

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Light Still Conquers the Dark

C. Maddox

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Martin White

Nancy Fixx

Judith Benjamin

Ada Owens

Acolyte

Kerrigan Biletzskov

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

How Firm a Foundation
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Southbridge

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Albert McCaffrey

One: The Lord is our light,

ALL: light no darkness can overcome.

One: Jesus Christ is our salvation.

ALL: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

*OPENING HYMN 12

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Eternal God, Our world is dark. War ravages our souls and our soils. Your children are desolate and wandering. You created us to be radiant; yet we cower in the shadows. You coax us into new life and beauty and compassion; and yet we find excuses to stay stagnant and miserable. Gather us in, God, like a mother hen gathering stubborn chicks. Turn our hearts towards willingness for healing and wholeness. Enfold us in love so that we can finally release our grasp on the lifeless and follow you, the Light of the World.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

After a hymn of adoration and praise, we make confession, acknowledging the reality of sin in our personal and common life. In the assurance of pardon, the gospel is proclaimed and forgiveness declared in the name of Jesus Christ.

-Adapted from PCUSA Directory of Worship

* Please stand if able.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the Assurance of Pardon we are reminded once again that God's grace sets us free from guilt and fear. As Walter Brueggemann says, "you can keep singing. You can keep hoping. And because you sing and hope, you can act in freedom, unburdened, uncoerced, unafraid, and without cynicism. The song goes on. It is a subversive, revolutionary song. And we get to sign on to sing and to live it... unafraid!"

*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

Taize

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.

OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Harmon

*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.*

*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.

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.

FIRST READING

Psalm 27:1-6
pg 864 OT

Albert McCaffrey

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

ALL: When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

One: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

ALL: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

One: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

ALL: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

ANTHEM

Do Not Be Afraid
Chancel Choir

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Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

SECOND READING

Luke 13:31-35
pg 1621 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Hope and Fear in the Here and Now

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.

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 213

RATHBUN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 599

Amen

DRESDEN AMEN

POSTLUDE

Italian Hymn

arr. Travis

Amy Bishop, Organist



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!



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.

:: The God We Can Know (Combined SS Class)

By Rob Fuquay - Social Hall

:: 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 ginnycnors1@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

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

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

**THE WILD HEART OF GEORGIA:
 AN INTRO TO OKEFENOKEE**

Come join us for an educational moment with
 Onehundredmiles to learn more about the
 Okefenokee Swamp and it's important role in our ecosystem.

BRIDGE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 | 5PM | UPPER ROOM
 MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

GUEST SPEAKER:
 STEPHANIE CHEWNING

A DAY TRIP TO OKEFENOKEE 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 13 - 18

Sunday, March 13

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 2:45 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite
- 4:30 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - at Marsh's Edge

Monday, March 14

- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, March 15

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Ladies Bridge Group** - Library
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

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

Friday, March 18

- 10:00 am **Special Speaker: Ron Hall** - Sanctuary
- 11:00 am **Transition Prayer Time** - Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Morrison, by Hal and Suzanne Morrison.

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 16, at 6 PM. Dinner will include Pasta Bake, Salad, Rolls, and 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 are adapted from Call to Worship.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Hope

“**H**OPE IS BEING ABLE TO SEE THAT THERE IS LIGHT

DESPITE ALL OF THE DARKNESS.

-Desmond Tutu

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