

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Road after Rain"

Ansel Adams

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

D.A. Martin

Ushers

Emma Hidalgo

Sophie Hidalgo

Ellie Watkins

Jackson Warner

Acolyte

Brayden Neill

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (88)

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

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. Burkhardt

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

D. A. Martin

One: Come, let us be about our preparations for a new advent of love among us.

ALL: We hear again the promise of peace, coming in the one who lived Shalom among all people.

One: We see again the light God promised in the midst of our darkness.

ALL: We are feeling again the joy that comes through life shared in the gospel.

One: May our worship recall us to what is vital in life, to the One who gives breath and purpose to our living.

ALL: We come to embrace the new advent, to hear God's call to repentance, and to be renewed in faith, hope, and love.

*OPENING HYMN 92

WAITING

While We are Waiting, Come

* Please stand if able.

The four Sundays of Advent have been given various designations, but a traditional set of meanings is one that we use in worship. The candles of the Advent wreath stand for God's promises of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We pray for these words to be fulfilled in your life and in the lives of those you love and in the whole world.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

God of salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Forgive us by your mercy. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. Give us the courage to work for peace in our world. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Hear our prayers, O Lord.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nat Scott

Calloway Gardens Overnight Trip

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Fred, Melissa & Emmeline Griffith

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (85)

TIF IN VELDELE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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.

Nat Scott has been a dedicated and faithful staff member of our church for 13 years, and we thank God regularly for him and his wife Jamie. For many years Nat guided our youth ministry, and now he directs our Congregational Life ministry team that offers us fellowship events to enrich our lives and to help us make friends in Christ.

OFFERTORY

arr. Biery

The offering of material goods in worship is a corporate act of self-dedication in response to God. It expresses thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all goods, and the redeemer from sin and evil. During public worship, at an appropriate time, and as an act of thanksgiving, the tithes and offerings of the people are gathered and received.

-The Directory for Worship,
PCUSA

Veni, Emmanuel
Amy Bishop, Organist

*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

D. A. Martin

Isaiah 40:1-11

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

J. Martin

Prepare the Way
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

“Everything Must Change”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 106

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Way, O Zion

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

As our time of worship comes to an end, the work of Christmas begins.

CHORAL RESPONSE

VENI EMMANUEL/arr. Hambright

Amen

POSTLUDE

arr. Manz

Prepare the Way, O Zion
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 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.

Advent Calendar

Hope

Now faith is the substance
of things hoped for, the
evidence of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

Peace

Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give you. I do not give to
you as the world gives.
John 14:27

Joy

Though you do not now see him, you
believe in him and rejoice with joy that
is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.
1 Peter 1:8-9

Love

Dear friends, let us love one
another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born
of God and knows God.
1 John 4:7

December 10 | Sunday

- * Hope Hall Open - 9:00-12:30pm
- * Children's Christmas Musical in Social Hall - 9:45am
- * Youth & KidZ Fellowship: Christmas Lights on Jekyll - 5:00pm

December 14 | Thursday

- * Advent Communion Service - 5:30-6:00pm

December 15 & 16 | Friday & Saturday

- * Live Nativity - 6:00pm & 7:00pm

December 17 | Sunday

- * Hope Hall Open - 9:00-12:30pm
- * Joy Gift Offering

December 20 | Wednesday

- * Christmas Caroling & Soup delivery- 4:30pm
- * College Christmas Cookout at Warner Home - 7:00pm

December 21 | Thursday

- * KidZ Book Club at Wake Up- 4:30pm
- * Advent Communion Service - 5:30-6:00pm

December 24 | Sunday

- * Deacon's Fund Offering
- * Sunday Morning Worship - 8:30 & 11:00am
- * Candle and Carols Service with Children's Nativity Tableau- 5:30pm
- * Christmas Eve Communion Service - 10:00pm
- * Ringing in Christmas - 11:00pm

December 27 | Wednesday

- * Third Day of Christmas Party in Britt Room- 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Morning



Christmas Eve Evening

8:30 am	Chapel Service
9:00 am	Coffee Hour & Breakfast
9:30 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Traditional Service

Candle & Carols Service with Children's Nativity Tableau	5:30 pm
Christmas Eve Communion Service	10:00 pm

Live Nativity

December 15 & 16
6 & 7 PM



Caroling & Soup Delivery

Wed, Dec 20 at 4:30 PM
Meet in Kitchen Parking Lot



Advent Communion

Service each Thursday
5:30-6:00pm

Please join us for a time of reflection & prayer in the Delegal St Lot with a labyrinth available to walk.



Third Day of Christmas Party

Wed,
Dec 27

\$15/person

6 PM



Each person should bring a wrapped gift - something you already have at home, a re-gift, etc (\$10). We will have extra gifts if you are not able to bring one.

Register Online!

This Week | December 10 - 16

Today, Dec 10

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour** - Social Hall
- 9:45 am **Children's Christmas Musical** - Social Hall
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm **Congregational Meeting** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **APNC Meeting** - Upper Room
- 5:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge
- 5:00 pm **Youth & KidZ Fellowship: Christmas Lights on Jekyll**

Monday, Dec 11

- 10:00 am **Instrumental Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Dec 12

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

Wednesday, Dec 13

- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec 14

- 7:00 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 1:00 pm **Grief Support Group** - John Law Room
- 5:30 pm **Advent Communion Service** - Delegal Lot
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Dec 15

- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 6 & 7 pm **Live Nativity** - Church Lawn

Saturday, Dec 16

- 6 & 7 pm **Live Nativity** - Church Lawn



Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Faye & Rob Foster in loving memory of Jack Gorman, Faye Cozart, and Ellie & Jack Foster.

Christmas Wreaths: The wreaths on the front doors of the church are given by Ron and Alex Binkney in honor of their grandchildren.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please fill out the envelopes found in the pew racks and place your payment inside. Cost is \$12.00 per plant. The deadline for purchase is this Wednesday, December 13th!

To Ponder Prayerfully

Confession

“**T**O CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD IS NOT TO TELL HIM ANYTHING HE DOESN'T ALREADY KNOW. UNTIL YOU CONFESS THEM, HOWEVER, THEY ARE THE ABYSS BETWEEN YOU. WHEN YOU CONFESS THEM, THEY BECOME THE BRIDGE.”

— Frederick Buechner

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