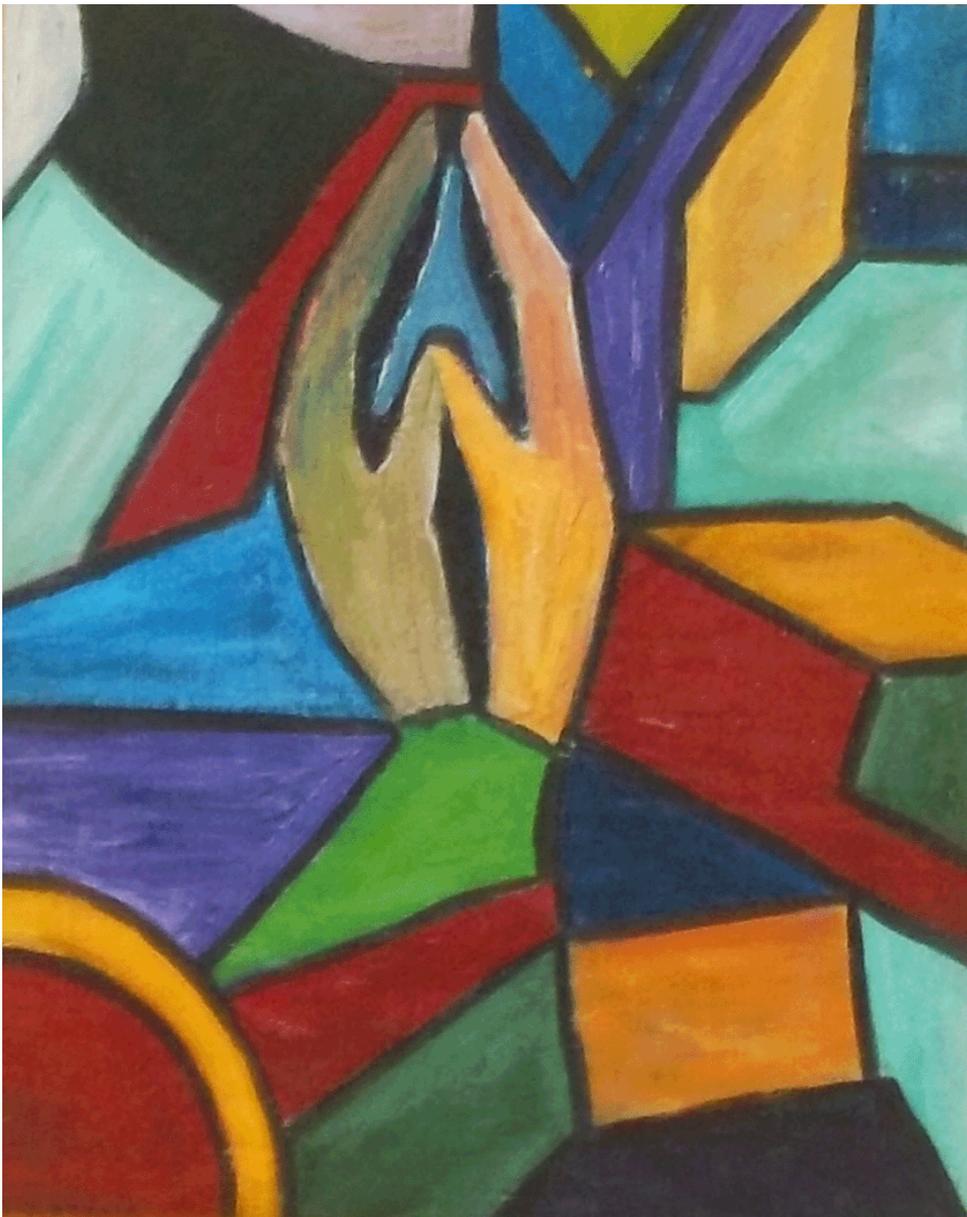


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Praying Hands"

Bob Arnold

5th Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

Greeter

D.A. Martin

Ushers

Sandi Goeldner

Ben Bryson

Ron Shafer

Bunnie Lynn

Acolyte

Clay Sproule

INTROIT

Scottish Traditional/
Setting by Greg Hollis

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (The Rowan Tree)

Chancel Choir

Dedicated in honor of our former organist Greg Hollis.

