

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A. Abbas  
South Africa, Cape Town, 1999.

5th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Fred Griffith

**Ushers**

Bethany Leggett

Sandi Goeldner

Mike Kellar

Nardis Kellar

**Acolyte**

Kimbrough Chambliss

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (726)

KELVINGROVE

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Chancel Choir

## 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. 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

arr. Larson

*One Bread, One Body*

Amy Bishop, Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred Griffith

One: Sing to our God a new song.

**ALL: God has done marvelous things!**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**ALL: Break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.**

One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**ALL: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

## \*OPENING HYMN 475

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Today's Call to Worship comes from Psalm 98, which we will read later in the service. 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.

\* Please stand if able.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

Almighty God, we have been beat up and broken by the world at times. We have been rejected and forgotten. We have been pushed down and moved to the margins. Bring us in. Bind up our wounds. Lift us up. May we know Your love and embrace. Forgive us when we have been the ones causing the hurt and pain for others, when we have forgotten and rejected our neighbors, when we have been the ones to marginalize and oppress. Hear us as we pray for Your love, justice, and peace to prevail.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

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 (776)

TALLIS' ORDINAL

*O God, Be Gracious*

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.

OFFERTORY

Reeves, Redman, Maher, Wanstall;  
arr. Mauldin

*Here for You*

Chancel Choir; Amy Bishop, Piano; David Stewart, Drums

True repentance is not a cause of grace, for grace is already and always at work. In announcing God's mercy, the call to confession invites us to confess the brokenness of our lives.

Scripture tells us that we are able to love ourselves and to love others, because we have first been loved by God. So, too, we give of ourselves and our resources out of gratitude to God for what God has already graciously given to us. We give because God has first given to us.

## \*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.*

## \*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

Fred Griffith

### Psalm 98

*Page 935 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

### Acts 10:44-48

*Page 1710 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

## \*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.

# WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The practice of receiving communion by intinction is an ancient one. When taking Communion by intinction, the body of the Church acts together, moving as a community towards the Table. Worshipers are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, and intinct or dip it in the cup, place it in their mouth, and return to their seats. Gluten free bread is available for those with gluten allergies. Additionally, an elder is available to bring communion to you where you are seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 503

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 726

KELVINGROVE

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

## \*BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE (80)

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*You Shall Go Out With Joy*

## POSTLUDE

Wagner

*Fanfare*

Amy Bishop, Organist

The liturgy for the Lord's Supper celebrates what God has done in the past, God's activity in the present, and what God promises to do in the future. At the table we remember God's redeeming work in the history of Israel and in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We also celebrate Christ's spiritual presence and communion with us today in bread and cup. And finally the Lord's Supper points to that messianic banquet in which all creation will sit at table with Christ and sing praises to God.

**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 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.

**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.

**Sermons Online.** To hear sermons online, visit [www.sspres.org/sermons](http://www.sspres.org/sermons).

**Sign up for our eNewsletter.** Stay informed by subscribing to our weekly eNewsletter. Sign up on our friendship register or visit [www.sspres.org/newsletters](http://www.sspres.org/newsletters).

# Summer at St. Simons Presbyterian!

**JUNE 3-8** // *SIGN UP ONLINE!*

**CROSS Youth Mission Trip: Charlotte, NC** | *Contact Meg Johnson*

**JUNE 12-14** // *SIGN UP ONLINE!*

**Vacation Bible School** | 3 year olds - 5th graders | *Contact Frieda Warner*

**JUNE 18-23** // *SIGN UP ONLINE!*

**Savannah Presbytery Camp** | Rising 1st - graduated seniors | *Contact Frieda*

**JUNE 17-23**

**Worship & Music at Montreat** | Adults | *Contact Rhonda Hambright*

**JULY 9-13**

**Worship & Art Camp** | Rising 1st - 6th graders | *Contact Frieda Warner*

**JULY 9-12** *(date subject to change)*

**Sapelo Island Trip** | High Schoolers - Adults | *Contact Nat Scott*

**JULY 23-26**

**KidZ Care Camp** | Rising 4th - Rising 6th | *Contact Frieda Warner*

**JULY 11, 18, 25**

**Wednesday Family Fun Nights** | *Contact Nat Scott*

Summer sign-ups online!  
www.sspres.org

# Manna House

## May 7

Mondays  
1st

9:00 am - Cook  
11:00 am - Serve  
1:00 pm - Clean



# WELCOME

## New Members Sunday, May 13

If you are interested in joining our congregation, we would love to recognize you during either service next Sunday!

Bob - bob@sspres.org  
Alan - alan@sspres.org

## Celebrate Bob & Mary Ann!

## The Brearleys' Retirement Luncheon

Sunday, May 20 | 12-2 pm

**NO RSVP REQUIRED!**

We are collecting a love offering for the Brearleys. Please make contributions to church office or place in offering plate.



## Calling All Graduates!

On May 20, we will be recognizing our graduates in worship!  
*(high school, undergraduate, and post graduate)*

PLEASE LET US KNOW BY  
calling the church office or visiting online.  
www.sspres.org

## This Week | May 6 - 12

### Today, May 6

8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary  
9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall  
9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations  
11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary  
6:00 pm **Youth End of the Year Party** - Marina

### Monday, May 7

9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G. Street Brunswick  
10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary  
12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Tuesday, May 8

7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a  
10:00 am **One-derful Morning Glories** - Upper Room  
12:00 pm **Lunch Bunch Circle**-Binkney Home (630 Beachview Dr)  
2:00 pm **Circle of Esther** - Miles Home (229 Abbott Ln)

### Wednesday, May 9

4:00 pm **KidZ Crew: Pizza on the Porch** - Veranda  
6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room  
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 10

7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room  
10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room  
1:00 pm **Grief Support Group** - John Law Room  
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Friday, May 11

10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office

### Saturday, May 12

2:00 pm **Memorial Service for Natalie Crane** - Sanctuary

**Communion Greenery:** The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Gee Gee Adams.

**Christian Celebration:** We share in celebration with Ada & Graham Owens as they welcome their third son, Asa Graham Owens, into the world. He was born on April 29 and is welcomed by his two big brothers, Arthur & Ansel.

**Mother's Day Cards:** The Global Mission Mother's Day Cards are available in the Back Hallway. This year's proceeds will go to help the Crisis Nursery in Malawi, Africa. The suggested donation for each card is \$10.00. Thank you for your support of our Global Missions!

**Mother's Day Offering:** Next Sunday, we will be collecting a special offering that will go to the *Caring Hands Fund* of the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Please consider joining in this Mother's day tradition of support & make a life-changing difference in the lives of mothers & others who need your help.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Befriending Interruption

“**T**HAT’S WHAT THE INTERRUPTIONS CAN DO FOR US IF WE LET THEM. THEY ARE LIFE’S LITTLE INSTRUCTIONS, GUIDING US SOMETIMES BY GESTURES OF AFFECTION AND AT OTHER TIMES, A FIRM YANK IN A NEW DIRECTION. THEY ARE WARNING, THEY ARE INVITATION, ARRIVING DAILY, REMINDING US WE ARE MORE LOVED THAN WE KNOW, MORE READY TO GIVE OURSELVES AWAY FOR WHAT REALLY MATTERS. THERE IS LIFE IN OUR LIFE EVEN YET. EVEN YET WE CAN BECOME WHO WE ARE.”

— Kayla McClurg

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