

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2023 | 10:30 am



Shooting Star

Carol Suzanne Niebuhr

Ushers

Jan Rossiter

Lee Dillard

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today. We ask that you please silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship.



Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.

* Please stand if able.

PRELUDE

He is Born
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

M. Lochstampfor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

THREE CHIMES

*The Three Chimes Represent
the Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Teresa Hodgdon

One: Arise, shine: for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

**ALL: We come to this space,
following the star,
seeking a miracle.**

One: You will see and be radiant,
your heart shall thrill and rejoice

**ALL: for here we find a prophecy fulfilled,
and a mystery revealed!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 151

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Holy Refugee of Israel, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WORD FOR CHILDREN

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

pg 1155 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

pg 1497 NT

Prayer List

Hospital

Johnny Alexander

Wendy Stephens

Jean Sucher

Home

Joe Camp

Dee Davis

Faye Foster

Harlan Hambricht

Linda Johnston

Mary Lewis

Lanier Miles

Dale Moffett

Kathy Wade

Long-term Care

Joann Bobb

Kathy Chapman

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Gail Kroeze

Bob Stanford

Hospice

Nancy Thrun

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY (606)

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.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

W. Held



St. Simon's Presbyterian Church
IN-HOME COMMUNION

BEGINNING IN 2023.

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Do What You Have the
POWER to Do
Studies of Six New Testament Women
HELEN BRUCH PEARSON

OTHER DENIZENS OF THE DEEP

BOOK STUDY

- Thursdays / 5:30PM
- January 5 - February 16
- John Law Room

CONTACT BRENDA HAUGHNEY
WITH QUESTIONS: 704.641.2621

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

BINGO

ALL ARE WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / TACO BAR

>> PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP BY JANUARY 15

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/BINGO

Kirkin o' the Tartan

January 29th, 2023

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Attention Tartan Donors: We are excited to see all of your tartans decorating our beautiful sanctuary! Please contact Suzanne Morrison at 912-996-5462 or suzanne@sspres.org by January 20 if you plan to carry your tartan at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service on January 29! If we do not hear from you, we will either pre-hang your tartan or find a volunteer to carry it.

VOLUNTEER TO CARRY A TARTAN FOR A FAMILY WHO MAY BE UNABLE AT SSPRES.ORG/KIRKIN

This Week | January 1-6

Sunday, January 1

10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

Office Closed - Happy New Year

9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street Brunswick

6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, January 3

9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

10:00 am **PW Planning** - John Law

Wednesday, January 4

10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law

10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room

7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 5

10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

4:30 pm **Pastor Nominating Committee** - Upper Room

5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - John Law

Friday, January 6

No Activities Scheduled

Flower Ministry: Please look for the new flower sign up list on the bulletin boards by the Social Hall.

Source: Part's of today's liturgy have been adapted from the Call to Worship 2022-2023.

Ways to Give. You can give electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the right or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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To Ponder Prayerfully

Star Giving

“**W**HAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO GIVE YOU FOR CHRISTMAS IS A STAR...
BRILLIANCE IN A PACKAGE,
SOMETHING YOU COULD KEEP IN THE POCKET OF YOUR JEANS
OR IN THE POCKET OF YOUR BEING.
SOMETHING TO TAKE OUT IN TIMES OF DARKNESS,
SOMETHING THAT WOULD NEVER SNUFF OUT OR TARNISH,
SOMETHING YOU COULD HOLD IN YOUR HAND,
SOMETHING FOR WONDERMENT,
SOMETHING FOR PONDERING,
SOMETHING THAT WOULD REMIND YOU
OF WHAT CHRISTMAS HAS ALWAYS MEANT:
GOD'S ADVENT LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD.
BUT STARS ARE ONLY GOD'S FOR GIVING,
AND I MUST BE CONTENT TO GIVE YOU WORDS AND WISHES
AND PACKAGES WITHOUT STARS.
BUT I CAN WISH YOU LIFE
AS RADIANT AS THE STAR
THAT ANNOUNCES THE CHRIST CHILD'S COMING,
AND AS FILLED WITH AWE AS THE SHEPHERDS WHO STOOD BENEATH ITS LIGHT.
AND I CAN PASS ON TO YOU
THE LOVE THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME,
IGNITED COUNTLESS TIMES BY OTHERS
WHO HAVE KNELT IN BETHLEHEM'S LIGHT.
PERHAPS, IF YOU ASK, GOD WILL GIVE YOU A STAR.”

— ANN WEEMS

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