

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Morgan Harper Nichols

Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 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



The Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday is set aside to remember the Transfiguration of the Lord. In celebrating the mystery of what happened on that mountaintop, we begin to travel into Lent with a glowing hope. A hope and a faith that will nudge us onward to the suffering of the cross and the jubilant enigma of the empty tomb.

* Please stand if able.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

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O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
Chancel Choir Ensemble

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

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

I Give You My Heart
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Those who live in the shelter of the Lord will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

**ALL: God alone is my refuge, my safe place;
he is my God and in him I trust.**

One: God will cover you with his feathers and shelter you with his wings.

**ALL: Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.**

One: The Lord says, "When you call on me, I will answer. I will be with you in trouble."

*HYMN (*found on page 4*)

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Eternal God, Our days are spent between light and darkness. Sometimes, the noise of the world closes in around us, while other times we are caught up in your light and in your love. Most often we are in between, busy hiking in the half-light, stumbling and falling, rising and achieving. With your help we make some headway, but we fall far short of the light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

God, by your grace, give us a glimpse of your face in the darkness of the journey. Do not allow us to linger dolefully in the gloom of guilt or self-pity. Make us bold enough to move out to where the shadows are fewer, even though the brighter light shows our flaws. Give us more of the light of Christ that our lives may shine compassion and real love.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

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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

I Believe
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Miller

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

“...the other language of the soul is music. There, in the notes and tones, the rhythms and beats, the modulation and cadence, we find ourselves taken to that interior place where God dwells, where heart and heaven meet.”

- Renee Miller

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Trail Weary

Rev. Kate Buckley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

(Confession of 1967)

Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

*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

Wonderful Words of Life
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. Pethel

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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).

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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.

PAL Mentoring Program

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

Richard Hathaway at 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 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 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 or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

Location varies week-to-week.

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 9:00 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 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.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 2PM on the Veranda at SSPRES (outdoors)

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, 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 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



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. 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.



Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

OUTDOOR Ash Wednesday

Wednesday | February 17

LENT EVENT (VERANDA) | 5 PM
WORSHIP (DELEGAL LAWN) | 6 PM
Bring a Chair & a Mask!

CJ's Pizza Will be Available to Pre-Order.
20% of Pizza proceeds will go to Sparrow's Nest.

PRE-ORDER YOUR PIZZA AT SSPRES.ORG/LENT
OR CALL ADA AT 404-395-2147

SAINT
SIMONS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



DRIVE THRU ASHES

Ash Wednesday | Feb 17 | 8-1PM
MASKS ARE REQUIRED

IMPOSITION OF ASHES ON THE FRONT
DRIVEWAY OF THE CHURCH | 205 KINGS WAY, SSI

Sunday, February 21st NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, February 21!

Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org) with any questions

ASH WEDNESDAY DONATIONS FOR sparrows nest

Leading up to Ash Wednesday, the following items are being collected for Sparrow's Nest. Donations may be dropped off on the SSPC veranda in the donations box or in the church office M-F from 9-4pm.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- Canned Chicken
- Hearty Soups
- Vienna Sausages
- Canned Fruit

MORE SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS

- Tuna
- Pasta Noodles
- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chili or Pork & Beans
- Mac and Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Rice
- Cereal or Breakfast Items
- Instant Potatoes
- Spaghettios/Ravioli

This Week | February 14-19

Today, February 14

- 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

Monday, February 15

HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Location Varies
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Zoom

Tuesday, February 16

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Zoom
- 2:00 pm **Ladies Bible Study** - Veranda
- 4:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Zoom
- 7:00 pm **Island Concert** - Online

Wednesday, February 17

- 8-1 pm **Drive Thru Ashes** - Front Drive at SSPRES
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Youth Suite
- 5:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Lent Event** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Worship** - Delegal Lawn
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

Thursday, February 18

No activities Scheduled for This Day

Friday, February 19

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's online worship were given to the Glory of God by Mike & Anne Aspinwall and in loving memory of Anne's mother, Mary Irvin.

Bud Flower Vases Needed: The SSPRES flower committee is in need of more bud vases. Please drop them off in the office work-room at your convenience

THE ISLAND
CONCERT
ASSOCIATION

BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS
2021 SEASON

EMILY LEVIN & FRIENDS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
ONLINE | 7PM

ISLANDCONCERTASSOCIATION.ORG

To Ponder Prayerfully
The Hill We Climb

“**W**E WILL NOT MARCH BACK TO WHAT WAS,
BUT MOVE TO WHAT SHALL BE.
FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT.”

Amanda Gorman

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