

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Remember your baptism

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Anna Henry

Ushers

Barbara Powers

Matt Hodgdon

Mike Kellar

Nardis Kellar

Acolyte

Emily Geer

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (480)

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Take Me to the Water

Chancel Choir

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. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the pew. 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.

PRELUDE

THAXTED

O God Beyond All Praising

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Henry

One: When we pass through the water, God is with us.

ALL: Baptism is a gift to be celebrated and shared!

One: Though the rivers rise, though the seas roar, we shall not be overwhelmed.

ALL: Baptism seals us in God's love and sends us forward.

One: Come, let us remember our baptisms and worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 482

BUNESSAN

Baptized in Water

On Baptism of the Lord Sunday, 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. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God. -Companion to the Book of Common Worship, PCUSA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Good and Gracious God, bring us to the waters to cleanse us from that which weighs us down; those things we carry that separate us from one another and from you. Forgive us, we pray, for the burdens we have placed upon ourselves and others: burdens of injustice, burdens of selfishness, burdens of closed-mindedness. Through the waters of our baptism, renew us and send us forth, so that we may live to serve you fully.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

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 (48)

CORTEZ

Rain Down

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

arr. J. Payne

Come Thou Fount
Amy Bishop, Organist

"When we speak of our virtues we are competitors, when we confess our sins we become brothers."
-Karl Barth

As we offer our gifts, we
praise God for letting
us have use of all the
resources the Lord
has provided and the
opportunity to serve on
God's behalf. The Doxology
is an ancient chorus of
praise with a vision of
joining all the created
beings of all times and
places who forever sing
praise to God.

*DOXOLOGY

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Anna Henry

Isaiah 43:1-7

Page 1126 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Pethel

Come Down, Lord

Chancel Choir

Beverly Fetter, Piano; Amy Bishop, Organ

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Page 1594 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A 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.

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from "A Declaration of Faith," which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation is intentionally written in a form to be easily used to worship.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

ALL: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

ALL: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

All ordained Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders in the congregation are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

WELCOME

In ordination, the church sets apart with prayer and laying on of hands those who have been called through election by the church to serve as deacons and ruling elders. In installation, the church sets apart with prayer those previously ordained as deacons and elders, and called anew to service in that ministry.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 69

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*BENEDICTION

In the Charge and
Benediction we are
assured of God's peace
and blessing; we seek
to follow Christ's way,
sustained by power of the
Holy Spirit. God calls the
church to join the mission
of Christ in service to the
world. As we engage in
that mission, we bear
witness to God's
eternal reign.

CHORAL RESPONSE (561)

AMEN (HARLING)

Amen

POSTLUDE

Pachelbel

Toccata in e minor
Amy Bishop, Organist

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.

Sign up for our eNewsletter. Stay informed by subscribing to our weekly eNewsletter. Sign up on our friendship register or visit www.sspres.org/newsletters.

This Week | Jan 13 - Jan 18

Today, Jan 13

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm **New Officer Training Session** - Britt Room
- 4:30 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge
- 4:45 pm **CE Team Meeting** - Children's Hall
- 6:00 pm **Movie Night + Pizza** - Youth Suite

Monday, Jan 14

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm **Deacons Meeting** - Britt Room
- 6:30 pm **Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Jan 15

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 2:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Coffee** - Marsh's Edge
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, Jan 16

- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Jan 17

- 7:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **GIPL Event** - Sanctuary & Social Hall
- 1:00 pm **Grief Counseling** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Jan 18

- 10:00 am **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given by Anne Aspinwall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Haller.

Christian Sympathy: We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Lillian Mitchell Roberts Deakins, mother of member Lillian Clarke, who passed away on January 9th, 2019.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Macaulay, brother of member Bob Macaulay, who passed away on January 4, 2019.

Christian Celebration: We would like to wish a happy 100th birthday to member Thelma Montgomery! Thelma's Birthday was this past Friday, January 11th. Happy Birthday, Thelma!

Pictorial Directory: Picture make-up dates will be January 28-29 in the Parlor. Sign up in back hallway after service or online at sspres.org.

PIZZA + MOVIE NIGHT

AND SALAD, TOO!

TONIGHT! ALL ARE WELCOME!
YOUTH SUITE SIGN UP ONLINE
6 PM AT SSPRES.ORG

Let's go BOWLING!

JANUARY 20TH | 6 PM | STRIKE ZONE

WE WILL MEET AT THE BOWLING ALLEY AT 6 PM.
COST IS \$10 PER PERSON. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PAJAMA PARTY

JAN 25 6-9 PM

Nursery Provided | Sign up at sspres.org

January 27, 2019

Kirkin o' the Tartans

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alex Browne

SAVE THE DATE

Marriage Enrichment Weekend



February 22nd • 6 - 9 pm
February 23rd • 9 am - 4 pm

Officer Class of 2021

ELDER

Jeff Shiver
Coco Bujold
David Burch
Fred Griffith
Holley Rogers
Sean Hidalgo
Bethany Leggett

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John Turner
Tate Simpson
Anne Marie Stirewalt
Kate Buckley
Lee Baxter
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**Nominated to fill a vacated term*

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