

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Temptation in the Wilderness
Rivière, Briton, 1840-1920

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Becky Livingston

Bain Head

Brady Head

Ida Walker

Bill Walker

Acolyte

Arthur Owens

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Chancel Choir

DEO GRACIAS

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams

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

I Am the Bread of Life

Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. R. Schmoltze

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Shiver

One: Remember the story of our faith.

ALL: We are the people God has delivered.

One: Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

ALL: God goes with us, step by step.

One: Cling to the promise of our faith.

ALL: Our God will not abandon us.

*OPENING HYMN 169

REST

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

* Please stand if able.

The season of Lent, which begins today, is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days - like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God of grace, as Lent unfolds before us, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us that love is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 90

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Wait for the Lord

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.

The Prayers of the People combine thanksgiving and intercession for the community and the world, providing a space for us to name the places of celebration and of sorrow in our lives.

“All the things in this world are gifts from God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily. As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us to develop as loving persons. But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal.” –St. Ignatius of Loyola

OFFERTORY

On Eagle's Wings
Chancel Choir

Joncas

*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 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 91:1-2, 9-16
pg 930 OT

Jeff Shiver

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-15
pg 1595 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Wilderness Trials

Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 166

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 599

Amen

DRESDEN AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Old Hundredth”
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bourgeois

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 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. We are also 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.

(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

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 Nat Scott 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

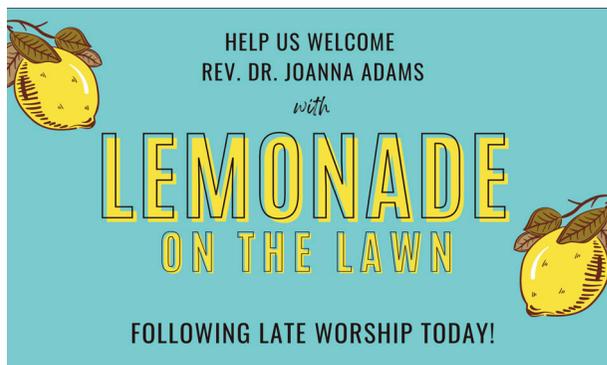
Pastoral Care

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. Joanna Adams 404-427-6166

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757



HELP US WELCOME
REV. DR. JOANNA ADAMS
with
**LEMONADE
ON THE LAWN**

FOLLOWING LATE WORSHIP TODAY!

A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT

BRUNCH WITH FRIENDS

MAR 13 • 11:45AM • SAGO AT SEA PALMS
MUST REGISTER BY MAR 10 - LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE

DEEEN RELATIONSHIPS AND CREATE NEW ONES OVER GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP AS PART OF ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN'S MINISTRY TO GOD'S "OLDER CHILDREN."

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

day of SERVICE

MARCH 26, 2022 | 8:30-12PM
no breakfast | meet at worksites at 8:30am
Lunch & Devotion at church at 12:30pm

MORE INFO & SIGNUP AT
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

A DAY TRIP TO
OKEEFENOKEE SWAMP

With **BRIDGE Missions**
+Try Something New

MAR 22nd | ALL ARE WELCOME!
RSVP by March 18th
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

Celebrating Authors
OF ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN
EXHIBIT NOW OPEN!

The new Library Exhibit, Celebrating Our Authors, is now displayed in the white carousel just beyond the Library stained glass doors. Past and present SSPC authors are showcased as part of our year-long 75th Anniversary.

Works will be on display for several months and will become available for circulation after the Exhibit closes. You may reserve books by adding your name and contact information to the colored tab in the back of each item.

This Week | March 6 - 11

Sunday, March 6

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am **Lemonade on the Lawn** - Front Lawn
- 5:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, March 7

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, March 8

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 2:00 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

Wednesday, March 9

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

Thursday, March 10

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Hospice Grief Group** - John Law

Friday, March 11

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

Chancel Flowers: The chancel greenery is given to the glory of God by the greenery committee.

Lenten Paraments: "The fabric for the paraments is purple to represent the season of lent, a period of preparation for Easter which symbolizes repentance. Although I chose many dark purples, I purposely added lighter fabrics to represent hope. The black spiked vine, or path, running through the design is to represent the crown of thorns." -Sandi Kilgore

Wednesday Night Supper: Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship this Wednesday, March 9, at 6 PM. Dinner will include B-B-Q Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Mac-N-Cheese, 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

Girl Scout Sunday: We are celebrating Girl Scout Sunday today in honor of Girl Scout Troop 072, which meets at St. Simons Presbyterian. The purpose of this special day is to emphasize that we take the Girl Scout Promise seriously - "On my honor, I will try to serve God." It is a time for Girl Scouts to reflect upon the importance of the words, "to serve God."

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call to Worship.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Trust

“**F**AITH NEVER MAKES PERFECT SENSE. IT IS MORE LIKE A GIFT THAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE ABLE TO GIVE - AN ACT OF RIDICULOUS COURAGE IN WHICH PEOPLE WHO CANNOT CONTROL THE OUTCOME OF THEIR DECISIONS TO TRUST DECIDE TO TRUST ANYWAY.

-Barbara Brown Taylor

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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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