

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Sermon on the Mountain"

Károly Ferenczy

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

Greeter

Brenda Jones

Ushers

Bunnie Lynn

Ron Shafer

Nora Sue Spencer

Jerry Spencer

Acolyte

Brayden Neill

We extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered to worship God this morning. It is our hope that here you will feel loved and accepted as part of the family of God in Jesus Christ. We are pleased to welcome to our pulpit the Rev. Chris Noyes, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Brunswick, where he has been well received for his leadership and his love. We are glad that you are with us today.

INTROIT

What Wondrous Love is This

Chancel Choir

WONDROUS LOVE

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bob Brearley

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

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Amy Bishop, Organist

F. Peeters

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brenda Jones

One: We have come in this hour to glorify God, to sing the praises of the Most High.

ALL: We gather for the cleansing of our hearts and the awakening of our spirits.

One: May God write the law of love in our hearts and restore in us the joy of salvation.

ALL: We seek deliverance from temptation and guilt, and forgiveness for all our sins.

One: We lift our voices and renew our vows to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are here to sing our faith and to worship our God.

*OPENING HYMN 370

TERRA BEATA

This Is My Father's World

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

O God, be gracious to us, for we have sinned against you. In our busyness we have failed to call on you. In our self-centeredness we have ignored your hurting people. We have uttered empty words and wearied you with empty deeds. Temptations have flattered us into thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought, and we have sinned. Too often we have compared ourselves with others and been poisoned with needless envy. We have been unwilling to see our own iniquity and have not dared to believe that you can heal us. Come to us now to forgive and make new. Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

H.W. GREATORIX

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 (84)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the Stars of Night

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

Jesus, Still Lead On
Amy Bishop, Organist

P. Manz

We pray for the Holy Spirit to accompany us on the journey to Jerusalem, where Jesus will die for the sins of the world, for our sins. We need God's help to understand where our lives are faithful to the pattern of new life in Jesus Christ and where we disappoint our God with our stubborn selfishness and our fearful striving. May this season of Lent be a time of introspection and discernment that we may mature and grow in our faith and in our love for all people.

***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

Brenda Jones

Isaiah 61:1-3

Page 1157 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

W. Pelz

Show Me Thy Ways

Chancel Choir; Harlan Hambright, Guitar;
Haleigh Terhune, Oboe

“The blessedness which belongs to the Christian is not a blessedness which is postponed to some future world of glory: it is a blessedness which exists here and now. It is not something into which the Christian will enter; it is something into which the person of faith has already entered...The very form of the beatitudes is the statement of the joyous thrill and the radiant gladness of the Christian life.”

-William Barclay

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:3, Page 1501 NT

Luke 6:20, Page 1600 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Chris Noyes

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Declaration of Faith

The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need, moves us to abandon our old way of life, persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way. In all these things we are responsible for our decisions. But after we have trusted and repented, we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to hear and act. It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ that justifies us and reconciles us to God. Yet it is only by faith that we accept God's grace and live by it.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 22

ROEDER

God of the Sparrow

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (568)

AMEN (HAUGEN)

Amen

POSTLUDE

A. Fedak

Trumpet March
Amy Bishop, Organist

Go out into the world in peace, be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil, but strengthen the fainthearted, help the suffering, support the weak. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 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.

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

First Monday of every month

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

Marie Dodd at mariewdodd@bellsouth.net.

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.

Habitat for Humanity

Join us for local Habitat for Humanity home construction. Builds happen each fall and winter.

Alan Dyer at alan@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.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship. *(Pre K-2nd)*

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. WOW supper at 6PM.

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet in the Britt Room for supper at 6PM.

Chimes and Choir

Wednesdays: Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

Sunday Night Fellowship

Sunday evenings in the Youth Suite

Dinner at 6PM

Mid & Senior High at 6:30PM (Grades 6 to 12)

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

Music (Grades 6 to 12)

Sundays: Youth Ensemble meets at 5PM in Music Attic

Meg Johnson at meg@sspres.org

Young Adults

Faith on Tap

Monthly Thursday (usually 2nd Thursdays) at 7PM

A casual young adult Bible Study for 20 and 30-somethings meets monthly. Location varies. Childcare available.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

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 - Upper Room

Come & See - Social Hall

Rejoice - Chapel

Trinity - Parlor

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study

Mondays at 12PM in the Britt Room

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

Thursdays at 7:15 AM in the Britt Room

Come for breakfast and Community Men's Bible Study led by area pastors every Thursday.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Ladies' Video Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:30AM in the Youth Suite

Gather for prayer and discussion each week using a video study. All women are invited!