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bob Brearley

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the pew. As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the sanctuary entrances.

PRELUDE

Sleeth

Feed My Lambs

Seraphim Choir (K-2nd graders)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

D. A. Martin

One: God calls us away from the tumult of the world, that we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting.

ALL: In God's presence we see our lives more clearly; the broken pieces are put back together.

One: God calls us out of loneliness into a life of community.

ALL: Worshipping together, caring about one another, we find out what it means to be truly human.

One: But God will send us back into the world's confusion, its brokenness and isolation.

ALL: We will go with serenity and joy, strengthened to be God's servants, the bearers of peace.

One: We have come into this sanctuary to worship God and to trust that God's grace is sufficient for the living of this day.

*OPENING HYMN 816

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

"God brings all things into being by the Word. God offers the Word of grace, and people respond to that divine initiative through the language of worship. They call God by name, invoke God's presence, beseech God in prayer, and stand before God in silence and contemplations."
-PCUSA Directory For Worship

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and Spirit, fill us with the gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, that we may be your people in the world and live in confidence and joy. We offer you our brokenness and our sins.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

H.W. GREATORIX

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

MINUTES FOR MISSION

The Gideons International
Day of Service

Rich Angerer
Anna Henry

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (442)

WOODWORTH

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

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.

In our prayers we praise our God as the Creator of all that is, and we offer thanksgivings for the blessings of life that sustain us in the journey. And sometimes we confess that we have disappointed God and ourselves by living the selfish life. Confession is difficult, but it is good for the soul. It is an act of honesty that deepens our awareness of our brokenness, and it creates space for God to renew us and transform us.

OFFERTORY

arr. Zabel

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Amy Bishop, Organist

*DOXOLOGY

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.*

After we receive our offerings, we take a moment to dedicate them to God's work in our community and in the world. This ritual of setting apart concludes the offering by reminding us that we give not just to an organization but to a faith community called to make God's love visible.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children please come forward at the pastor's invitation.
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

D. A. Martin

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Page 1227 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

C. Mueller

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 12:20-33

Page 1671 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

"Lessons from a Troubled Heart"

*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 366

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*BENEDICTION

Go out into the world in peace...rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CHORAL RESPONSE (568)

AMEN (HAUGEN)

Amen

POSTLUDE

arr. Nelson

Trumpet Flourish
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 worshipping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please indicate that on the Friendship Register as it is passed down your pew at the beginning of worship so that we can be in touch with you soon.

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.

If You Are in Need of Prayer. You may fill out a prayer request card (available in the pews) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

To Aid in Worship. A "Rocking Room" with live video of the service is available in the chapel located outside of the front right doors of the sanctuary. Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals and Bibles may be obtained from the ushers.

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

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Holy Week

Calendar of
Worship & Events
March 29 - April 1

*Lunch following: \$3 donation

Palm
Sunday

Palm Sunday | March 25
Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Procession of the Palm Branches

Day of
Authority

Monday | March 26
Community Worship: St. Simons United Methodist Church - 12 pm*
Rev. Tony Lankford, First Baptist Church, St. Simons
(Arrive by 11:30 for a Concert Prelude by the Glynn Academy Choir)

Day of
Conflict

Tuesday | March 27
Community Worship: St. Simons First Baptist Church - 12 pm*
Rev. Alexander Brown, Golden Isles Presbyterian Church

Day of
Withdrawal

Wednesday | March 28
Community Worship: Wesley UMC at Frederica - 12 pm*
Rev. Tom Purdy, Christ Church Episcopal

Day of
Intimacy

Maundy Thursday | March 29
Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion at Table: Social Hall - 6 pm
Prayer Journey: 7-8 pm Stations in Memorial Garden, Sanctuary & Chapel

Day of
Sacrifice

Good Friday | March 30
Good Friday Luncheon: Social Hall - 11:30 am
Good Friday Vigil: 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Worshippers are welcome to leave at 1 pm or stay.

