

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Joseph and His Brothers Reunite
Yoram Raanan

Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany

February 20, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Martin White

Nancy Fixx

Judith Benjamin

Tate Simpson

Jan Rossiter

Acolyte

Ethan Tsai

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises
Chancel Choir

SALLEY GARDENS

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

Toccata on Holy Manna
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. J. Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Kellar

One: Take delight in the Lord,
who satisfies the desires of your heart.

**ALL: Commit your way to the Lord
and trust in God's actions.**

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

**ALL: The Lord is our salvation
and our refuge in times of trouble.**

The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed Your ways or trusted Your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with Your selfless love. Change our lives by Your matchless grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

There is pain and evil in the world, in which we are often participants. If we ignore the ways we cause pain to God, to others, and to creation, we limit the opportunities for transformation and healing. In Confession we practice bringing our pain to the light, so that God can transform it.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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

BAPTISM

Robert Goodwin (Bo) Canter
Son of Maggie and Ted Canter

The water of baptism is a symbol of our new birth into life with Christ and a visible sign of God's love pouring out for the person being baptized and the congregation as a whole.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 466

TAIZE

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.

OFFERTORY

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. D. Lasky

*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.*

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.

*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

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
pg 874 OT

Mike Kellar

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

To Love Our God
Chancel Choir

Hayes

SECOND READING

Genesis 45:3-11,15
pg 75 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with His people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 697

HENDON

Take My Life and Let it Be

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 599

Amen

DRESDEN AMEN

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major
Amy Bishop, Organist

D. Johnson

The charge is the preacher’s parting exhortation to the congregation to live God’s will as we have experienced it in worship; the benediction (Latin: “speak well” or “good word”) is a blessing as we leave to live out the charge.



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 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)

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.

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

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

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

:: The God We Can Know (Lenten Series)

By Rob Fuquay - Social Hall

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

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

Usher Ministry .

We are always recruiting good people who love to deal with people and make sure they feel welcome at St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

Jan Rossiter at dogdoc@bellsouth.net

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Sanctuary 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

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR



Rev. Alan Dyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 | FOLLOWING WORSHIP AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY GOODBYE TO REV. ALAN DYER AND GIVE THANKS FOR HIS FAMILY BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR A NEW CALLING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SPARTANBURG.

This is a potluck luncheon. The church will provide chicken.

PLEASE BRING A YUMMY SIDE!

RSVP AT SSPRES.ORG/FAREWELL

Sunday, February 27th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, February 27th!

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

THE ISLAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION

BECAUSE MUSIC MATTERS
2022 SEASON

GLORIOSA TRIO
KEVIN BATE, CELLO
YOONIE HAN, PIANO
ERIC SILBERGER, VIOLIN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 2022



"Driven by lush violin-and-cello unison melodies" and a timbre that is "fuller than the brain imagines three musicians can sound."
- Jon Sobel, BlogCritics

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DRIVE THRU ASHES
Wednesday | Mar 2 | 8:30-1:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Wednesday, March 2nd

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & LENT EVENT

KIDZ PROGRAMS | 4 PM | VERANDA

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES | 5 PM | SOCIAL HALL

WED NIGHT SUPPER | 6 PM | SOCIAL HALL

WORSHIP SERVICE | 6:45 PM | SANCTUARY

more info at sspres.org/len

This Week | February 20 - 25

Sunday, February 20

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm **Luke Hutto Funeral Service** - Sanctuary

Monday, February 21

HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 23

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:30pm **Hands & Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30pm **Transition Prayer Time** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 24

- 10:00am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, February 25

- 11:00 am **Transition Prayer Time** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **TGIF** - Andrew & Becca Turner's Home

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's service are given by Anna Henry, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Luke Hutto.

Wednesday Night Supper: Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship this Wednesday, February 23, at 6 PM. Dinner will include Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert. Plant based options are available when registering. A kid friendly option will be available as well! Be sure to signup at sspres.org/wednesday-night-supper

Love Offering: A Love offering is being collected by the congregation to gift to Rev. Dyer next Sunday. If you would like to contribute, payments can be dropped off in the church office or sent with venmo: @sspres and marked as "love."

A TIME OF



Prayer as a Church Family

IN THIS TIME OF

transition

WEDNESDAYS | UPPER ROOM

STOP BY ANYTIME BETWEEN 6:30-7:15PM

FRIDAYS | SANCTUARY

STOP BY ANYTIME BETWEEN 11AM - 1PM

To Ponder Prayerfully
Surprise

“**W**HAT WE ARE, WHAT WE HAVE, EVEN OUR SALVATION, ALL IS GIFT,

ALL IS GRACE, NOT TO BE ACHIEVED BUT TO BE RECEIVED AS A GIFT FREELY GIVEN.

GOD’S BIAS IN FAVOR OF SINNERS IS SO IMMENSE THAT IT IS SAID WE
WILL BE SURPRISED AT THOSE WE FIND IN HEAVEN WHOM WE HAD NOT EXPECTED
TO ENCOUNTER THERE.”

-Bishop Desmond Tutu

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

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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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