

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“The Deposition”*  
Michelangelo

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Jean Sucher

**Ushers**

Bart Johnson

Connie Worley

Mary Bryson

Ben Bryson

**Acolyte**

Kate Head

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE***Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.***INTROIT (305)***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*  
Chancel Choir

DARWALL'S 148TH

**GATHERING WORDS**

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.****WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Bob Brearley

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**

arr. Lori Line

*Blessed Assurance*

Terry Readdick, Pianist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jean Sucher

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**ALL: Sing, and give praise to God's name;  
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come into God's presence with singing!

**ALL: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is  
everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to  
all generations.**

One: O praise the Lord with me, let us exalt God's name together.

**\*OPENING HYMN 353**

SOLID ROCK

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

\* Please stand if able.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. You know our needs before we ask, and we bring them to you now as the confessions of our hearts.

*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

### INSTRUMENT DEDICATION

One: Praise the Lord!

**ALL: Praise God in his sanctuary!**

One: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**ALL: Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

One: Praise him with trumpet sound and with lute and harp!

**ALL: Praise him with hammer and strings!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

One: Eternal and creative God, creator of all, we give you thanks for this day, we praise you for the freedom we enjoy to worship you. With joyful hearts, we turn to you. Accept our dedication of this grand piano with its grand softness and its grand loudness. Let each note be a prayer vibrating with life and love as we worship and praise your Holy name. O Lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Today, we dedicate the 1962 Steinway B Concert Grand Piano, which was given to the church by Fred Stradtman and lovingly rebuilt by Kevin Padgett of Jamestown Piano Shop. Funds for the rebuilding of this beautiful instrument were generously given by Don Carter. As an act of worship, we dedicate this piano to the glory of God.

## DEDICATION PIECE

Frédéric Chopin

*Étude in A flat major, Op. 25, No. 1*

Terry Readdick, Pianist

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (651)

LEWIS-TOWN

*I Waited Patiently for God*

## 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.

"To be grateful is to  
recognize the love of  
God in everything He has  
given us – and He has  
given us everything. Every  
breath we draw is a gift of  
His Love, every moment  
of existence is a grace, for  
it brings with it immense  
graces from Him."

-Thomas Merton

## OFFERTORY

E. L. Diemer

*Psalm 108*

Amy Bishop, Organist

## \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDP

*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

Jean Sucher

### Psalm 19

*Page 858 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Give Me Jesus*

Chancel Choir

Traditional/  
arr. L. L. Fleming

*O, when I am alone, give  
me Jesus. Give me Jesus,  
you may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus. O, when  
I come to die, give me  
Jesus. And when I want to  
sing, give me Jesus. Give  
me Jesus, you may have  
all the rest, give me Jesus.  
And when I am alone, give  
me Jesus. - Traditional*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

### Philippians 3:1-14

*Page 1828, NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

*"Misplaced Confidence"*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 223

HAMBURG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

What are you taking from  
worship? A new thought,  
a deep feeling, a glimpse  
of grace, a challenge?  
Where will you see God  
today? A hope or a prayer  
for the week?

## \*BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE (561)

AMEN (Harling)

*Amen*

## POSTLUDE

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Terry Readdick, Pianist; Amy Bishop, Organist

**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](http://www.sspres.org/sermons).

"Try Something New"

# Sunday Luncheon

Today following worship in the Social Hall!

WOW!

Oct 11  
6 PM  
Social Hall  
RSVP Online!

Join us this Wednesday for our  
**"Transitions Conversation Night"**  
as we discuss the insights of our  
congregational survey.



Provided by Hospice of the Golden Isles

Try Something New

JACKSONVILLE

# ZOO

TRIP | OCT 17

Register Online!

# This Week | October 8 - 14

**Today**, Oct 8

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| 8:30 am  | <b>Chapel Service</b> - Sanctuary      |
| 9:00 am  | Coffee Hour- Social Hall               |
| 9:30 am  | Sunday School - Various Locations      |
| 11:00 am | <b>Traditional Service</b> - Sanctuary |
| 12:00 pm | TSN Sunday Luncheon - Social Hall      |
| 5:00 pm  | Marsh's Edge Worship - Marsh's Edge    |
| 5:00 pm  | Youth Ensemble - Music Attic           |
| 6:00 pm  | Youth Fellowship - Youth Suite         |

**Monday**, Oct 9

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| 10:00 am | Instrumental Ensemble - Sanctuary       |
| 12:00 pm | Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room  |
| 7:15 pm  | Ladies of the Night Circle - Upper Room |
| 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting - Britt Room                 |
| 8:00 pm  | Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room         |

**Tuesday**, Oct 10

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| 7:00 am  | Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-a   |
| 10:00 am | One-derful Morning Glories - Upper Room  |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch Bunch Circle - Upper Room          |
| 2:00 pm  | Circle of Esther - Gail Ledbetter's Home |

**Wednesday**, Oct 11

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| 10:30 am | Ladies Video Bible Study - Youth Suite       |
| 4:00 pm  | KidZ Crew & Choir - Veranda                  |
| 5:00 pm  | Confirmation Class - Chapel                  |
| 6:00 pm  | WOW Supper "Transitions Night" - Social Hall |
| 6:30 pm  | Chancel Ringers - Bell Room                  |
| 7:00 pm  | Chancel Choir - Sanctuary                    |

**Thursday**, Oct 12

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| 7:15 am  | Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room |
| 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study - Upper Room          |
| 1:00 pm  | Grief Support Group - John Law Room      |
| 4:00 pm  | Free Flow Yoga - Youth Suite             |
| 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting - Britt Room                  |
| 8:00 pm  | Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room          |

**Friday**, Oct 13

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| 10:00 am | Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office |
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**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Lynda Bisher in loving memory of her husband, Furman Bisher.

**WOW Supper Menu (Oct 11) // RSVP online or call the office!**

Chicken tetrazzini, salad, rolls, dessert.

*KidZ Friendly Menu: Chicken tenders, mac-n-cheese, oranges*

To Ponder Prayerfully

# The Greatest Act of Love

“**A**M I AFRAID TO DIE? I AM EVERY TIME I LET MYSELF BE SEDUCED BY THE NOISY VOICES OF MY WORLD TELLING ME THAT MY ‘LITTLE LIFE’ IS ALL I HAVE AND ADVISING ME TO CLING TO IT WITH ALL MY MIGHT. BUT WHEN I LET THESE VOICES MOVE TO THE BACKGROUND OF MY LIFE AND LISTEN TO THAT SMALL SOFT VOICE CALLING ME THE BELOVED, I KNOW THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR AND THAT DYING IS THE GREATEST ACT OF LOVE, THE ACT THAT LEADS ME INTO THE ETERNAL EMBRACE OF MY GOD WHOSE LOVE IS EVERLASTING.”

— Henri Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved*

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