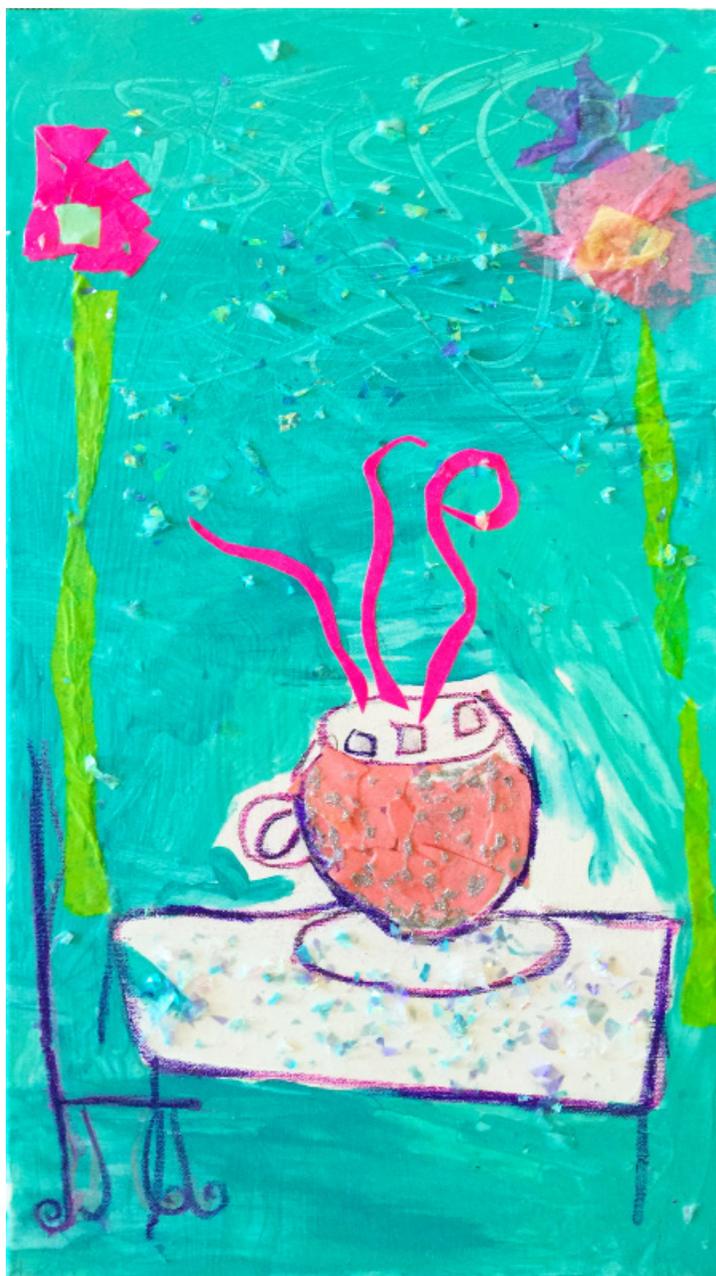


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"God's Table"

Landri Bennett

15TH Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016 | 10:00am Worship

Greeter
Jean Sucher

Ushers
Riddick Ackerman
Mel Baxter
Allison Nermoe
Scott Risi

Acolyte
Carolina Wessel

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WELCOME

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. 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.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bob Brearley

Please sign and pass the friendship register.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

PRELUDE

Leon Nelson

Aria

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Baltzell

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

All: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the Living God.

One: Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

All: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

One: Rejoice in the Lord always!

*OPENING HYMN 20

ROYAL OAK

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

God of the universe, the heavens cannot contain your glory. Yet you have come to be with us in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are present with us now in the risen Christ. Your mercy forgives our selfishness and sin, and your love renews our souls. Bless the work of our hands, O God, that this place may offer your welcome to many and diverse people, that all who seek you here may know your presence in their lives. By your grace and according to your will, may the Gospel of Jesus Christ be truly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly administered, that the body of Christ may be nurtured here, and strengthened for Christ's service in the world.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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*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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Lynda and Phil Reiner
Tate and Terri Simpson*

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

As the Deer (626)

Nystrom

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

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*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

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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

Page 1505 NT, Pew Bible

Elder Reader
Susan Baltzell

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Show Me Thy Ways

From Psalm 25

Chancel Choir; Harlan Hambright, guitar

Walter Pelz

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Haggai 1:1-15

Page 1468 OT, Pew Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

A Time to Build

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

The Lord's care sustained the people of Israel. God gave them a land where they could celebrate his goodness. The Lord established their kingdom and promised a ruler from the line of David to reign in justice and peace. When God's people worshiped the gods of the land, when they put their trust in military alliances, when they failed to do justice and oppressed the poor, God sent the prophets to condemn their sins. We declare God's goodness and justice. God has blessed us beyond our deserving. When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, we can expect God's judgment upon us. We can have confidence in God's coming kingdom even in the darkest times.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 175

LAFFERTY

Seek Ye First

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Give Thanks (647)

Smith

POSTLUDE

Choral Song

S. Wesley

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.

