

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Give Drink to the Thirsty”

Ghislaine Howard

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 2017 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeters

Fleming Martin
Bob Killian

Ushers

Anne Aspinwall
Dan Pentecost
Ron Shafer
Jerry Spencer

Acolyte

Emmeline Griffith

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (744)

Arise, Your Light Is Come!
Chancel Choir

FESTAL SONG

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

Nystrom/arr. Carter

As the Deer

Beverly Fetter and Ann Nermoe, Piano Duet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fleming Martin

One: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

ALL: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

One: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

ALL: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

One: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

ALL: The Spirit invites us to sit at the table of grace.

*OPENING HYMN 693

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I May Speak

Our stewardship theme this year is three simple words: *Giving. Forgiving. Thanksgiving.* These words encompass what the Christian life is all about. Namely, that as followers of Jesus Christ we are called to give generously, forgive freely, and, in all things, give thanks! We hope you will join us for worship on Dedication Sunday, November 19, as we celebrate and dedicate all of our pledges to the glory of God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Kate Buckley

O God, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head. We confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived and loving as you loved. We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention. We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us. We confess the ease with which we become conformed to the world's standards rather than facing the challenge of conforming to those of Christ. Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord. Grant us your mercy as we share our needs with You.

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Michael Johnson

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (465)

CONVERSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

P. Choplin

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven
Chancel Choir; Rhonda Hambright, Soloist

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God's love, and as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

***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

Fleming Martin

Psalm 121

Page 965 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:16

Page 1650 NT

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

-John 3:16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

“Love Lifted Me”

***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 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 512

LOVE FEAST

The Bread and the Wine are Here

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 694

AURELIA

Great God of Every Blessing

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (601)

DANISH AMEN

Amen

POSTLUDE

Marcelo

To God Be the Glory

Beverly Fetter and Ann Nermoe, Piano Duet

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.

"Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in Christ, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through God's mercy."

- Karl Barth

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 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

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

Sunday Night 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

Meg Johnson at meg@sspres.org

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 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

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

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) Circle

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 or 912-580-8754.

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

Youth Ensemble Presents...
Vespers in the style of Taizé:
Streams in the Desert



Join with members of the Youth Ensemble for music, scripture, meditation, and prayer.

Next Sunday, November 12
5:30 - 6 PM | Social Hall

WOW Supper 
Mission Nights

in November | 6 PM | Social Hall

Wednesday, November 8th

Digging Wells in Malawi:
Sean Hidalgo

RSVP Online!




Advent
Festival

Joy * Hope * Peace * Love

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
5 PM - 7 PM

FELLOWSHIP & FUN FOR ALL AGES

WE WILL BE HANGING THE CHRISTMAS GREENERY TOGETHER DURING THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR!

45th Annual
Thanksgiving
Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, November 23
7:30 - 9:30 AM | Social Hall



This Week | Nov 5 - Nov 11

Today, Nov 5

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
12:15 pm **Worship & Music Ministry Team** - Britt Room
5:00 pm Youth Ensemble - Music Attic

Monday, Nov 6

9:00 am Manna House - 1408 G Street Brunswick, GA
10:00 am Instrumental Ensemble - Sanctuary
12:00 pm Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room
8:00 pm AA Meeting - Youth Suite
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Tuesday, Nov 7

7:00 am Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-a
7:00 am Rodin Trip to Savannah - Depart from Kitchen Lot

Wednesday, Nov 8

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 "Mission Night" - Social Hall
6:30 pm Chancel Ringers - Bell Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, Nov 9

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
5:00 pm New Officer Training - Youth Suite
8:00 pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Friday, Nov 10

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

Communion Greenery: The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Gwen Mayberry in loving memory of her husband, Hugh H. Mayberry.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with church member, Skip Knight, upon his 94th birthday this past week. Happy Birthday Skip!

Paperwhites: Please feel free to take any paperwhites that are remaining in the baskets from last Sunday to plant in memory of someone special.

WOW Supper Menu (Nov 8) // RSVP online or call the office!
Fried catfish, cheese grits, hush puppies, salad, & dessert.
KidZ Friendly Menu: Chicken tenders, mac-n-cheese, oranges

To Ponder Prayerfully

True Giving

“**Y**OU GIVE BUT LITTLE WHEN YOU GIVE OF YOUR POSSESSIONS.
IT IS WHEN YOU GIVE OF YOURSELF THAT YOU TRULY GIVE. FOR
WHAT ARE YOUR POSSESSIONS BUT THINGS YOU KEEP AND GUARD
FOR FEAR YOU MAY NEED THEM TOMORROW?”

— Kahlil Gibran

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