

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Angels and Gifts of the Magi*  
Clementine Reuben Hunter

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

**Ushers**

Tate Simpson

Terri Simpson

Jan Rossiter

Marsha Risi

**Acolyte**

Mobley Grace Ward

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT

THE FEAST IS READY

*The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*  
Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses

## GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

*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. Following the children's moment at the 10:30 AM worship, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for Children's Chapel. A nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is also available for children from birth to five years.*

## PRELUDE

*Gift to be Simple*  
Mark Lochstampf, Organist

arr. Dale Wood

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holley Rogers

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**ALL: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**ALL: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

One: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**ALL: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe,  
the Light incarnate.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

\* Please stand if able.

Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated twelve days after Christmas Day on January 6th and is the time when Christians celebrate the wise men (also sometimes called the magi or the three kings) journeying to find the Christ child. The word epiphany means manifestation of the divine. Especially on this day as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded that faith is a journey. Just as the wise men were called from a far-off land to journey to find the Christ child, so we are called to journey. We may be nearby, we may be far off, but God is always calling us to journey toward newness and possibility, as individuals and as communities.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Living God, we hear the story of the Magi and tie it together with our warm Christmas celebration. It feels comfortable to us. Break those bonds of comfort and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship for those who follow Your light. Shine brightly in us and through us. Forgive the blindness we so often offer to You. Give us vision of what You would have us be and do in the Light of Your Love.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

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

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 471

Berthier

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*  
Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

In the Assurance of Pardon we are reminded once again that God's grace sets us free from guilt and fear. As Walter Brueggemann says, "you can keep singing. You can keep hoping. And because you sing and hope, you can act in freedom, unburdened, uncoerced, unafraid, and without cynicism. The song goes on. It is a subversive, revolutionary song. And we get to sign on to sing and to live it... unafraid!"

OFFERTORY

*From a Distant Home*  
Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses  
Iris Ellis and Charlotte Zell, Percussion

Hal Hopson

\*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.*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.  
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.*

CHILDREN'S LITANY OF PARTING

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

**Congregation: May God be with you there.**

**Children: May God be with you here.**

FIRST READING

**Isaiah 60:1-6**  
*pg 1155 OT*

Holley Rogers

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

**Matthew 2:1-12**  
*pg 1497 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

\*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.

"People have an idea that the preacher is an actor on a stage, and they are the critics, blaming or praising the preacher. What they don't know is that they are the actors on the stage; the preacher is merely the prompter standing in the wings, reminding them of their lost lines."  
—Søren Kierkegaard

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 150

DIX

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
Mark Lochstampf, Organist

arr. Wilbur Held

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.



**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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship or fill out the friendship register, located at the end of each pew. We would love to get to know you better!



**Health.** We are currently operating under a mask optional policy for all indoor activities. As such, masks are welcome but not required for worship. We are also continuing the use of an EPA approved air treatment technology in the sanctuary called Grignard Pure as an added safety measure.



**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.



**To Aid in Worship.** Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



**If You Are in Need of Prayer.** Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor or staff member before or after worship, or by visiting [sspres.org/prayer](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](http://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](http://sspres.org/sermons) or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.



**Ways to Give.** Offering boxes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. You can also 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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# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission

### Manna House

*First Monday of Every Month.*

*1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA*

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

*Chris Pippart at [cpipp109@gmail.com](mailto:cpipp109@gmail.com).*

### PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

*Richard Hathaway at [thehathaways2@comcast.net](mailto:thehathaways2@comcast.net).*

### 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.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Children

### Children's Chapel

*Sundays:* following the "Word for Children" during worship. *(Pre K-2nd)*

*Wednesdays:* (Preschool to Grade 5)

*(Resuming January 26)*

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

### KidZ 2nd Sunday (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on 2nd Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Youth

### Youth Group

*Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.*

*(Resuming January 23)*

Meet on the Veranda.

### Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

*Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A*

*(Resuming January 11)*

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org)*

## Young Adults

### TGIF/Faith on Tap

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

*Ada Owens at [ada@sspres.org](mailto:ada@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Discipleship

### Sunday School

*Begins at 9:15 AM in Various Locations*

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

### :: Discover SSPC

*January 2, 9, & 16 - Youth Suite*

### :: Always A Guest (resuming Jan 9)

*By Barbara Brown Taylor - Upper Room*

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

### Men's Bible Study

*Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

Men's Bible Study led by Rev. Alan Dyer every

Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

*John Matthews at [jhmatthews7@comcast.net](mailto:jhmatthews7@comcast.net).*

### Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

*(Resuming in January 27)*

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

*Gwen Mayberry [gwenmayberry@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Music

### Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Music Attic on Wednesday nights.

### Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

### Youth Afterglow (Grades 6 to 12)

*Sundays at 6:30PM in Music Attic*

Weekly music fun, following youth group fellowship and dinner. Led by Rhonda Hambright.

*Rhonda Hambright at [rhonda@sspres.org](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto:suzanne@sspres.org)*

## Pastoral Care

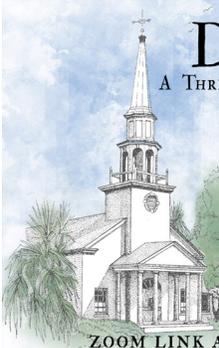
### Pastoral Care

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.

*Rev. Alan Dyer 937-623-7963*

*Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299*

*Rev. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757*



# DISCOVER SSPC

A THREE WEEK CLASS FOR VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS & THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE.  
LED BY REV. ALAN DYER

*What does it mean to be Presbyterian?  
How do I join the Church?  
Where can I get involved?*

JANUARY 2, 9 & 16  
9:30 AM | YOUTH SUITE  
ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE AT [SSPRES.ORG/DISCOVER](https://sspres.org/discover)



# 2022 Chancel Flowers

FLOWER SIGNUP CHART IN BACK HALLWAY  
EMAIL DEDICATION INFO TO [ADA@SSPRES.ORG](mailto:ADA@SSPRES.ORG)



# PAJAMA PARTY

JAN 21 6-9PM

COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PJ PARTY! THIS IS AN EVENT FOR SSPC CHILDREN 5TH GRADE AND UNDER. CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER WILL BE IN THE NURSERY. CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL WILL PARTICIPATE IN AGE APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES. CHILDREN IN K THROUGH 5TH GRADE MAY BRING ONE GUEST (GUEST'S PARENTS NEED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION AS WELL).

CHILDREN WEAR PAJAMAS AND PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES, GAMES, DANCES, AND CRAFTS. WE SERVE A PANCAKE SUPPER AND WATCH A MOVIE!

**NURSERY PROVIDED | SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG](https://sspres.org)**



SAVE THE DATE

# Kirkin o' the Tartan

January 23rd, 2022  
8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship

This Week | January 2 - 7

## Sunday, January 2

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 9:30 am **Discovering SSPC** - Youth Suite
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

## Monday, January 3

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

## Tuesday, January 4

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning Committee** - Gathering Space

## Wednesday, January 5

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

## Thursday, January 6

**No Activities Planned for This Day**

## Friday, January 7

**No Activities Planned for This Day**

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel greenery is given to the glory of God by the greenery committee.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Ministry Matters.

To Ponder Prayerfully  
**Any Road**

MACK TO JESUS: “DO ALL ROADS LEAD TO YOU?”

JESUS: “NOT AT ALL. MOST ROADS DON’T LEAD ANYWHERE.

BUT I WILL TRAVEL ANY ROAD TO FIND YOU.”

-William P. Young, *The Shack*

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*St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.*

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