

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

Melanie Barger

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

13TH Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2016 | 10:00am Worship

Greeter
Susan Baltzell

Ushers
Riddick Ackerman
Bethany Leggett
Jerry Spencer
Greer Ward

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.

Influenced by the music of Appalachia, Bluegrass has mixed roots in Irish, Scottish, Welsh, and English traditional music, and was also later influenced by the music of African-Americans through incorporation of jazz elements. "Bluegrass gospel" uses Christian lyrics, soulful three- or four-part harmony singing, and playing of instrumentals. Bluegrass pioneer Bill Monroe characterized the Bluegrass Gospel as: "Scottish bagpipes and ole-time fiddlin'. It's Methodist and Holiness and Baptist. It's blues and jazz, and it has a high lonesome sound." This Bluegrass Sunday, we will claim it as Presbyterian.

* Please stand if able.

PRELUDE

Old Time Religion

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Tom Burton, Vocals and Bones

Rhonda Hambright, Vocals and Piano

Harlan Hambright, Vocals and Mandolin

Amy Bishop, Vocals and Organ

Ann Nermoe, Vocals and Guitar

Ricky Ray, Vocals and Banjo

Crystal Murphy and Margaret Spiers, Fiddle

Faye Chu, Bass Fiddle

Ann Marie Morrison and Esther Maloof, Vocals

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Baltzell

One: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love.

All: **Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.**

One: We have gathered to hear the good news of Jesus Christ,

All: **A word that renews us again and again.**

One: Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who loves, saves, and renews us.

All: **Praise the Lord! It is time to worship God.**

Good Old Gospel Singing
Congregation sings when indicated by music leader.

When We All Get to Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions, bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms!
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms!

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

What a wonderful change in my life has been wro't
 Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
 Since Jesus came into my heart!
 Since Jesus came into my heart,
 since Jesus came into my heart!
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
 Since Jesus came into my heart!
Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart!
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
 Since Jesus came into my heart!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

Rev. Alan Dyer

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Forgive us our sins and give us strength for the living of this hour that we may be a faithful people. We bring our prayers to you.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Richard Hathaway

PAL (Positive Adult Leadership) Mentoring

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Since 1999, the PAL Mentoring Program has been sending St. Simons Presbyterian Church members to local elementary schools to mentor students. PAL mentor typically read with a child in the library but also help them with their homework, work on math skills or just visit and be a friend. Mentoring a child in need is truly doing the work of God's kingdom in our community. As Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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

Traditional \arr. Fetteke

This World is Not My Home

*DOXOLOGY 606

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3

Page 1877 NT, Pew Bible

Elder Reader
Susan Baltzell

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lois Jane Wallace
arr. By Speck & Duren

The Race

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 40:21-31

Page 1120 OT, Pew Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

“Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you
from the beginning?
Have you not
understood since the
earth was founded?
He sits enthroned above
the circle of the earth,
and its people are like
grasshoppers... He brings
princes to naught
and reduces the rulers
of this world to nothing.
No sooner are they
planted, no sooner are
they sown, no sooner
do they take root in the
ground, than he blows on
them and they wither,
and a whirlwind
sweeps them away like
chaff. “To whom will you
compare me? Or who is
my equal?” says the Holy
One. Lift up your eyes and
look to the heavens:
Who created all these?”

Isaiah 40: 21-26

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Albert E. Brumley

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away,
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away
Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Brumley

"We are confident, I say,
and would prefer to be
away from the body and
at home with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:8

70th Church Anniversary Weekend

September 23-25, 2017



We look forward to welcoming Dr. Steve Eason as our keynote speaker for the 70th church anniversary of St. Simons Presbyterian. Steve is a highly respected preacher, pastor, and author who is the recently retired pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC - one of the largest congregations in our denomination. Steve is currently serving as the Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. He also happens to be the brother of SSPC member Bill Eason! We look forward to welcoming Steve as our keynote speaker and teacher for this year's church anniversary weekend, and hope you will plan to join us. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

Dinner and Keynote with Dr. Eason

Friday, Sept. 23 - 6:30-7PM

Day of Service

Saturday, Sept. 24 - 8:15AM-1PM

Worship & Joint Sunday School with Dr. Eason

Sunday, Sept. 25 - 8:45AM; 9:45AM & 11AM

Congregational Luncheon

Sunday, Sept. 25 - 12PM

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 worshipping 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.

