

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"The Potato Diggers"*

Paul Henry

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017 | 10:00 am Worship

**Greeter**

John Dieterman

**Ushers**

Charlotte Zell

Brooke Zell

Harlan Hambright

Laurie Longley

**Acolytes**

Brayden Neill

Today, we continue a summer sermon series that is guided by Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World*. She invites us to remember that the context of faithfulness to Jesus Christ is our life in the world as compassionate people who do the faith by helping our neighbors and caring for creation.

# 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 683

COURTNEY

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

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

arr. L. Larson

*Morning Has Broken*

Amy Bishop, Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Dieterman

One: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

**ALL: We come to give thanks!**

One: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

**ALL: We come to lift our voices in praise!**

One: God blesses us with gifts and calls us to work for others.

**ALL: We come to labor in God's name!**

One: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

**ALL: We come to worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN 36

AR HYD Y NOS

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

The Christian life is like a two-sided coin. One side is the forgiveness of sins. The other side is the call to discipleship and mission. They are distinct but inseparable. The first is justification by grace through faith; the second is sanctification. Justification without sanctification risks becoming "cheap grace," and sanctification without justification risks becoming "works righteousness."

Holy God, we come confessing that we have turned away from You. We have not sought what You desire for us, but instead desire what others have. We have clamored to have worldly success while ignoring Your ways of justice and righteousness. We have put our desires above our neighbor's needs and excused ourselves from helping the marginalized. Call us into repentance, to turn back to You, to renew our commitment to live according to Your ways of love.

*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

### 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

Twila Paris, arr. Larson

*How Beautiful*

Ann Nermoe and Bud Longley, Duet;  
Rhonda Hambright, Pianist

\*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

FIRST READING

John Dieterman

**Matthew 9:35-38**

*Page 1510 NT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7,17-19**

*Page 4 OT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SUNG BY ALL) 287

*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. Alan Dyer

An Altar in the World: **Physical Labor**

*"The Practice of Carrying Water"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from "A Declaration of Faith," which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation is intentionally written in a form to be easily used to worship.

# 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 177

YOU ARE MINE

*I Will Come to You*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 683

COURTNEY

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

A. Sherman

*Recessional in C*  
Amy Bishop, Organ

“We don’t come to the table to fight or to defend. We don’t come to prove or to conquer, to draw lines in the sand or to stir up trouble. We come to the table because our hunger brings us there. We come with a need, with fragility, with an admission of our humanity. The table is the place where the doing stops, the trying stops, the masks are removed, and we allow ourselves to be nourished, like children.”  
—Shauna Niequist

**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 mariewodd@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*

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

*Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212*

# WELCOME

## New Members Sunday, August 20th

If you are interested in joining our congregation, we would love to recognize you into our family during worship on this day!

Please contact Bob or Alan.

Bob - bob@sspres.org

Alan - alan@sspres.org

### Manna House

August 7

Mondays  
1st

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



### MEN'S NOONDAY BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS | 12 PM

BRITT ROOM

Led by Alan Dyer

Resuming August 7

Visitors are always welcome!

Open to all

FREE

2nd Thurs. each month

Grief Support Group

1PM John Law Room

Provided by Hospice of the Golden Isles

## This Week | Aug 6 - 12

### Today, Aug 6

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Breakfast/Joint Sunday School** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 11:15 am **Worship & Music Ministry Team** - Britt Room

### Monday, Aug 7

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

### Tuesday, Aug 8

- 4:00 pm **Hunger Action Team Meeting** - HAT Room  
*(Open to all interested in learning about the HAT)*

### Thursday, Aug 10

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Instrumental Ensemble** - Social Hall
- 1:00 pm **Grief Support Group** - John Law Room
- 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, Aug 11

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

## 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 Dick and JoAnn Bobb in loving memory of his mother, Ruth Bobb.

**Next Sunday:** The Membership Ministry Team will be meeting next Sunday, August 13 at 11:15 following worship in the Youth Suite.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Digging Down to God

“**T**HERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EARTHINESS. FROM DUST WE CAME AND TO DUST WE SHALL RETURN. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT MOST OF US GET SOME GOOD YEARS IN BETWEEN, DURING WHICH WE MAY SINK OUR HANDS IN THE DIRT. THIS IS AS GOOD A WAY AS ANY TO RECOVER OUR CONNECTION TO THE GROUND OF ALL BEING. DIGGING DOWN IS AS GOOD A WAY TO GOD AS RISING UP, IF ONLY BECAUSE YOU CAN FEEL IT IN YOUR SHOULDERS.”

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

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