



Volume 12

October 27, 2016

Dear Church Family,

Our recovery from the storm has been aided greatly this past Sunday by the poise, confidence, humility, and grace of our children as they led us through the 11:00 am worship service! **Our children rose to the occasion and inspired us with their servant leadership as we praised God for life together in Jesus Christ.**

Margaret Ernst called us to worship; James Barger led the prayer of confession; Brayden Neill assured us of our forgiveness by a loving God; Maren Shirah and Emmeline Griffith invited us to feed the hungry in mission; Eli Brickman read from the psalter; and Emmeline Griffith led us in the affirmation of faith. They prepared well, they spoke clearly, and they helped us worship God in spirit and in truth.

And so many more children took part in the service. Aynsley and Preston Szczesniak and Bo and John Turner Holmes ushered and took up the offering; MacKenzie Bishop was our acolyte; and Luke Lane, Sawyer Neill, and Anderson and Kimbrough Chambliss greeted us as we gathered. In addition, the artwork of Emmeline Griffith graced the bulletin cover. The children's choirs under the direction of Rhonda Hambright and accompanied by Amy Bishop sang their hearts out. The little Cherub Choir prepared us to pray; the Seraphim and Kingdom KidZ Choirs sang an anthem that declared "The Lord is My Strength and My Song"; and all the choirs assured us that "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"!

Needless to say, it was a powerful Sunday as the large crowd heard a fine sermon

from Alan Dyer and rejoiced in the leadership of our children. We especially thank Frieda Warner, our Director of Christian Education, for leading our children's ministry and preparing them to worship God so sincerely. We thank our parents who are committed to bringing their children to church and to sharing them with the community of faith. Many church members implored us not to wait a whole year before we get to be inspired by our children again. We do not plan to wait that long! We thank God for our children.

This coming Sunday, October 30, everyone is invited to a reception at noon in the Social Hall to thank Melanie Barger for nearly a decade of faithful service as an employee of our church. We are receiving a love offering to express our gratitude for her dedication and her many talents. Melanie learned every job in our church office and was a great member of our team. People will be given an opportunity to say a word of appreciation to her at this time. We will have fun thanking God for Melanie Barger.

This coming Sunday also begins a three-week stewardship emphasis for our church as we share next year's mission budget and seek to encourage the generosity of our members and friends. You will be receiving a letter from the pastors next week containing pledge cards as we let our church know what we intend to give in 2017. Our **Dedication Sunday will be November 13** as we bring forward our pledges during worship and dedicate all commitments to next year's mission budget. Please be praying about your support for St. Simons Presbyterian Church as we work and witness for Jesus Christ.

Love,

Bob



Walking Tour of Savannah Churches

Thursday, November 10th

All are invited to join in this exciting walking tour of 6 historical downtown Savannah churches as a part of our "Try Something New" ministry team. Come to learn and enjoy the history of these beautiful places of worship in the fellowship of your Christian brothers and sisters. We will be journeying to the following churches throughout the day with breaks in between each stop:

1. First Baptist Church (founded in 1800)
2. Independent Presbyterian Church (organized in 1755)
3. Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (begun before the end of the 18th century)
4. St. John's Episcopal Church (founded in 1841)
5. Mickve Israel Synagogue (founded July, 1733) - **MUSEUM (\$7)**
6. 1st African Baptist Church (organized in 1773) - **MUSEUM (\$6)**

[REGISTER ONLINE HERE!](#)

Total Cost of Trip= **\$15.00** plus an "a la carte" lunch at St. John's Episcopal Church.

(Cost includes museum fees and \$2 donation to Cathedral). Please drop off a check addressed to SSPC for the total amount to the church office no later than **November 6th**.

We will meet at First Baptist Church (223 Bull Street) in Savannah at 9:15. Tour to start at 9:30. For those not able to drive themselves, rides will be coordinated with drivers willing to transport passengers in their car down to Savannah and back.

Restrooms will be available at First Baptist, St. John's Episcopal, Mickve Israel, and 1st African Baptist.

Parking has been designated near the churches. We will only have to move our cars one time. We should be finished and on the road home by 3:00 PM.

Please contact Nat Scott at nat@sspres.org for more information.

Reception honoring longtime Staff Member!



Come and join us this Sunday at noon (following worship) to honor the many years of dedicated service of Melanie Barger. Melanie has been a vital part of the SSPC staff for nearly a decade and we would like to celebrate her time with us and all that she has done for our church. Although she is no longer a part of the staff, we are happy that we will continue to be blessed through Melanie's presence in our congregation each week.

If you would like to contribute to the love offering, please come by the church office before this Sunday during our regular hours.

