

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Big White Cloud"

Edward Steichen, 1903

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Brenda Jones

Ushers

Fred Griffith

Melissa Griffith

Emmeline Griffith

Acolyte

Madison Brown

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

INTROIT (405)

HEYMONYSTRAAT

Praise God for this Holy Ground
Chancel Choir

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the pew. 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.

PRELUDE

J. S. Bach

Fantasie in C-Dur
Amy Bishop, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brenda Jones

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

ALL: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

ALL: Tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Glory in his holy name;

ALL: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

- Based on Psalm 105

*OPENING HYMN 12

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The Prelude, Call to Worship, and Opening Hymn provide a means of moving the congregation with its liturgical leaders from the ordinary, structured context that characterizes daily life toward a kind of antistructure, in which the worshipers stand on equal ground in the presence of the triune God. Laying aside the various ways that society categorizes people and assigns status, the congregation awaits God's gifts. The first gift is God's own self. The second is the gift of community.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Kate Buckley

Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

H.W. GREATORIX

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

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (205)

UBI CARITAS

Live in Charity
Chancel Choir

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

M. Shaw

With a Voice of Singing
Chancel Choir

“In the act of confession the believers step into the freedom of God in which they, too, may be free.”

-Karl Barth

“In gratitude for the gift of creation, the faithful bring material goods to God in worship as a means of expressing praise, as a symbol of their self-offering, and as a token of their commitment to share earth's goods.”

—from the Directory For Worship in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

***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**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Brenda Jones

Psalm 105:1-6

Page 942 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

Page 1524 NT

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.

The Revised Common Lectionary is a prescribed series of scripture readings that are most often the chosen texts for sermons at St. Simons Presbyterian. Each week there is an Old Testament, a New Testament, and an Epistle reading and has a three-year cycle. This lectionary was publicly released in 1994 and is used by the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, and United Church of Christ, as well as others.

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. Worshipers 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 727

THE SERVANT SONG

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 720

GALILEE

Jesus Calls Us

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (599)

DRESDEN AMEN

Amen

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

Prelude in C
Amy Bishop, Organ

In the Eucharist (communion) the church blesses God for all that God has done, is doing, and promises to do, and offers itself in obedient service to God's reign.
—from Book of Common Worship

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.sspress.org/sermons.

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN'S
71st Church Anniversary Weekend

Friday, September 22 - Sunday, September 24

*We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join your church family for a weekend of learning, service, worship, and fellowship. Our theme this year is “**Discovering God’s Word in Community.**” We look forward to seeing you during St. Simons Presbyterian’s 71st birthday celebration! A schedule of the weekend’s events can be found below and registrations may be completed online.*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Anna Carter Florence



We are delighted to welcome Dr. Anna Carter Florence as our keynote speaker and teacher for the weekend. Dr. Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary and is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She is known for her work on the historical, theological, aesthetic, and performative dimensions of preaching. Dr. Florence is interested in preaching and public proclamation, and preparing leaders who can speak and listen in multiple contexts for ministry. Her research focuses on testimony, pedagogies of preaching, the creative process by which communities engage and embody scripture, and how other fields—particularly poetry and theater—offer models for prophetic speech.

Schedule of Events // *Sign-up online or by calling the church office!*

FRIDAY, SEPT 22

Dinner & Keynote

6 PM • Social Hall

COST: \$8/adult • \$5/child (5-12) • \$20 family max

Free childcare will be available for children age 5 and under.

