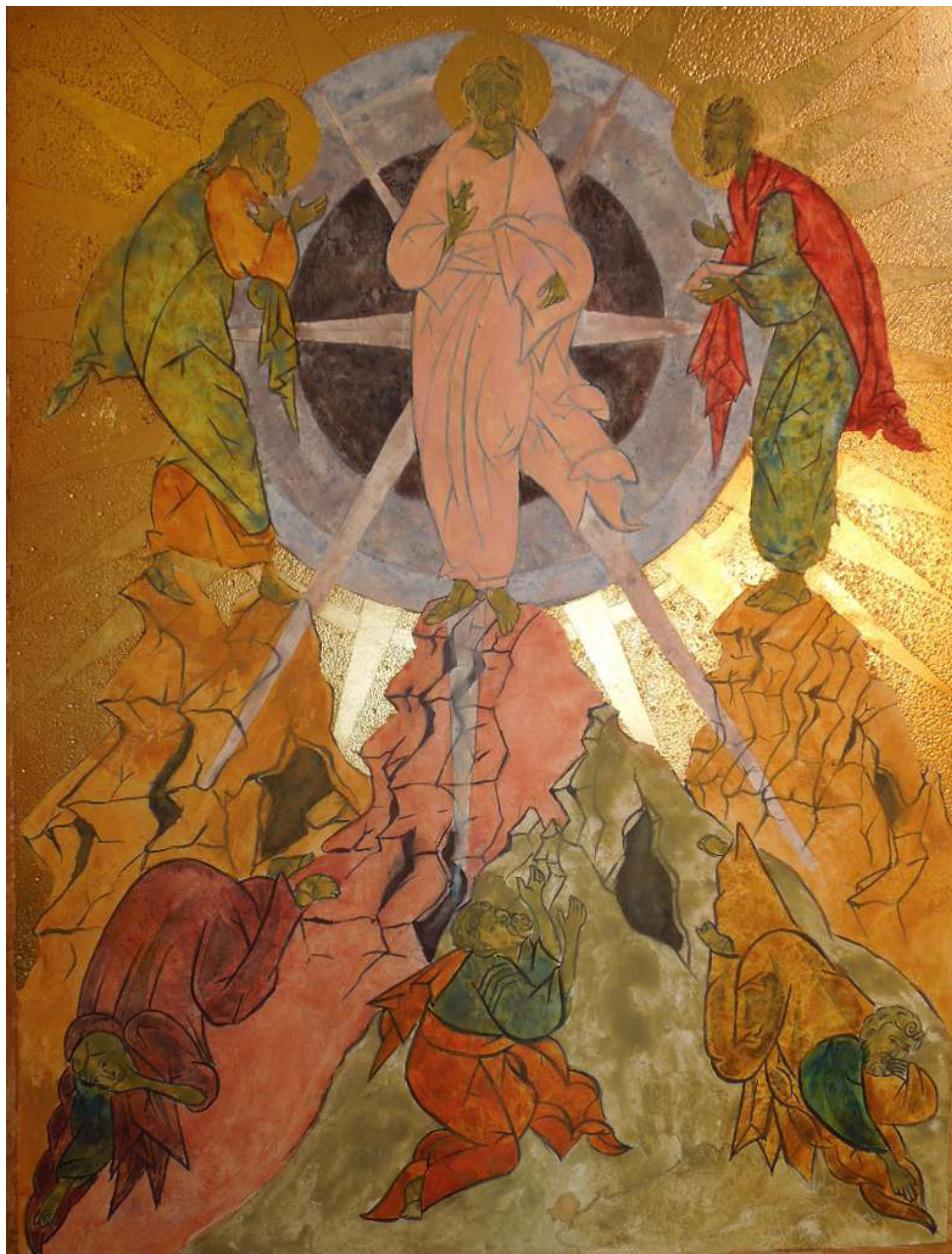


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Transfiguration
Vas Avramidis

Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers
Jan Rossiter
Mike Kellar

Kathleen Haller
Ada Owens

Acolyte
Jack Shiver

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 590

Hallelujah
Chancel Choir

Maraire

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

You Raise Me Up
Amy Bishop, Organist

Coates

Each year, the Sunday immediately prior to Ash Wednesday is set aside to remember the event of the Transfiguration of the Lord. In the story of Jesus' transfiguration, we are assured that Jesus is the hope of the ages, the One who fulfilled the Law given through Moses, the one dreamed of by the prophets, of whom Elijah is the greatest. In celebrating this event, we are invited to deeper faith as we prepare to begin the Lenten journey toward the agony of the cross and the victory of the empty tomb.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sean Hidalgo

One: Come, let us worship God,

ALL: singing joyful songs of praise!

One: For the glory of the Lord shines upon us,

ALL: and calls us forth with thanksgiving.

One: Let us turn to the mountaintop,

ALL: and let us give God the glory.

One: Come, let us worship God!