The Week Ahead

calendar

2016

Sunday, October 30 (All Saints' Day)

- 8:45 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Breakfast** - Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Reception honoring Melanie Barger - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm Global Mission - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Activities - Youth Suite

Monday, October 31

- 12:00 pm Men's Noon Day Bible Study - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting - Youth Suite

Tuesday, November 1

- 7:00 am Youth Devotion - SSI Chick-fil-a
- 10:00 am PW Leadership - Upper Room

Wednesday, November 2

- 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, November 3

- 7:00 am Gathering Place Devotion - Youth Suite
- 7:15 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room
- 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting - Youth Suite

Friday, November 4

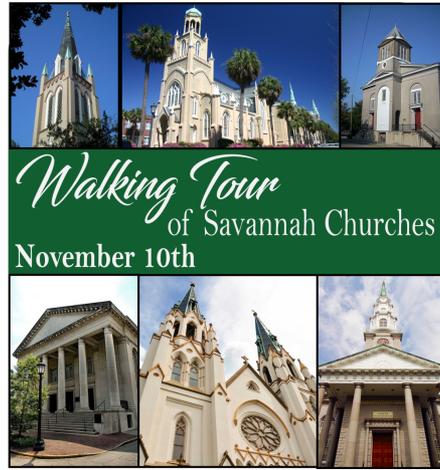
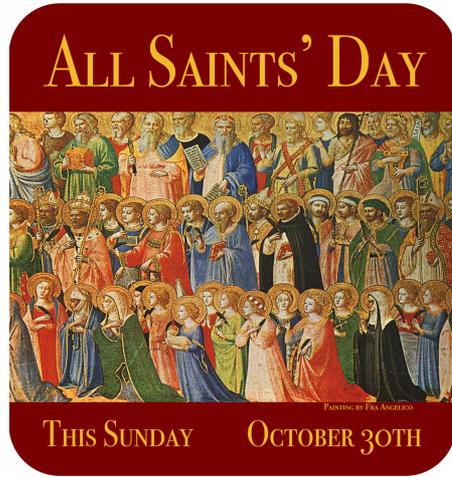
- 10:00 am Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office



Church Calendar Week of October 30th.pdf

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More Information About Upcoming Events



Prayers & Thanksgivings

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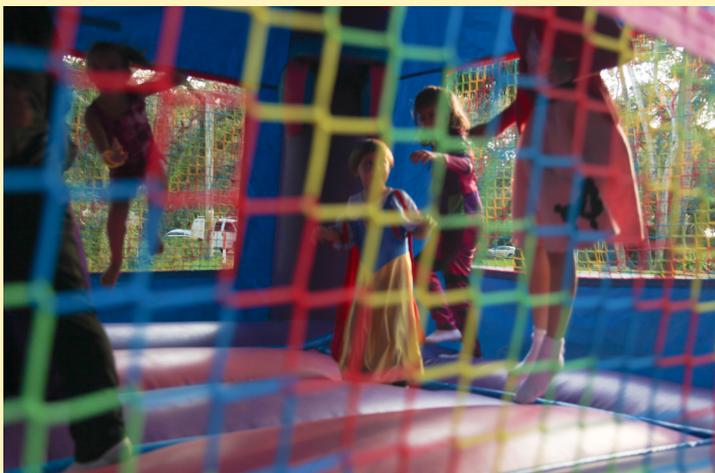
Christian Celebration:

Join us this Sunday for the baptism of India Pearl Turner, infant daughter of John and Bonnie Turner.

Thanksgivings:

Thank you to all that made our Great-Fall Gathering this year such a success!







Congratulations to the winners of the Chili Cookoff!!

1st Place - Frank Grashuis

2nd Place - Ron Binkney

3rd Place - Martha Armstrong

Keep a look out on the website for more photos from this fun event! Also, if you had your picture made under our Great-Fall Gathering backdrop, you may pick up your 4X6 print this Sunday in the church office!

Again, thank you everyone for your contributions both for the food



donated for Sparrow's Nest as well as the food you brought for the event! Can't wait until next year!!

Worship This Sunday

All Saints' Day & Reformation Sunday

Scripture

Psalm 96 | Ephesians 1:11-23

Hymns

275: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

250: In the Bulb There is a Flower

Anthem

Come, Come, Ye Saints

Chancel Choir

Preacher

Rev. Bob Brearley

Musical Notes

This Sunday observes two special days in the life of the church: All Saints' Day and Reformation Day.

All Saint's Day brings with it memories of our loved ones. Members who have died since the last observance will be listed in the bulletin and there will be a tolling of the bell for each as the name is read in both services. Members of the congregation will receive a small gift to take home in remembrance of your saint.

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is next year – October 29, 2017 – Save the Date! All this year, there will be celebrations that will lead to that date. In fact, there is a live stream event that kicks off the year of commemoration on October 31, 2016 at 2:30 pm and 4:45 pm. Click on or type in this link to watch or find out more about it: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/joint-commemoration->

To celebrate these two important dates, the Chancel Choir offers a piece arranged by Mack Wilberg, the conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Written by Spencer Cornwell, ***Come, Come Ye Saints*** starts off with a drone sound on the organ and the bass and tenor sections. The ladies have the text at first and it all builds to a great climax with full organ and choir at the end. Hymns for Sunday: 275 A Mighty Fortress is Our God; 150 In the Bulb There is a Flower. The Chancel Ringers under the direction of Suzanne Morrison will play ***Recollection*** by Tim Waugh, who has been a clinician at Montreat in the past.

A huge thank you to the parents and children that made Children's Sunday so meaningful for all. With so little time (rehearsals lost to the storm) the children focused and offered their best, which was incredible and inspiring! Choir practice at 4:00 before the Gathering will be for K-5th graders – we will continue working on our music for Christmas. See you all at the Great Fall Gathering! I'm so grateful, aren't you?

Love & Gratitude,

Rhonda

P. S. Please come to A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS at Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica at 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 30, 2016. There will be a full brass choir, piano, organ, cello, flute, harp, and community chorus. Your favorite hymns are featured in beautiful, powerful arrangements.

WOW Supper Menu (Nov. 2)

Turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, salad, rolls, & dessert.

Can you see what I see?



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