

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Follow The Barren Fig Tree*

Steve Hammond

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021 | 10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service



Masks are required for all adults and strongly encouraged for children over the age of two. Disposable masks are available at welcome table.



Please maintain at least 6 feet from others not in your party while sitting and standing.



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code below or by visiting [sspres.org](http://sspres.org)



# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT

African American Spiritual

### *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Congregation

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet, Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

## GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

*Welcome to outdoor worship with St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today. Please be sure to wear your mask throughout our worship time as well as silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the anthem, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for KidZ Worship. Unfortunately, at this time, an on-site nursery is not available.*

## PRELUDE

*Come Sunday*  
Rhonda Hambright, Piano

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## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alan Dyer

One: Come and see the grace of God,

**ALL: Christ our teacher and our friend.**

One: Come and see the son of God,

**ALL: Christ our healer and salvation.**

One: God is moving in this place.

**ALL: Come and see! Come and see.**

## \*HYMN (found on page 4)

African American Spiritual

*Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of abundant mercy, You embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ. You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts. You loved with boldness and healed with grace. Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust Your love: when we doubt whether we are worthy of Your care.

Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love: when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions. Help us, O God, when we cannot feel Your love, when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see Your presence. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let Your love lead the way.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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

#### 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.

ANTHEM

*Steal Away to Heaven*

Traditional Spirituals

Rhonda Hambright, Soloist; Mark Propst, Pianist

*Following the Anthem, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave with Ms. Frieda for KidZ Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING

**John 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

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!"

“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Come & See*

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)      Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

\*OFFERTORY

\*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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Marchin’ On Up*  
Rhonda Hambright, Pianist

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When this new confession was approved in 1967, it was the first new confession to be adopted by the United Presbyterian Church in nearly 300 years. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church’s mission today, and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

## SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Ways to Give.** You can give your tithes and offerings 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 left 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).

# 728 Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door; some - bod - y's

knock-ing at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you

an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

1 Knocks like Je - sus.  
2 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your  
3 An - swer Je - sus.

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# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission

### Manna House

(start date TBD)

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).*

### COVID Relief Fund

Direct assistance grants available to any resident of Glynn County financially impacted by the pandemic.

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

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

## Children

### KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

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

*Wednesdays:* Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

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

## Youth

### Youth Group

*Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.*

Location varies week-to-week.

*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 9:00 AM via Zoom*

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 (Traditional)

### Come & See (Discussion)

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

### Men's Bible Study

*Wednesdays at 10AM via Zoom*

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

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

### Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

*Thursdays at 10AM at 218 Kings Way (outdoors)*

*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.

*Nardis Kellar at [nardisk@gmail.com](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyconnors1@gmail.com) or (608) 220-8481*

## Music

### Choir, Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Choirs for all ages, 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.

*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*



**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. We would love to get to know you better.



**Safety.** For the safety of all during this pandemic, we require that all adults wear masks throughout worship and strongly encourage masks for all children over the age of two. Please refrain from hugs, handshakes, or physical touch with other non-family members in attendance at today's worship. Extras masks and hand sanitizer are available for your use at the welcome station tables.



**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).



**Sermons Online.** To hear sermons online, visit [www.sspres.org/sermons](http://www.sspres.org/sermons).

# 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 17, 24 & 31

4:30 PM | ZOOM

JOIN US AT [SSPRES.ORG/DISCOVER](https://sspres.org/discover)



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RETURNING  
JAN 27

meet on the veranda  
WEDNESDAYS 4-6PM  
BRING A MASK!

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JANUARY 31, 2021

ONLINE & AT OUTDOOR WORSHIP  
AT FREDERICA ACADEMY

MASKS REQUIRED | ALL ARE WELCOME!

REGISTRATION  
FORMS ARE  
AVAILABLE NOW  
AND THE  
REGISTRATION  
FEE IS \$95.  
PARTICIPANTS  
SHOULD REGISTER  
ASAP SO PRE-  
COURSE WORK  
CAN BE  
COMMUNICATED  
AND COMPLETED.

### Savannah Presbytery's Online SCHOOL OF THE LAITY

WEEK 1 - MARCH 13-14

New Testament Survey with Rev. Dr. Mitzzi Smith  
& Presbytopia with Rev. Andrew Meeker

WEEK 2 - JUNE 25-27

Introduction to the Bible with Dr. Bob Bryant  
& Reformed Theology with Rev. Joanna Adams

WEEK 3 - OCTOBER 2-3

Hebrew Bible Study with Rabbi Rachael Bregman  
& History, Mission and Polity with Rev. Joyce Lieberman

EMAIL TO REGISTER: [msusie1@savannahpresbytery.org](mailto:msusie1@savannahpresbytery.org)

### SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

extends an invitation for you to join



Presbyterian Women

[sspres.org/womens-ministry](https://sspres.org/womens-ministry)

## This Week | Jan 17 - Jan 22

### Today, January 17

- 8:30 am **Live Stream Worship** - Online
- 9:00 am **Combined Sunday School** - Zoom
- 9:00 am **Britt Class** - Online
- 10:30 am **Outdoor Worship** - Frederica Academy
- 4:30 pm **Discover SSPC** - Zoom

### Monday, January 18

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Zoom

### Tuesday, January 19

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Zoom
- 5:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Zoom

### Wednesday, January 20

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Youth Suite
- 5:00 pm **Book Study: Conversations on Race** - Zoom
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

### Thursday, January 21

No activities Scheduled for This Day

### Friday, January 22

No activities Scheduled for This Day

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from  
Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids for 2020-2021, Ed.  
Kimberly Bracken Long.



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## 2021 Chancel Flowers

SIGN UP AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/FLOWERS](https://sspres.org/flowers)

To Ponder Prayerfully  
**Come and See**

“**I** AM A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE I DON’T ALWAYS KNOW IF THE STORY IS TRUE, BUT I CHOOSE TO LIVE MY LIFE AS IF IT WERE. I CHOOSE TO LIVE AS IF THE THINGS JESUS DIED FOR WERE FOR THE OF GOD’S SACRIFICE AND THEREFORE WORTHY OF MINE.”

-Allyson Robinsonn

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