Easter
Eve

Saturday | March 31
Individual Fasting and Prayer

Easter
Sunday

Easter Sunday | April 1
Easter Sunrise Service: Village Pier - 6:30 am
Rev. Bob Brearley, St. Simons Presbyterian Church
Easter Worship: "Flowering of the Cross" - 8:30 & 11 am (No Sunday School)
Easter Luncheon: Social Hall - 12:15 pm
Easter Egg Hunt on the Church Lawn - 1 pm

Day of Service

Saturday, March 24

Throughout Community

All Ages & Abilities

8:30 AM - 1 PM

Register Online!

Nursery Available.



Palm Sunday

All children are invited to carry palms next Sunday at 11 am worship! Meet in front of church outside at 10:50 am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 29



6 PM | Social Hall
Meal & Communion
RSVP Online!

7 PM | Prayer Journey
Stations in Memorial Garden,
Sanctuary & Chapel

Easter Sunday

April 1st

Worship 8:30 & 11 AM

“Flowering of the Cross”

Please bring flowers from your garden.

Easter Luncheon 12 PM

Please bring two dishes to share.

Easter Egg Hunt 1 PM

Please bring Easter baskets for the hunt.



This Week | March 18 - 24

Today, Mar 18

8:30 am
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
12:15 pm
12:15 pm
3:30 pm
5:00 pm
6:00 pm

Chapel Service - Sanctuary
Coffee Hour & Breakfast - Social Hall
Sunday School - Various Locations
Traditional Service - Sanctuary
Membership Ministry Team Meeting - Upper Room
CE Team Meeting - Children's Hall
Magnolia Manor Worship - Magnolia Manor
Youth Ensemble - Music Attic
Youth Fellowship - Youth Suite

Monday, Mar 19

10:00 am
12:00 pm
5:30 pm

Chancel Ensemble - Sanctuary
Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room
Diaconate Meeting - Upper Room

Tuesday, Mar 20

7:00 am
2:00 pm
5:30 pm

Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-a
Coffee & Conversation - Marsh's Edge
Session Meeting - Upper Room

Wednesday, Mar 21

4:00 pm
4:30 pm
5:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

KidZ Crew & Choir - Playground Veranda
Lenten Book Study - Parlor
Confirmation Class - Chapel
WOW Supper - Social Hall
Chancel Ringers - Bell Room
Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, Mar 22

7:15 am
10:00 am
5:30 pm

Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room
Ladies Bible Study - Upper Room
'Traveling Light' Book Study - John Law Room

Friday, Mar 23

10:00 am

Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

Saturday, Mar 24

8:30 am

Day of Service - Meet in Social Hall

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mimi & Sam Franklin and to celebrate the marriage of Alyssa Lee & Wilson Elias, which takes place today, given by the Elias family.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to Charlotte McChesney and family upon the death of her husband, George McChesney, who entered into rest on March 12.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to purchase Easter flowers, please fill out the envelope found in your pew and place in the offertory plate. This year, our Easter flowers will be hydrangeas and the price for each is \$20.

Lenten Banners: Our cut-work images represent mind, body, heart, and soul. In the mind quadrant, a gear pattern fills the space. It represents the continual processing of our thoughts. A pattern of various breads completes the body quadrant. The bread motif speaks to our Communion ritual wherein the body of Christ is illustrated by bread. Our continual reflective journey is represented by diverse animal tracks inside the heart in the lower part of the banners. Lastly, the soul permeates all other quadrants by appearing in the corners, just as God's light within us glows in all aspects of our lives. —artist Hannah Garrity

WOW Supper Menu (March 21) // RSVP Online!

Chicken tetrazzini, salad, rolls, dessert

KidZ-Friendly Menu: Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, oranges

To Ponder Prayerfully

Have Mercy On Us

“**O** GOD OF THE BRUISED, WE PRAY FOR HEALING. COMFORT THOSE WHO CRY IN DARK CORNERS: THE LONELY, THE STRANGERS, THE WEARY, THE FEARFUL, THE DISAPPOINTED, THE ANXIOUS, THE DEPRESSED, THE FORSAKEN, THE DISPIRITED, THE GRIEVING, AND THOSE WHO LIE IN SICKNESS AND IN PAIN. **O** GOD WHO WEPT OVER JERUSALEM, OPEN OUR EYES TO THOSE AROUND US WHO SCREAM IN SILENCE THE DEPTH OF THEIR DESPAIR. **O** GOD OF COMPASSION, HEAL OUR HARD HEARTS TO TENDERNESS.”

— Ann Weems

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