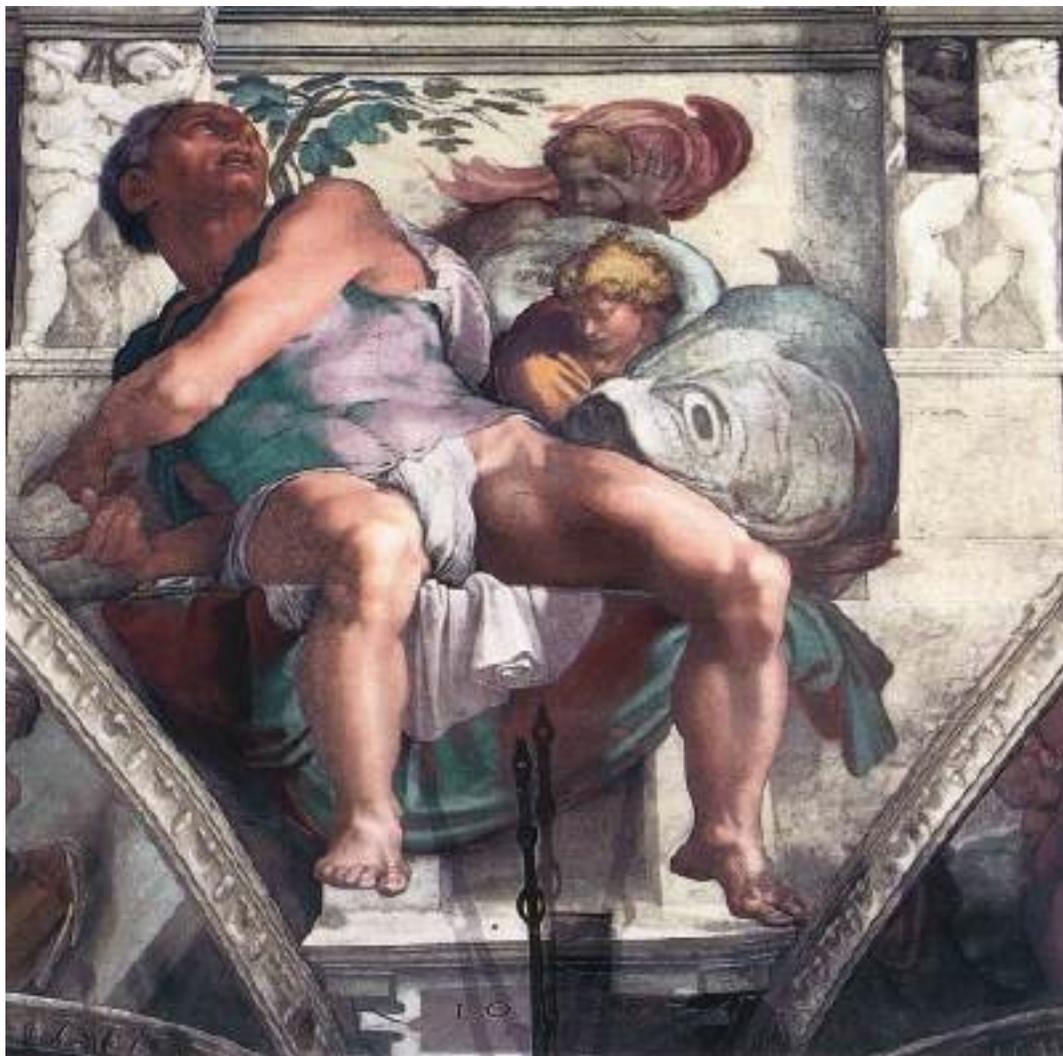


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Jonah"

Michelangelo Buonarroti

12TH Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2016 | 10:00am Worship

Greeter
Susan Baltzell

Ushers
Riddick Ackerman
Anne Aspinwall
Jerry Spencer

Acolyte
Kate Head

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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. 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. D. Wagner

Festivity on "Holy Manna"

This morning's call to worship was written by Rev. Joanna Harader, a Mennonite pastor from Kansas, and is based on our sermon text from the Book of Jonah.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Baltzell

One: The word of God came to Jonah.

ALL: The word of God comes to us:

One: Go

ALL: despite your fears.

One: Speak

ALL: the truth of God.

One: Love

ALL: your neighbor and your enemy.

One: Forgive

ALL: as you have been forgiven.

One: Receive

ALL: grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

*OPENING HYMN 620

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

Holy God, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. We confess that though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. We trust you, O God, and pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world— those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love.

