

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Deep"

Jackson Pollock

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2017 | 10:00 am Worship

Greeter

Ron Binkney

Ushers

Scott Risi

Harlan Hambright

Bud Longley

Laurie Longley

Acolytes

MacKenzie Bishop

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 807

PROSPECT

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

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

H. Purcell

Sinfonia

Amy Bishop, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Binkney

One: Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, pain, or persecution?

ALL: Can lack of clothes and food, danger to life and limb, the threat of force of arms?

One: No, in all these things we win an overwhelming victory through One whose love for us has been proved.

ALL: We have come absolutely convinced that neither death nor life, neither messenger of heaven nor ruler on earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither power from on high or power from below, nor anything else in God's whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God! Amen!

- Adapted from Romans 8

*OPENING HYMN 804

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Forgive our brokenness and our self-centeredness that we may be mended by your mercy, O Lord. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit. Trusting in your gracious care, we bring to you the burdens and the needs of our lives.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Richard Hathaway

PAL Mentoring Program

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

J. Roman

Allegretto
Amy Bishop, Organ

Prayer is practicing the presence of God in our lives, even when the awareness of God comes in the mystery of silence. Jesus prayed into that silence as we pray into that holy silence of a listening God. The silence is sometimes painful. Yet the life, ministry, and death of Jesus are the final revelation of the God who waits in and beyond the silence. The waiting Father is the God of love and mercy.

*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 church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.
-PCUSA Directory for Worship

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ron Binkney

Job 1:1-3, 6-12
Page 788 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

arr. M. Hayes

There is a Balm in Gilead
Kelly Johnson, Soloist

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 22:39-46
Page 1638 NT

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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. Bob Brearley

An Altar in the World: **Breakthrough**
"The Practice of Feeling Pain"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 807

PROSPECT

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

G. F. Handel

March from "Floridante"
Amy Bishop, Organ

Sometimes things go very well for people who have faith in God, and sometimes those trusting people encounter pain, suffering, and tremendous heartache in this world. The call of faith is to keep hoping in a loving God no matter what. It takes great courage, but our ultimate confidence comes from beyond ourselves, from the God revealed in Christ amidst the agony of the cross. Sometimes we get to go around the pain; sometimes we must go through it. We do so by holding onto the God who holds us.

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

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship. (Pre K-2nd)

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

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

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

Chimes and Choir

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

**REED YER
BIBULL**

**YOUTH BREAKFAST
DEVOTION**

TUESDAYS | 7 AM | CHICK-FIL-A

GRADES 6 - 12

RESUMING AUGUST 15TH

TRANSPORTATION
TO SCHOOL
PROVIDED.

**Children & Youth
Volunteer
Sign Up**

Online - www.sspres.org

Wednesday NIGHT activities

Resuming August 30th!

4 PM | KidZ Crew & Choir

6 PM | WOW Supper

*During WOW Supper on the
Aug 30, we will hear a report
of our Summer Missions!
(Honduras, CROSS, BRIDGE)*

**BLUEGRASS
sunday**

Next Sunday, Aug 20 | 10 AM

This Week | Aug 13 - 19

Today, Aug 13

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Breakfast/Joint Sunday School** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 11:15 am **Membership Ministry Team** - Youth Suite
- 5:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge

Monday, Aug 14

- 9:00 am **Congregational Life Retreat** - 646 Beachview Dr.
- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Aug 15

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a
- 5:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

Thursday, Aug 17

- 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
- 6:00 pm **Faith on Tap** - Dyer Home
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Aug 18

- 8:30 am **DAR Convention** - Throughout facilities
- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Sam Franklin in loving memory of Sandra St. Clair Franklin.

Betty Carter Sunday: Come and join with us as we celebrate Betty upon her retirement, and thank her for being our church secretary since 1988! For thirty years Betty Carter has lived out a deep and abiding commitment to God's calling in her life to help St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We could never thank her enough for being there for us. **On August 27 we will have a reception in the Social Hall at 11:00, immediately following our morning worship service.** We will read to Betty a resolution of thanks from our Session, present to her a love offering for her retirement, and invite words of affirmation and love from our church members. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please make your checks to SSPC & mark them "Betty Carter."

To Ponder Prayerfully

All That Will Do

“THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE IN REAL PAIN, SEE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT TELEVISION SHOWS, NEW APPLIANCES, A CLEAN HOUSE, OR YOUR RESUME. CHANCES ARE THAT NONE OF THESE WILL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU. ALL THAT WILL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU IS SOME COOL WATER, HELD OUT BY SOMEONE WHO HAS STOPPED EVERYTHING ELSE IN ORDER TO LOOK AFTER YOU. AN EXTRA BLANKET MIGHT ALSO HELP, A DRY PILLOW, THE SIMPLE KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE WHO MIGHT HEAR YOU IF YOU CRIED.”

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

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