SATURDAY, SEPT 23

Day of Service

8:30 AM - 1 PM • Throughout Community

Free childcare will be available for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY, SEPT 24

Worship & Sunday School

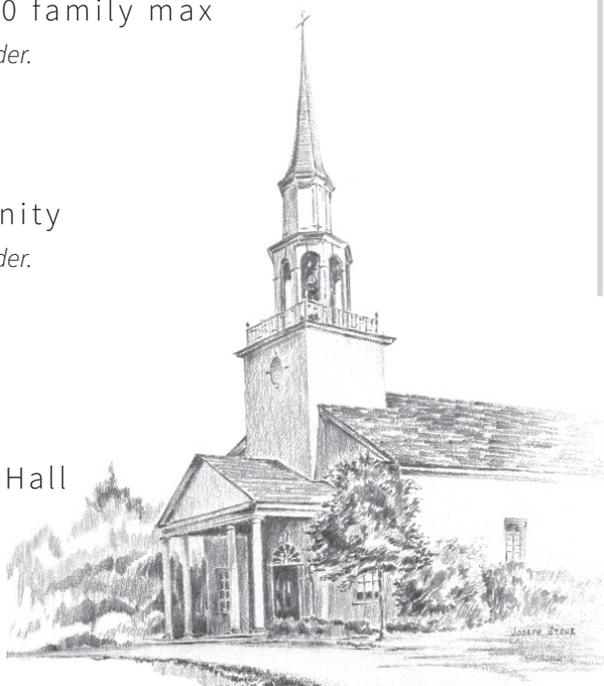
w/ Dr. Anna Carter Florence

8:30, 9:30, 11 AM • Sanctuary/Social Hall

Potluck Luncheon

12 PM • Social Hall

Please bring a side dish to share.



HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Please consider making a contribution to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program.



<http://pda.pcusa.org>

or Text **PDA** to **20222**

Manna House

September 4

Mondays
1st

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



Ladies BIBLE study



Thursdays | 10 AM | Upper Room

Resuming Sept 7 *Book of Study: Song of Solomon*

Presbyterian Women

Join a Circle!

Circles will be starting back up this month and as we gather together in fellowship to study God's word, we invite all women who are interested in attending to join us! **As a member of SSPC you are ALREADY a member of PW!**

**Resuming Monday, Sept 11
& Tuesday, Sept 12**

Circle Details & Sign-up Online

**Stay informed by subscribing
to our weekly eNewsletter!**
Sign up on our website:
www.sspres.org

This Week | Sept 3 - 9

Today, Sept 3

8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
9:00 am Coffee Hour- Social Hall
9:30 am Sunday School - Various Locations
11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, Sept 4 // Church office closed

9:00 am Manna House - 1408 G Street Brunswick
8:00 pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Tuesday, Sept 5

7:00 am Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-a

Wednesday, Sept 6

4:00 pm KidZ Crew & Choir - Veranda
6:00 pm WOW Supper - Social Hall
6:30 pm Chancel Ringers - Bell Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, Sept 7

7:15 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room
10:00 am Instrumental Ensemble - Sanctuary
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study - Upper Room
4:00 pm Free Flow Yoga - Youth Suite
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry - Parlor
8:00 pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Friday, Sept 8

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

Saturday, Sept 9

1:30 pm Memorial Service for Natalie Crane - Sanctuary

Communion Greenery: The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Albert & Baba McCaffrey in honor of their children & grandchildren.

WOW Supper Menu (Sept 6) // RSVP online or call the office!

BBQ pork, baked beans, coleslaw, mac-n-cheese, dessert.
KidZ Friendly Menu: Chicken tenders, mac-n-cheese, oranges

All members, visitors, and friends of SSPC are asked to help by taking a 10-minute Congregational Survey!



Please take a moment to participate in a brief congregational survey to help us gather information about the perceived strengths, challenges, hopes, and ideas for the future of the church. Just download a free QR code reader in your phone's app store and scan the code provided!

To Ponder Prayerfully

Cross Bearers

“CROSS BEARERS FORFEIT THE GAME OF POWER BEFORE THE FIRST INNING; THEY ARE NEVER SELECTED AS ‘MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED.’ CROSS BEARERS ARE DROPOUTS IN THE SCHOOL OF SELF PROMOTION. THEY DO NOT PICK UP THEIR CROSSES AS A MEANS FOR PERSONAL FULFILLMENT, CAREER ADVANCEMENT, OR SELF-EXPRESSION.”

— Thomas G. Long

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