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.

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 Fellowship Hall with breakfast

WeeKidZ (3 Years to Grade 2)

Sundays: Wee Worship/KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship.

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. WOW supper at 6PM.

KingdomKidZ (Grades 3 to 5)

Second Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet in the Britt Room for supper at 6PM.

Chimes and Choir (Grades 3 to 5)

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 Fellowship Hall with breakfast

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

Nat Scott at nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.

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 Fellowship 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 - Fellowship Hall

Rejoice - Chapel

Trinity - Parlor

Nat Scott at nat@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 Bob Brearley or Alan Dyer 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) Circles

All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Alison Schueneman at schueneman@gmail.com.

Nancy Harper at nanhbasket@aol.com.

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.

St. Simons Presbyterian 638-2220

Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

YOUTH KiDZ

Back in Swing
See Calendar @ right



All Church Suppers
Wednesdays
6:00PM

CASA

TOY Drive

Aug 28- Sept 12



Fall Gathering
Saturday, October 1
Altama Presbyterian

PW Triennial Gathering
Saturday, October 20-23
Epworth

PAL

Positive Adult Leader
Mentor a Child
www.sspress.org

This week | Aug 28- Sept 2

Today, Aug 28

8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary
9:00 am **Breakfast/Sunday School** - Fellowship Hall
9:30 am **Session Receives Members** - Ashantilly Room
10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
10:00 am **KidZ & Wee Worship** - Children's Hall
11:00 am **KidZ Volunteer Training** - Children's Hallway
4:00 pm **PW Bible Study Overview** - Upper Room
5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
5:00 pm **Bible Moderators** - Upper Room
6:00 pm **Youth (grades 6th-12th)** - Youth Suite

Monday, Aug 29

12:00 pm **Men's Bible Study** - Youth Suite
4:00 pm **Congregational Life Team** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Aug 30

7:00 am **Youth Devotion** - SSI Chick-Fil-A

Wednesday, Aug 31

4:00 pm **KidZ Programs** - Children's Hall
5:00 pm **Confirmation Class** - Chapel
6:00 pm **WOW Supper** - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Choir Room

Thursday, Sept 1

7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - SSUMC Thorpe Building
4:00 pm **Yoga** - Youth Suite

Friday, Sept 2

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

Chancel Flowers:

If you would like to provide chancel flowers, please sign up for on the chart on the board in the hall near the memorial garden.

WOW Menu:

Grilled Chicken, Green Beans, Mac-n-Cheese, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Today's Cover Art:

Today's cover art is the mixed media piece "God's Table" created by artist and child of this church, Landri Bennett, with Jamie Scott at SSPC's Worship & Art Camp. The bright colors and carefree, whimsical tone of this work connect with the words of today's New Testament passage in Matthew. Jesus calmly reminds us not to worry about the things that we need- food, clothes, shelter. God knows our needs and delights in providing them beautifully and generously for us. At first glance, the passage from the prophet Haggai seems conflicting- "Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.'" How can it be if God's provision is perfect? Over and over again, God tells us that it is about God, not about us. God calls us to cease striving and look to God. Jesus set an example for being in God's presence, focusing on God's kingdom and righteousness, and trusting that God provides perfectly for the needs of the moment. God's table is an unearned gift in response to complete reliance on God. Our ways tend to be earthly ways of independence and self-reliance - ways that are unsatisfying and based on fear and self-righteousness. God desires to be our host freely sharing security and contentment that only God can provide. Christ commands us, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." The declaration of the Lord to the People remains the same throughout the ages, "I am with you." May our spirits be stirred.

To Ponder Prayerfully

God's Perfect Provision

“**W**ORRY IS BELIEF GONE WRONG.

BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL GET IT RIGHT.

PEACE IS BELIEF THAT EXHALES.

BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD'S PROVISION IS EVERYWHERE--LIKE AIR.”

—Ann Voscamp

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