

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Baptism of Jesus
Lorenzo Scott

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Phil Massie

Ushers

Anne Aspinwall

Mike Aspinwall

Angie Votsis

Linda Massie

Acolyte

Arthur Owens

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters
Chancel Choir

BEACH SPRING

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

Deep River
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sean Hidalgo

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

ALL: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

ALL: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

ALL: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*OPENING HYMN 375

HANSON PLACE

Shall We Gather at the River

* Please stand if able.

On Baptism of the Lord Sunday we remember that Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in His baptism. As He came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and His church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Gracious God, we stand amazed at Your power and glory. We are eager to worship You and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with Your peace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

Presbyterian pastor and author Frederick Buechner has famously said, "To confess sins to God is not to tell God anything that God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us and God. When we confess our sins, they become the bridge."

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 626

Nystrom

As the Deer
Chancel Choir

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.

OFFERTORY

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bishop

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.
-PCUSA Directory for Worship

FIRST READING

Psalm 29
pg 866 OT

Sean Hidalgo

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray
Chancel Choir

arr. Curry

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17
pg 1705 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Declaration of Faith

We believe that in baptism the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise to include us and our children in His gracious covenant, cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life, as participants in Christ's death and resurrection. Baptism sets us in

the visible community of Christ's people and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond. In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord's. For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love him. For both, God's grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of baptism, but continue and deepen throughout life.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 297

ST. DENIO

In Christ Called to Baptize

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

African American Spiritual

Take Me to the Water

POSTLUDE

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

arr. Lasky

Amy Bishop, Organist

The charge is the preacher's parting exhortation to the congregation to live God's will as we have experienced it in worship; the benediction (Latin: "speak well" or "good word") is a blessing as we leave to live out the charge.



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 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. Due to high transmission rates, the CDC recommends that you wear a mask in public indoor settings. We are 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.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at sspres.org/livestream. A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit 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 offerings 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.

PAL Mentoring Program

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

Richard Hathaway at 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 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 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

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 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

By Barbara Brown Taylor - Upper Room

:: Rediscovering Jonah

By Timothy Keller - John Law Room

Frieda Warner at 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.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

(Resuming in January 27)

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

Gwen Mayberry 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.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at ginnycconnors1@gmail.com

or (608) 220-8481

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 or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at 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

2022 Chancel Flowers

SIGNUP ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG
YOU CAN ALSO SIGNUP ON THE
CHART IN THE BACK HALLWAY AT SSPC

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Timothy Keller

Rediscovering
Jonah

The Secret of God's Mercy

How can we compare one of the most defiant and disobedient prophets to Jesus?

How and why does the Book of Jonah end with a cliffhanger?

How can we apply the message from Jonah to our own lives? Join us as we "dive" deeper into Rediscovering Jonah!

SUNDAYS | 9:30AM | JAN 9-FEB 27
JOHN LAW ROOM

Book Available in church office - Cost: \$10

MORE INFO & CLASS SCHEDULE
AT SSPRES.ORG

5TH GRADE & UNDER PAJAMA PARTY

JAN 21 6-9PM

NURSERY PROVIDED | SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG

Kirkin o' the Tartan

January 23rd, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Attention Tartan Donors: We are excited to see all of your tartans in our new sanctuary space! Please contact Suzanne Morrison at 912-996-5462 or suzanne@sspres.org by January 14 if you plan to carry your tartan at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service on January 23! If we do not hear from you, we will either pre-hang our tartan or find a volunteer to carry it.

This Week | January 9-14

Sunday, January 9

- 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 10

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

Tuesday, January 11

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room

Wednesday, January 12

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, January 13

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 1:00 pm **Hospice Grief Group** - John Law

Friday, January 14

No Activities Planned for This Day

Congregational Meeting: Session has called for a congregational meeting next Sunday, January 16, at the end of the 10:30 AM worship service. The purposes of the meeting will be to elect new church officers, elect the 2022 nominating committee, and approve pastor terms of call. Names of nominees can be found on the church website.

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's service are given to the glory of God by the Flower Ministry in honor of St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with Katie and Dino Sammarco on the birth of their daughter, Gianna Marie Sammarco, who joined us in this world on Tuesday, December 21. Gianna was lovingly welcomed by her big brother, Luca, and grandparents John & Barbara Dieterman.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Ministry Matters, Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

To Ponder Prayerfully
Dig Deeper

“**Y**OU ARE THE BELOVED,’ AND I HOPE THAT YOU CAN HEAR THESE WORDS AS SPOKEN TO YOU WITH ALL THE TENDERNESS AND FORCE THAT LOVE CAN HOLD... EVERY TIME YOU LISTEN WITH GREAT ATTENTIVENESS TO THE VOICE THAT CALLS YOU THE BELOVED, YOU WILL DISCOVER WITHIN YOURSELF A DESIRE TO HEAR THAT VOICE LONGER AND MORE DEEPLY. IT IS LIKE DISCOVERING A WELL IN THE DESERT. ONCE YOU HAVE TOUCHED WET GROUND, YOU WANT TO DIG DEEPER.”

-Henri Nouwen

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