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

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

Jonah's Prayer Allen Pote and Tom Long
Ann Marie Morrison, Soloist

The offering of material goods in worship is a corporate act of self-dedication in response to God. It expresses thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all good, the redeemer from sin and evil.

—Directory for Worship

*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

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Page 1779 NT, Pew Bible

Elder Reader
Susan Baltzell

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Jonah 3:1-10

Page 1438 OT, Pew Bible

Interpretive Reader
Ann Marie Morrison

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Rev. Thomas Currie,
professor emeritus at
Union Presbyterian
Seminary, writes about
God working through
Jonah, saying, "We
would prefer that
God were more silent,
reclusive, distant. But
God keeps intruding,
calling us again and
again to speak an
impossible word."

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 836

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Abide With Me

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 22

ROEDER

God of the Sparrow

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Arr. D. Wagner

Communion is derived from the Latin word communion, meaning “sharing in common.” In New Testament Greek it is translated as koinonia, or “fellowship.” Both meanings reflect the sacrament’s relational nature.

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

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. Location varies. 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.

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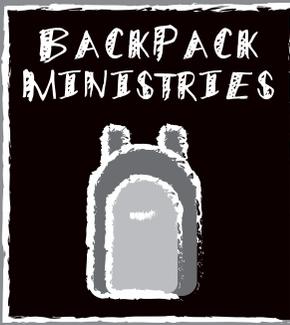
To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, births, deaths, or prayer request, contact the church office at 912-638-2220. If you need pastoral care after hours please contact one of our pastors.

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



1 Community Mission
backpacks & school supplies

2 Hunger Action
Backpack Food Ministry



Young Adult Bible Study

7:00 PM

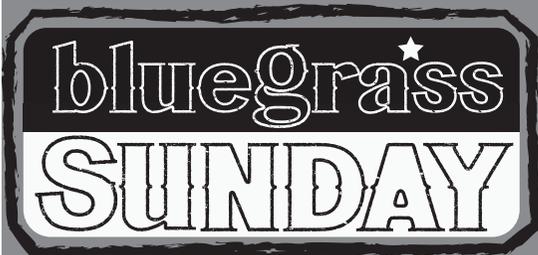
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Save the Date!



10:00 AM
Worship

Aug

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This week | Aug 7- 13

Today, Aug 7

- 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
- 11:00 am **Worship and Music Ministry Team** - Youth Suite

Monday, Aug 8

- 12:00 pm **Men's Bible Study** - Youth Suite

Tuesday, Aug 9

Wednesday, Aug 10

Thursday, Aug 11

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** -SSUMC Thorpe Building
- 1:00 pm **Grief Counseling** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm **Yoga** - Youth Suite
- 7:00 pm **Faith on Tap** - Home of Andrew & Becca Turner

Friday, Aug 12

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

Chancel Flowers:

The chancel flowers are given by Nancy Harper to the glory of God and in honor of the teachers and students embarking on a new school year.

Summer Prayers:

Please pray for teachers and students as they prepare for the coming school year, college students as they prepare to leave for college, and high school and college seniors as they make decisions for the next stages of their lives.

Today's Cover Art:

Today's cover art is a portion from the Sistine Chapel by artistic genius, Michelangelo Buonarroti. This masterful fresco painted on the curved surface of the chapel's ceiling is a visual interpretation of the prophet Jonah. Today's scripture passages from 1 Corinthians in the New Testament and Jonah in the Old Testament both describe a sense of urgency to drastically re-examine the way we live our lives. Michaelangelo's Jonah is a beautiful illustration of that urgency. All of the flowing curves of this artwork swerve as if in a quick response to something. Jonah's body language is one of recoil and refocus of attention to a powerful God. Jonah is so awestruck from above that the giant fish biting his thigh becomes inconsequential. Today's passage from Jonah pleads- "Let everyone call urgently on God." The people responded with an outward sign of subservience and humility (sackcloth and fasting) as they focused their lives and entire beings on God. "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened." 1 Corinthians echoes that strong sense of urgency to ignore the earthly ways and to refocus our lives on God's coming Kingdom. "What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away." May we heed the words of the prophets, recoil from the ways of the world in which we are so entrenched, be awestruck by our powerful God, and urgently refocus our lives to the imminent, intangible Kingdom of God.

To Ponder Prayerfully

A Sense of Urgency

“I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE URGENCY OF DOING.
KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH, WE MUST APPLY.
BEING WILLING IS NOT ENOUGH, WE MUST DO.”

—Leonardo Da Vinci

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