

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Faith. Hope. Love.

Hedda Kise

Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

January 30, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers
Jan Rossiter
Bain Head
Brady Head
Lynda Bisher

Acolyte
Mobley Grace Ward

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 137

He Came Down
Chancel Choir

Cameroon, John L. Bell

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 worshiping 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

Fanfare
Amy Bishop, Organist

F. Ashdown

We gather in worship to attend to the presence of God in our lives. In worship we see the world in light of God's grace, and go forth with a vision and power for living in the world as God's people. The rhythm of the life of the believer moves from worship to ministry, from ministry to worship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Albert McCaffrey

One: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

ALL: God is a rock of refuge:

a fortress against threat and shame.

One: God has held us since our birth.

ALL: So we are never in the full grasp

of the unjust and cruel.

One: In love, God saves and supports us.

ALL: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

*OPENING HYMN 693

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I May Speak

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to Your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively ignoring injustice. We see ourselves as “insiders” and in the process exclude those we consider “outsiders.” We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

“In the Prayer of Confession, we trust God’s mercy enough to lay before God not only those sins which may belong to us individually and personally, but also the sins and brokenness of the congregation, the church universal, and the world. We do not confess primarily specific acts of omission or commission, but rather the tragic brokenness of our human condition, in which, even without intending to, we are constantly running away from God and our neighbors.”

-The Companion to the Book of Common Worship

*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 466

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and Fill Our Hearts
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.

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 to join
all the created beings of
all times and places who
forever sing praise to God.

OFFERTORY

The Love of Jesus

arr. Glenn Pride

Children's Choir; Iris Ellis, Director

Chancel Choir, Pianists Mark Propst & Mark Lochstampfor,

Organist Amy Bishop, Timpani - Harlan Hambright,

Handbells - Charlotte Zell, Carol O'Halloran, Anne Marie Stirewalt

*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.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

pg 1169 OT

Albert McCaffrey

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Holy Manna

Judy Phillips

Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

pg 1786 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Declaration of Faith

The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit. Some were tempted to use these gifts to serve their own needs and ambitions, to form elite groups who looked down on others. But the gifts were given for the common good, to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. No gift is of value without love.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We Are One in the Spirit

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Amy Bishop, Organist

J. Stanley

We go forth into the world
to serve God in our daily
lives as a continuation of
our worship so that our
work is our worship until
such time as we gather
again.



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. 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 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 Pipatt 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.

:: 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 at 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 ginnyconnors1@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 Presbyterians. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

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

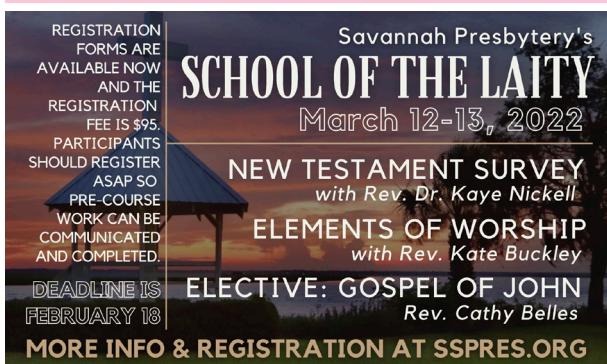
Rev. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757

THE ISLAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION
BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS
2022 SEASON

HASSAN ANDERSON, OBOIST
LYDIA BROWN, PIANO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

"The oboe has allowed me to play the most beautiful melodies and make listeners' lives brighter. It has taken me all over the world, opening doors to experiences that I could never have imagined."



This Week | Jan 30 - Feb 4

Sunday, January 30

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, January 31

- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 1

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning Meeting** - Gathering Space
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert Performance** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 2

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 3

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, February 4

- 6:00 pm **Pajama Party** - Kids Hall

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Ledingham, whose family and friends miss him every day!

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Carl Dohn, who passed away on Wednesday, January 26. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Carl's wife, Brenda, his children, as well as his family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Gilmore, who passed away on Saturday, January 15. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Helen's family and friends near and far who mourn her passing.

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

The Most Important Thing

“P

AUL'S WORDS ON LOVE SHOULD MAKE US DEEPLY UNEASY, BECAUSE THEY

TELL US THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT BEING CHRISTIAN IS THE
MOST DIFFICULT, AND THE MOST DEMANDING.”

-Elena Vassallo

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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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