Gail Ledbetter at gbledbetter@att.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room (Sept.-May)

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.

Anne Aspinwall at anneaspinwall@gmail.com or 912-399-1101

Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com or 912-580-8754.

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Ashantilly wing on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments are an important part of the music ministry for children through adults.

Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry offers confidential one-on-one Christian care to those experiencing difficult life circumstances.

Jann Briscoe at jannbriscoe@gmail.com or 269-0212.

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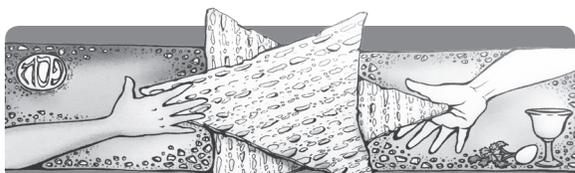
To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, births, deaths, or prayer request, contact the church office at 912-638-2220. If you need pastoral care after hours please contact one of our pastors.

St. Simons Presbyterian 638-2220

Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212



This Week | February 18 - 24

Community Seder

Thursday, March 1
6 PM | St. Francis Catholic Parish Hall
\$10/person or \$25/family
To RSVP call (912) 261-8512 ext. 444

Today, Feb 18

- 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 **Snowbird Luncheon** - Britt Room
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** - Youth Suite

Monday, Feb 19 - Church office closed

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Feb 20

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a
- 5:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room
- 7:30 pm **ICA Concert** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, Feb 21

- 10:30 am **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew & Choir** - Playground Veranda
- 4:30 pm **Lenten Book Study** - Parlor
- 5:00 pm **Confirmation Class** - Chapel
- 6:00 pm **WOW Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Feb 22

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Feb 23

- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory and in honor of Claude Booker for his many years of dedicated service to the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation.

Lenten Banners: Our paperlace Lenten banners were designed by Hannah Garrity, who shared this technique with us at the Montreat Worship & Music conference last year. The quadrants are Mind, Body, Heart, and Soul. "Just as God's light within us glows in all aspects of our lives."

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Jo Fendig, who passed away on February 11.

WOW Supper Menu (Feb 21) // RSVP Online!

Chicken-n-dumplings, peas, salad, rolls, dessert
KidZ-Friendly Menu: Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, oranges

SSPC VARIETY SHOWCASE

Wednesday, March 7

Calling all performers, artists, craftsmen and hobbyists!

Please contact Nat or Frieda to sign up!
nat@sspres.org frieda@sspres.org

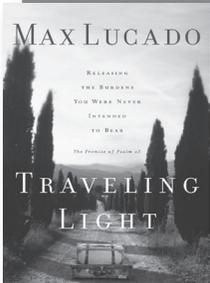
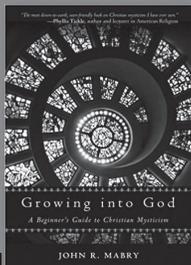
upcoming book studies

Lenten Book Study

with Jann Briscoe

Wednesdays | 4:30 PM | Parlor
Beginning February 21st

Book: *Growing into God: A Beginner's Guide to Christian Mysticism*



"Try Something New" Short Term Book Study

Led by Brenda Haughney & Coco Bujold

Thursdays | 5:30-7 PM

John Law Room (dinner out afterwards)
Beginning March 1st | 6 week study

Book: "Traveling Light" by Max Lucado



ISLAND ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...

February 20

Seraph Brass Quintet

Tuesdays in February | 7:30 PM

To Ponder Prayerfully

The Road of Faith

“THE PATH THAT JESUS OFFERS MAY NOT INITIALLY LOOK APPEALING, BUT THE FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD OF FAITH ONE TRAVELS, THE MORE TRUTH ONE FINDS. WE DISCOVER THAT HUMILITY, UNLIKE POWER, NEEDS NO DEFENSE. WE REALIZE RIGHTEOUSNESS — DOING THE RIGHT THING — IS ITS OWN REWARD. WE FIND THAT A PURE HEART IS MUCH EASIER TO LIVE WITH THAN ONE FILLED WITH JEALOUSY, RESENTMENT, OR CYNICISM. STEP BY STEP, WE LEARN THAT FOLLOWING JESUS — EVEN IF WE ARE PERSECUTED FOR IT — LEADS TO A JOY THAT NOTHING CAN TAKE AWAY.”

— Christine Chakoian

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