

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"Ezekiel's Visions"*  
Dennie McCrary

11TH Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2016 | 10:00am Worship

**Greeter**

Karen Summers

**Ushers**

Alex & Ron Binkney  
Teresa & Matt Hodgdon

**Acolyte**

Margaret Ernst

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## 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.*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bob Brearley

*Please sign and pass the friendship register.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## PRELUDE

Telemann

*Trumpet Tune*

*Anne Marie Stirewalt, trumpet; Amy Bishop, organ*

"Worship is a way  
of seeing the world  
in the light of God."

-Abraham Joshua Heschel

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Summers

**One:** Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst!

**All:** **Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.**

**One:** Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and strength.

**All:** **We place ourselves before this God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's Spirit.**

**One:** Rejoice, people of God! Sing praises to the God who makes all things new.

## \*OPENING HYMN 366

HYFRYDOL

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation and hope. Forgive us the despair that grips our lives and the fear that paralyzes us. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, that your saving grace may be professed and proclaimed to the whole world. Hear us as we bring our emptiness and our selfishness to the God who knits us back together and gives us life and hope again.

"A Call to Confession is a call to further love, which God does with a reassurance of divine good intentions towards us so that we're not afraid to confess our shortcomings in the light of God's love."

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*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

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*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

BAPTISM

*Charleston Louise Risi  
Daughter of Scott and Madelynne Risi*

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.

“Giving is not God’s way  
of raising money. It is  
God’s way of raising  
children.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## OFFERTORY

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad*

Arr. V. Collinsworth

## \*DOXOLOGY 606

*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

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Romans 8:5-11**

*Page 1756 NT, Pew Bible*

Elder Reader  
Karen Summers

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Traditional, arr. Gearhart

*Dry Bones*

Anne Marie Stirewalt, trumpet; Amy Bishop, piano

## LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*Page 1345 OT, Pew Bible*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

*Dry Bones and Holy Hope*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We testify that today this same Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. As long as we live, we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us that God will complete what he has begun in us.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 286

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on Me Breath of God*

\*BENEDICTION

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

POSTLUDE

John Stanley

*Trumpet Voluntary*

**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](http://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**

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast*

### **WeeKidZ** (3 Years to Grade 2)

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

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

### **KingdomKidZ** (Grades 3 to 5)

*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**

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast*

### **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

*Nat Scott at nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## 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 at Palm Coast. Childcare available.

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

## Discipleship

### **Sunday School**

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Fellowship 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** - Fellowship Hall

**Rejoice** - Chapel

**Trinity** - Parlor

*Nat Scott at nat@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 Bob Brearley or Alan Dyer 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) Circles**

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

*Alison Schueneman at schueneman@gmail.com.*

*Nancy Harper at nanhbasket@aol.com.*

## 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 Hambright 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.

*St. Simons Presbyterian 638-2220*

*Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957*

*Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963*

*Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212*

# Manna House

volunteers needed  
9:30am- cook  
11:00am- serve  
12:30pm - clean

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## Ichetucknee



All Church  
Float Trip  
Down the  
Ichetucknee River

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10:00 AM  
Worship

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This week | July 31- Aug 6  
Today, July 31

8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary  
9:00 am **Breakfast/Sunday School** - Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary  
10:00 am **KidZ & Wee Worship** - Children's Hall

**Monday, Aug 1**

9:30 am **Manna House Volunteers** - Manna House, BWK  
12:00 pm **Men's Bible Study** - Youth Suite

**Tuesday, Aug 2**

6:00 am **Ichetucknee Float Trip**

**Wednesday, Aug 3**

**Thursday, Aug 4**

7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - SSUMC Thorpe Building  
4:00 pm **Yoga** - Youth Suite

**Friday, Aug 5**

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

### Chancel Flowers:

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our dedicated and hard-working Presbyterian Women.

### Summer Prayers:

Please pray for the people whom our church members will feed and serve at Manna House this week.

### Today's Cover Art:

Today's cover art is titled "Ezekiel's Visions" by church member, Dennie McCrary. This painting was created as a teaching tool for a Sunday School lesson. It beautifully depicts the graphic imagery of the visions of the prophet Ezekiel. The painting is very spiritual in composition. The colorful visions dominate the upper half of the painting with the large, central figure of Ezekiel himself robed in white motioning towards the heavens and the imagery. The people are small and crowded into the lower corner from which they cower from King Nebuchadnezzar and the figure with the whip behind them. Although they appear trapped, it is with great skepticism that they glance at Ezekiel with his spiritual view of reality. Ezekiel offers both warning and hope. The warning and the hope of the Old Testament prophets are reflected in today's New Testament Lesson from Romans 8 - "Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace." Today's passage from Ezekiel reveals the source of the spirit of life and peace to be God. God speaks these words to Ezekiel, "I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land." McCrary says it well, "We honor Ezekiel's hope of God's holy presence in our midst." May we put aside all the delusional trappings of this present temporal world and welcome God's transforming Spirit into our bodies, hearts, minds, and lives that we be wise to the present, eternal, spiritual reality of our God.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Spirit

“OFTEN WHEN HE COMES, HE FINDS THE SOUL OCCUPIED.  
OTHER GUESTS ARE THERE, AND HE HAS TO TURN AWAY.  
HE CANNOT GAIN ENTRY, FOR WE LOVE AND DESIRE OTHER THINGS;  
THEREFORE, HIS GIFTS, WHICH HE IS OFFERING TO EVERYONE UNCEASINGLY,  
MUST REMAIN OUTSIDE.”

—Johanees Tauler

“BECAUSE IN THE SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT MAN LEARNS  
WISDOM THROUGH HUMILITY,  
KNOWLEDGE BY FORGETTING,  
HOW TO SPEAK BY SILENCE,  
HOW TO LIVE BY DYING.

—Johanees Tauler

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