

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Extravagant Love
Janice VanCronkhite

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021 | 10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service



Masks are required for all adults and strongly encouraged for children over the age of two. Disposable masks are available at welcome table.



Please maintain at least 6 feet from others not in your party while sitting and standing.



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code below or by visiting sspres.org



The Call to Worship is a reminder that, while worship is something we do, we do it as a response to what God has already done. God calls us to worship. We respond to God's call with praise, confession, gratitude, and wonder.

* Please stand if able.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

The Prayer
String Quartet

Sager & Foster

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to outdoor worship with St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. Please be sure to wear your mask throughout our worship time as well as silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the anthem, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for KidZ Worship. Unfortunately, at this time, an on-site nursery is not available.

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. M. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alan Dyer

One: Lord Christ, open our eyes

ALL: to see clearly the light of the world.

One: Holy Spirit, illumine our minds

ALL: to perceive God's glory shining among us.

One: Almighty God, prepare our hearts

ALL: to see, to trust, to worship the Messiah.

*HYMN (*found on page 4*)

ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Wonder-working God, forgive us when preconceived notions cloud our vision and blind us to Your activity in our lives. We watch for signs of Your glory in the successful and strong, in pious acts and answered prayers, in favorable outcomes and dreams fulfilled. But You make Yourself known in unexpected ways: in shepherd boys lifted to the throne and outcasts returned to the community; in death-haunted valleys transformed by your presence, and ordinary pools made extraordinary by Your grace, through water and mud, and a

table prepared with sacrificial love. We long for a salve that relieves our stubborn focus on inconsequential questions, and for water that heals our blindness to revelations of Your love. Open our eyes, illumine our minds, and prepare our hearts to receive Your grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah

Cohen, arr. Brydern

Esther Hollingsworth, Jason Cherne, Violins;
Kylie Dallas, Viola; Matthew Pendarvis, Cello

*Following the Anthem, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave with
Ms. Frieda for KidZ Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.
-PCUSA Directory for Worship

Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Ancestry DNA: “David and Brothers”

*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.

*OFFERTORY

*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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All You Need is Love
String Quartet

Lennon

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ways to Give. You can give your tithes and offerings 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 left 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).

Although the Declaration of Faith was never accorded confessional status, it serves as a contemporary statement of faith. It’s use of “we” terminology to communicate the shared aspect of Christian faith that we are all a part of.

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

(start date TBD)

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.

COVID Relief Fund

Direct assistance grants available to any resident of Glynn County financially impacted by the pandemic.

Annie F. Arvin at annie@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.

Annie Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

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

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

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

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

Location varies week-to-week.

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 9:00 AM via Zoom

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 (Traditional)

Come & See (Discussion)

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM via Zoom

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

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 2PM on the Veranda at SSPRES (outdoors)

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, Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Choirs for all ages, 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



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. We would love to get to know you better.



Safety. For the safety of all during this pandemic, we require that all adults wear masks throughout worship and strongly encourage masks for all children over the age of two. Please refrain from hugs, handshakes, or physical touch with other non-family members in attendance at today's worship. Extras masks and hand sanitizer are available for your use at the welcome station tables.



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.



Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

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HOLY WEEK 2021

PALM SUNDAY
 8:30 AM INDOOR/LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
 10:30 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY
 6:00 PM SERVICE ON DELEGAL LAWN

GOOD FRIDAY
 ALL DAY SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER

EASTER SUNDAY
 8:30 AM INDOOR/LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
 10:30 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP
 11:45 AM EASTER EGG ROLL

Sunday, March 14

- 8:30 am **Live Stream Worship** - Online
- 9:00 am **Combined Sunday School** - Zoom
- 9:00 am **Britt Class** - Online
- 10:30 am **Outdoor Worship** - Ashantilly Lawn at SSPRES
- 4:30 am **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Location Varies

Monday, March 15

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Location Varies
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Zoom

Tuesday, March 16

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Zoom
- 5:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Zoom

Wednesday, March 17

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 1:30pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Book Study: Waking Up White** - Zoom
- 6:00pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

Thursday, March 18

No activities Scheduled for This Day

Friday, March 19

No activities Scheduled for This Day

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

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's worship are given to the Glory of God from Mary Margaret, Jack, Mary Ellis, and John in honor of Jeff Shiver for his Birthday.

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."

Season of Service

WORKING ON A HABITAT BUILD SITE
 2804 Reynolds Street
 Ages 15+ | limited to 12 People
NEXT WEEKEND!
 March 20, 2021 | 8:30-1PM
 SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

ZOOM

Cook Along

WITH NAT SCOTT & FRED GRIFFITH
 Dressings, Glazes, Sauces & Compotes
March 23 | 4-6PM

Join us as we prepare supper together on Zoom. Simply watch for fun or join us in preparing a delicious meal!

GROCERY LIST & MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT WITH LYDIA THOMPSON

BIRD RAMBLING ON JEKYLL ISLAND



THURSDAY, MARCH 25
 9-12PM • MEET AT JEKYLL

For bird lovers or anyone who would like to learn more about our regional birds.

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

Easter Flowers

Easter Hydrangeas are now available for purchase at \$20 each.

Please fill out the dedication form online by clicking the link below. Payments may be made on our website or in the church office M-F from 9-4PM.

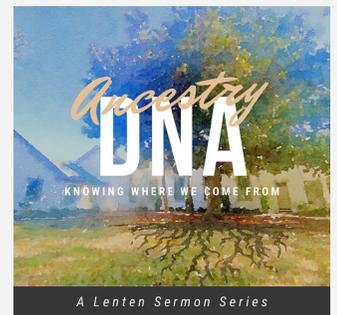
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To Ponder Prayerfully
Our DNA

“**W**E CARRY THE LIVED AND THE UNLIVED (AND UNHEALED) LIVES OF OUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS AS FAR BACK AS DNA AND GENOMES CAN TRACE THEM—WHICH IS PRETTY FAR BACK. IT DOES TAKE A VILLAGE TO CREATE A PERSON. WE ARE THE VERY FIRST GENERATION TO KNOW THAT THIS IS LITERALLY AND GENETICALLY TRUE. THERE IS DEEP HEALING AND UNDERSTANDING WHEN WE HONOR THE FULL CYCLE OF LIFE. LIVING IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS MEANS THAT WE CAN TAKE OURSELVES VERY SERIOUSLY (WE ARE PART OF A GREAT WHOLE) AND NOT TAKE OURSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY AT ALL (WE ARE JUST A PART OF THE GREAT WHOLE) AT THE VERY SAME TIME. I HOPE THIS FREES US FROM ANY UNNECESSARY INDIVIDUAL GUILT—AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FREES US TO BE FULL “PARTNERS IN GOD’S TRIUMPHANT PARADE” THROUGH TIME AND HISTORY (2 CORINTHIANS 2:14).

-Richard Rohr

Our Lenten sermon series is titled, “Ancestry DNA: Knowing Where We Come From.” Each week, we are spending time tracing the DNA of our faith through the stories of some of the best (and least) known characters in the scriptures. At times, the people we meet and lessons we learn while climbing through that family tree may surprise us. But in exploring our biblical and theological ancestry we will also be inspired as we (re)discover once more “who” and “whose” we are.



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