

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Sermon on the Plain*

Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 13, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

**Ushers**

Ida Walker

Bill Walker

Betty Russell

Anne Marie Stirewalt

**Acolyte**

Mary West Turner

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 709

*God, We Honor You*  
Chancel Choir

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

## 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

*Festive Processional*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

D. Lasky

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Meg Mimbs

One: Poor or despairing, come to be blessed.

**ALL: Hungry or tired, come to be restored.**

One: Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy.

**ALL: Bring your tired, your poor.**

One: Share your hopes, your dreams.

**ALL: Embrace your doubts, your fears.**

One: Come as you are.

**ALL: All are welcome here.**

Each worship service at St. Simons Presbyterian is an opportunity for growth in our relationship with God and others. We value all people and after the service invite you to introduce yourself to those around you and get to know them.

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God of judgment and renewal, we admit to You and to each other that we have not always loved You and our neighbors as fully as You call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the creation You have entrusted into our care. We have turned away from You and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to Your gospel.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

In the prayer of confession we pause to tell the truth about ourselves and our world. It's not always an easy practice, but we trust that it is grace that calls us to confession and grace that sets us free. The honest speech of confession makes newness possible.

\*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 544

TAIZE

*Bless the Lord*  
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

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Ashdown

\*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

The Prayer of Dedication helps us to make the connection between our giving and the rest of our lives. Of course we give our money to support the work of the church, but we also give as a way of rededicating our lives to God. We are called to turn not just our resources but our whole beings, all we have and all we are, to the great work of compassion and justice to which God calls us.

## 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 17:5-10**  
*pg 1201 OT*

Meg Mimbs

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Blessed are the Pure in Heart*  
Chancel Choir

Voullaire

SECOND READING

**Luke 6:17-26**  
*pg 1600 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

## A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In 1983, the two largest Presbyterian churches in the US reunited. The reunion plan included a call for a brief statement of the Reformed faith. This statement is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of worship. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 547

AR HYD Y NOS

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

### \*BENEDICTION

#### CHORAL RESPONSE 599

*Amen*

DRESDEN AMEN

#### POSTLUDE

*Engelberg*

Callahan

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 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](https://sspres.org/prayer).



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

### **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 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 Presbyterian. 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*

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**  
*Resuming February 16th*  
**6PM | SOCIAL HALL**  
**SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG**



THE ISLAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION  
 BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS  
 2022 SEASON  
 LIANA GUBERMANN, SOPRANO  
 LAETTITA RUCCOLO, PIANO  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022



*"Soprano Liana Gubermann sang with a delicacy and poignancy and with a beautiful timbre as Echo." — Palm Beach ArtsPaper, Rex Hearn*

**TGIF**  
*A social night for 20s/30s/40s...*  
**FEB 25 | 6 PM**  
**THE HOME OF ANDREW & BECCA TURNER**  
*...A movie night at SSPC for the kids*  
**SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/TGIF**

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AND THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$95. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REGISTER ASAP SO PRE-COURSE WORK CAN BE COMMUNICATED AND COMPLETED.  
 DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 18  
 MORE INFO & REGISTRATION AT SSPRES.ORG

Savannah Presbytery's  
**SCHOOL OF THE LAITY**  
 March 12-13, 2022

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY  
*with Rev. Dr. Kaye Nickell*

ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP  
*with Rev. Kate Buckley*

ELECTIVE: GOSPEL OF JOHN  
*Rev. Cathy Belles*



**Meal Express**  
 A CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

One way to offer our Christian love and care is by providing a warm meal to our family and friends in Christ during their time of need.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE OCCASIONAL EMAILS FOR OPTIONAL MEAL SIGNUPS, VISIT [SSPRES.ORG/MEAL](https://www.sspres.org/meal)

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This Week | February 13 - 18

**Sunday, February 13**

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 11:45 am **Love One Another Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 4:30 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge
- 5:00 pm **Second Sunday (3rd-5th Grade)** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

**Monday, February 14**

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

**Tuesday, February 15**

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Sanctuary & Upper Room
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert Performance** - Sanctuary

**Wednesday, February 16**

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 17**

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

**Friday, February 18**

- All Day **BRIDGE Mission Program** - Youth Suite

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers in today's service are given by Anne Aspinwall, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Mary Irvin.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Bonnie Stembridge, who passed away on Thursday, February 10th. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Bonnie's daughter, Anne Marie Stirewalt, as well as her many family and friends near and far who mourn her passing.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Abingdon Worship Annual 2022 & Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Outlandish Promises

“**J**ESUS LOOKS ON THE POOR, THE HUMILIATED, THOSE GROUND INTO THE PAVEMENT WITH NO HOPE, AND HE BLESSES THEM, HE SEES THEM, HE LOVES THEM, HE MAKES OUTLANDISH PROMISES TO THEM.”

-Dr. James C. Howell

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