

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“A Father's Eyes”

BB Shelander

14TH Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2016 | 10:00am Worship

Greeter
Susan Baltzell

Ushers
Riddick Ackerman
Mel Baxter
Woody & Christy Sapp

Acolyte
Preston Szczesniak

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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

Let All who Have Breath Praise the Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Baltzell

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

ALL: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

ALL: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship God, the merciful God,

ALL: Who chooses even you and me to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

*OPENING HYMN 35

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

Rev. Bob Brearley

Almighty God, you shape the course of history and yet we still find it so hard to be a prophet. We're just ordinary folks. What do you expect us to do? Who will listen to us anyway? Even if they do, they'll only get mad. O God, you would do better to find someone else – someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, someone with more faith. But still we hear our call and your promise. Forgive our feet of clay – when we try and evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges of our lives, help us see more clearly that you are there, and help us respond in faith, hope, and love.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI 581**

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Brenda Haughney

West Virginia Flood Relief Mission Trip

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

As the Deer (626)

Nystrom

When we pray, God who is "wholly present to us" is revealed.

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. D. Wagner

*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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 103:1-8

Page 939 NT, Pew Bible

Elder Reader
Susan Baltzell

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

It is Well with My Soul

Arr. John Ness Beck

“Most people I have ever heard speaking of their start in vocations similar to those of Moses and Jeremiah begin not with a burning bush or an audible voice, but with a deep conviction that whatever else they may do, and no matter how they might or might not establish their 403Bs, it is the task itself that draws them in.”

– Patricia Tull

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Page 1169 OT, Pew Bible

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.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 691

LAND OF REST

Lord, When I Came into This Life

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Give Thanks (647)

Smith

POSTLUDE

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Arr. D. Wagner

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong;" let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.

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.

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

YOUTH TODAY!

Bring Your Parents for Desserts

6:30PM

Snyder Beach Cottage

KIDZ

Children, Parents, & Volunteers

OPEN HOUSE
& Dinner

Children's Hall

6:00 PM

Aug

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Community Mission
backpacks/school supplies

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 21-27

Today, Aug 21

- 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
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor
- 6:30 pm **Youth\Parents Desserts** - Snyder Beach Cottage

Monday, Aug 22

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

Tuesday, Aug 23

- 7:00 am **Youth Devotion** - SSI Chick-Fil-A

Wednesday, Aug 24

- 6:00 pm **KidZ Open House & Dinner** - Children's Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers**- Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Choir Room

Thursday, Aug 25

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

Friday, Aug 26

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

Chancel Flowers:

The chancel flowers are given by Susan Goodhue to the glory of God and in honor of William Goodhue and memory of Ann and Wistar Goodhue.

Today's Cover Art:

Today's cover art titled "A Father's Eyes" is by artist and father, BB Shelander. The painting's subject may be the young girl playing and exploring in the waters of the creek, but the painting is really about perspective- the girl through the eyes of the artist- watchful, loving father. The girl is secure and focused on her play relying on the tender, protective, encouraging, watchful eye of her father who captures the eternal beauty of the fleeting moment in crisp sparkling detail. It is one of those beautiful parental moments when time stands still for a flicker - just long enough for you to soak it in before it changes. Today's scriptures from Psalms and Jeremiah reflect the protective, encouraging, watchful eye of a loving Heavenly Father whose eternal perspective includes all of creation in crisp detail for every fleeting moment. Our God says to each component of beloved creation, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Sometimes, we, like Jeremiah, answer with excuses of fear and ineptitude. God responds to our excuses like a loving and patient father encouraging his child to try something new - "Do not be afraid... for I am with you and will rescue you." Sometimes we may be the children too eager who run ahead outside of the Father's protective will. May we be neither pridefully reckless or full of excuses. May we find that sweet spot of reliance under His watchful eye following His lead. May we trust our God to set the limits knowing they are neither too restrictive or too dangerous. May we realize that it is not about our will and competence but about our God who made us and knows and loves us. What a wonderful heavenly father we have- "forget not all his benefits." Our loving heavenly Father "forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases," "redeems our life from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion," and "satisfies our desires with good things." What more could we want? We are under the care of the watchful eyes of a loving Father God who is "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love." We are equipped by Him, encouraged by Him, and supported by Him to follow His lead. May our souls' response be joyous praise!

To Ponder Prayerfully

Known & Beloved

“**A**LTHOUGH WE MIGHT SETTLE FOR LESS,
HEAVENLY FATHER WON’T, FOR HE SEES US AS THE
GLORIOUS BEINGS WE ARE CAPABLE OF BECOMING.”

—Joseph B. Wirthlin

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