IS WHERE GOD’S BELOVED HAS PROMISED TO SHOW UP. PARADOXICALLY, THE POINT IS NOT TO SEE HIM. THE POINT IS TO SEE THE PERSON STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, WHO HAS NO SUBSTITUTE, WHO CAN NEVER BE REPLACED, WHOSE HEART HOLDS THINGS FOR WHICH THERE IS NO LANGUAGE, WHOSE LIFE IS AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

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