Choir

August 17 @ 6PM- Chancel Choir Resumes

August 24 @ 6:30PM- Chancel Ringers Resume

@ 7PM- Chancel Choir

YOUTH

August 16 @ 7AM- Youth Devotions @ SSI Chick-fil-A

August 21 @ 6:30PM- Youth & Parents Desserts @ Snyder Beach Cottage

@ 5PM- Youth Ensemble Resumes in the Music Attic

@ 6PM- Youth Fellowship Resumes

KIDZ

August 24 @ 6PM- Family Dinner & Open House

August 31 @ 4PM- KidZ Programs Resume

WOW!

August 31 @ 6PM- All-Church WOW Suppers Resume

Worship

September 4 @ 8:45AM- Early Worship Time Resumes

@ 9:45AM- Regular Sunday School Classes Resume

@ 11:00AM- Late Worship Time Resumes

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.

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.

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Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212



Thank you! "Pickers & Grinders"

Tom Burton, Vocals & Bones
Rhonda Hambright, Vocals & Piano
Harlan Hambright, Vocals & Mandolin
Amy Bishop, Vocals & Organ
Ann Nermoe, Vocals & Guitar
Ricky Ray, Vocals & Banjo
Crystal Murphy & Margaret Spiers, Fiddle
Faye Chu, Bass Fiddle
Ann Marie Morrison & Esther Maloof, Vocals



1 Community Mission
backpacks/school supplies

2 Hunger Action
Backpack Food Ministry



PW Triennial Gathering
Saturday, October 20-23
Epworth

Fall Gathering of PW
Saturday, October 1
Altama Presbyterian Church

PAL
Positive Adult Leader
Mentor a Child
www.sspres.org

This week | Aug 14-20

Today, Aug 14

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
11:15 am **CE Meeting** - Youth Suite
5:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge

Monday, Aug 15

12:00 pm **Men's Bible Study** - Youth Suite
5:30 pm **Diaconate** - Upper Room

Tuesday, Aug 16

7:00 am **Youth Devotion** - SSI Chick-fil-A
2:00 pm **Coffee & Conversation** - Marsh's Edge
5:30 pm **Session** - Upper Room

Wednesday, Aug 17

6:00 pm **Choir** - Choir Room

Thursday, Aug 18

7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** -SSUMC Thorpe Building
4:00 pm **Yoga** - Youth Suite
6:30 pm **Stephen Ministers** - Macaulay Home

Friday, Aug 19

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

Chancel Flowers:

The chancel flowers are given by Sam Franklin, III to the glory of God and in memory of Sandra St. Clair Franklin.

Summer Prayers:

Please pray for teachers, students, and schools.

Today's Cover Art:

Today's cover art titled "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" is by church member and artist, Melanie Barger. Throughout the ages, people have used art and music to release their earthly woes, look to God in hope, and have their strength renewed. This painting depicts soulful musicians picking and singing the hope rooted in a humble faith-

I am a poor, wayfaring stranger
Wandering over this world of woe
But theres no sickness, no toil no danger
That bright world to which I go
I know dark clouds will gather round me
I know my way is rough and steep
But beauteous fields lie just before me
Where men redeemed their vigils keep
Im going home, no more to roam
Im just a going over home

Today's beloved scripture from Isaiah harmonizes with the hope found in that bluegrass song. "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." May we cease our pointless striving, acknowledge the splendor and power of our everlasting Creator, and place all our hope in our God. Today's passage from Hebrews reminds us when that hope is challenged to "consider him (Jesus) who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." May we, poor wayfaring strangers, put our "hope in the Lord" to "renew our strength" so we may "soar on wings like eagles," "run and not grow weary," and "walk and not be faint."

To Ponder Prayerfully

On Eagle's Wings

“I WALK IN SILENCE WHEN IT COMES

THIS FEELING WHEN THE SPIRIT LEADS ME ON

IF THE DOGS ARE BARKING AND THE NIGHT IS ROUGH

I TAKE IT AS A SIGN TO CLIMB ABOVE

THE CITY TO HEAL AMONG THE CLOUDS

WHERE I CAN SEE MY SAVIOR NOW

HE'S WAITING WITH HIS PALM TO ME OUTSTRETCHED

HIS MERCY IS A BALM WHEN I'M PERPLEXED

I FIND JESUS (I FIND JESUS) IN THE DARKEST NIGHT (I FIND JESUS)

I FIND JESUS (I FIND JESUS) IN THE MORNING LIGHT (I FIND JESUS)

I FIND JESUS IN THE FACE OF THOSE

WHOSE HEARTS ARE SINGING WITH THE HEAVENLY HOST.”

—Jimmy Ibbotson
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

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St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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