ALL: Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN 475

NETTLETON

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Kate Buckley

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before Your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as You command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for ourselves or others, according to Your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we

mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor You.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Artinian

Jonathan, Laura, Luke, & Caroline Cooper

Jim & Jennifer Farish

Ellen Fixx

Kenneth Searles

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sutton Joseph Biletzskov

Son of Sutton & Ashley Biletzskov

Miller Elizabeth Kizzire

Daughter of Patton & Kari Kizzire

In our baptism, God has called and sealed us. Baptism is an important event not simply in the life of the child and family, but in the life of the whole church. We are baptized into a community, and not in abstraction from the community.

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 Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

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

In Remembrance

Ames

Chancel Choir

Fred Leif, French Horn

*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

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

pg 1797 NT

Sean Hidalgo

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Blessing of Light

Chancel Choir

Ancient Scottish, Sirett

SECOND READING

Luke 9:28-36

pg 1609 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily task and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Frederick Buechner
says this about the
transfiguration of Christ:
"It was the holiness of the
man shining through his
humanness, his face so
afire with it the disciples
were almost blinded...
Every once and so often,
something so touching,
so incandescent, so alive
transfigures the human
face that it's almost
beyond bearing."

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 543

GREEN TYLER

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

WORDS FROM THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

Rev. Dr. Alan Baroody

PRAYER

One: Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:
In Your world,

ALL: be present, Lord.

One: In this congregation,

ALL: be present, Lord.

One: In this community,

ALL: be present, Lord.

One: In this presbytery and the whole church,

ALL: be present, Lord.

One: In the homes and hearts of all Your people,

ALL: be present, Lord.

One: Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:
For work begun but not completed,

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

One: For expectations that fell short,

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

One: For wounds not fully healed,

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

One: For gifts not shared,

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

One: For promises not kept,

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

One: Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:
For friendships made, for joys celebrated
and for times of nurture and growth,

ALL: thanks be to God.

One: For wounds healed, expectations met,
gifts given and promises kept.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a lorica (Latin for “armor” or “breastplate”). Many such petitions for God’s presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

ALL: thanks be to God.

One: For our fellowship in Jesus Christ,
and for the love of God which has sustained us,

ALL: thanks be to God. Amen.

DISSOLUTION OF CALL

One: Do you, the members and friends of St. Simons Presbyterian Church, release Rev. Alan Dyer from service as your Pastor?

All: We do with thanks to God.

One: Do you, Alan, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation as Pastor?

Pastor: I do with thanks to God.

At the conclusion of today's worship, you are invited to a potluck meal in the Social Hall to visit with the Dyer Family and enjoy a brief program celebrating his ministry here at St. Simons Presbyterian.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come Thou Fount



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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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 | YOUTH SUITE
WED NIGHT SUPPER | 6 PM | SOCIAL HALL
WORSHIP SERVICE | 6:45 PM | SANCTUARY
more info at sspres.org/lent

The
GOD
We Can Know
EXPLORING THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS

Combined Lenten
SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM
SOCIAL HALL or ZOOM
Beginning March 6
FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10
ZOOM AT [SSPRES.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](http://sspres.org/sunday-school)

— 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

Inspirational Speaker
RON HALL

Bestselling Author of
"The Same Kind of Different as Me"

PRESENTED BY
Hand-in-Hand for Glynn

March 18th | 10AM | SSPC Sanctuary

ALL ARE WELCOME

This Week | Feb 27 - Mar 4

Sunday, February 27

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 11:45 pm **Farewell Potluck Luncheon** - Social Hall

Monday, February 28

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

Tuesday, March 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 Committee Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, March 2

- 8:30-1:30pm **Drive Thru Ashes** - Front Drive
- 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
- 5:00pm **Ash Wednesday/Lent Event** - Youth Suite
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

- 11:00 am **Transition Prayer Time** - Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's service are given by the Kizzire and Hodgdon families, to the glory of God for Miller Elizabeth's baptism and for our love and best wishes to the Dyer family.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Laddie Scott, who passed away on Sunday, February 20. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Laddie's son, Nat Scott, as well as his family and friends near and far who mourn his passing.

Christian Celebration: We share in celebration with Woody and Christy Sapp on the birth of their daughter, Margot Marie Sapp, who was born on Monday, February 21. Welcome to the world, Margot!

Wednesday Night Supper: Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship this Wednesday, March 2, at 6 PM. Dinner will include Taco Bar, Chicken or Beef (with all the trimmings), Refried Beans, Queso, Rice, 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

Source: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion & PCUSA Call to Worship.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Gratitude

“**T**O BE GRATEFUL IS TO RECOGNIZE THE LOVE OF GOD IN EVERYTHING HE HAS GIVEN US - AND HE HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING.... GRATITUDE THEREFORE TAKES NOTHING FOR GRANTED, IS NEVER UNRESPONSIVE, IS CONSTANTLY AWAKENING TO NEW WONDER AND TO PRAISE OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

FOR THE GRATEFUL PERSON KNOWS THAT GOD IS GOOD, NOT BY HEARSAY BUT BY EXPERIENCE. AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.”

-Thomas Merton

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