

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Shepherd"

Jean François Millet, 1872

4th Sunday of Easter

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Greeter

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Carol Snyder

11:00 am

Ellen Fleming

Ushers

8:45 am

Riddick Ackerman

Harry Moffett

Sean Hidalgo

11:00 am

Ada Owens

Ron Shafer

Coco Bujold

Karen Summers

Acolyte

Mackenzie Bishop

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. 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.

† INTROIT (412)

ARNSBERG

God, Reveal Your Presence

Chancel Choir

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bob Brearley

Please sign and pass the friendship register.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

PRELUDE

G. Young

Trumpet in C

Amy Bishop, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alex Snyder •
Ellen Fleming †

One: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my own and my own know me.

ALL: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.

One: O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

ALL: For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

One: We lift our voices in songs of praise to the God we know in Jesus Christ.

Our Opening Hymn is a familiar tune to us (Infant Holy), but has new words by Mary Louise Bringle that describe the many ways that God calls us to service.

* Please stand if able.

• 8:45 Service Only

† 11:00 Service Only

*OPENING HYMN 410

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

God Is Calling through the Whisper

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

God of all grace and all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. You are still the God who seeks and saves the lost. We confess that we have lost our way in the world. We have wandered from the pathways of justice and kindness, and we need to be rescued from our bad choices and our selfish impulses. Feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us in the way you would have us go. Grant us your tender mercy that we may have confidence to live as the forgiven and joyful people of God. We confess all that has caused us to stray from one another and from our God.

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.

Confession of sin is sometimes misunderstood by those who come to worship. It is not self-hatred or human pessimism that prompts us to confess sins. It is an act of honesty that acknowledges the presence of a God who is merciful and can renew our lives with forgiveness of our sins. The Old Testament word for "confess" is also translated "praise." To confess our selfishness is to claim the God who is worthy of our praise and who gives us new chances to live the generous life for others. Our sins do not defeat our God. We do live in the grace-filled land of beginning again in Jesus Christ.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

† PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (473)

SHEPHERD ME

Shepherd Me, O God

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

• "Evan"

G. Young

Amy Bishop, Organ

D. Story

† *The Feast of Christ*
Chancel Choir

*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

†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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Alex Snyder •
Ellen Fleming †

Psalm 23

Page 862 OT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 10:1-18

Page 1666 NT, Pew Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Voice"

Rev. Bob Brearley

*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.

The Bible is not really one book, but rather it is a library of 66 books, that is, 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament that testify to the mighty acts of God in creation and history. We do not worship the Bible. We give thanks for the Bible's witness to the faithfulness of God throughout all of history and eternity. The final revelation of God came to us as a human being in Jesus of Nazareth, and the Bible enables us to continue to see his compassion and to hear his voice that we may be faithful to God in how we live.

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 523

BICENTENNIAL

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 803

RESIGNATION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE (765)

ARGENTINA

May the God of Hope Go with Us

POSTLUDE

G. Young

Hymn to Joy
Amy Bishop, Organ

The Church in the New Testament devoted itself to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to prayers, and to the common meal. The apostle Paul delivered to the Church the tradition he had received from the risen Lord, who commanded that his followers share the bread and cup as a remembrance of his death until he comes. The New Testament describes the meal as a participation in Christ and with one another in the expectation of the Kingdom and as a foretaste of the messianic banquet.

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.

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.sspress.org/sermons.

Summer at St Simons Presbyterian!

MAY 21

Church Family Beach Picnic at the Binkney Home | *Contact Nat Scott*

JUNE 5-8

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

JUNE 5-9 *(Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 10)*

Worship & Art Camp I | Rising 1st - 6th graders | *Register Online!*

JUNE 13-15

Vacation Bible School | 3 year olds - 5th graders | *Register Online!*

JUNE 19-23 *(Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 10)*

Savannah Presbytery Camp | Rising 1st - graduated seniors | *Register Online!*

JUNE 18-24

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

JUNE 25 - JULY 1

Worship & Music II at Montreat | Children & Youth | *Contact Rhonda Hambright*

JULY 5, 12, 19, 26

Wednesday Family Fun Nights | *Contact Nat Scott*

JULY 10-14 *(Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 10)*

Worship & Art Camp II | Rising 1st - 6th graders | *Register Online!*

JULY 12-19

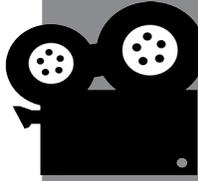
Montaña de Luz Honduras Mission Trip | *Contact Nat Scott*

JULY 23-28

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

Today is the last day to purchase
Mother's Day Cards!

For sale in Back Hallway!



KidZ Movie
Night!

All Ages Invited!

Tomorrow, May 8th

4-6:30 PM | Children's Hall
Movie: The Secret Garden (G)

Presbyterian College
RINGERS

Tues. May 9th | 7:30pm

We need volunteers
to host ensemble
members overnight!



Contact Suzanne Morrison
MorrisonConsult@bellsouth.net

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



Cooking Class
with Nat!

Saturday, May 20

3 P M - 7 P M

\$ 25 / person

Menu Online!

Space is limited to first
20 people! Payment is
registration and must be made
in person to church office.

This Week | May 7 - 13

Today, May 7

8:45 am

Early Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 am

Breakfast - Social Hall

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Worship - Sanctuary

12:15 pm

CE Ministry Team Meeting - Children's Hall

12:15 pm

Worship & Music Team Meeting - Britt Room

6:00 pm

Youth Party - Johnson Home

Monday, May 8

12:00 pm

Men's Noon Day Bible Study - Britt Room

4:00 pm

KidZ Book Club (Movie Night) - Children's Hall

7:15 pm

Ladies of the Night Circle - Upper Room

8:00 pm

Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

8:00 pm

AA Meeting - Britt Room

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 am

Youth Breakfast Devotional - SSI Chick-fil-a

10:00 am

Morning Glory/One-derful Circle - Upper Room

12:00 pm

Lunch Bunch Circle - Alex Binkney's Home

2:00 pm

Circle of Esther - JoAnn Bobb's Home

7:30 pm

Presbyterian College Ringers Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 10

6:00 pm

Chancel Ringers - Bell Room

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 11

7:15 am

Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room

1:00 pm

Grief Support Group - John Law Room

4:00 pm

Free Flow Yoga - Youth Suite

8:00 pm

Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

8:00 pm

AA Meeting - Britt Room

Friday, May 12

10:00 am

Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

Sunday School Classes

Children - Children's Hall
Preschool & Elementary

Adult

Britt Class - Upper Room

Come & See - Social Hall

Youth - Youth Suite

Rejoice - Chapel

Senior High & Mid High

Trinity - Parlor

Chancel Greenery: The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Caroline Plyler.

Grief Support Group: Offered by Hospice of the Golden Isles, a grief support group is held in the John Law Room at 1 PM on the 2nd Thursday of every month. This group is open for all who would like to attend.

To Ponder Prayerfully

The Voice to Listen To

“**T**HE ROOT CHOICE IS TO TRUST AT ALL TIMES THAT GOD IS WITH YOU AND WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU MOST NEED. YOUR SELF-REJECTING EMOTIONS MIGHT SAY, ‘IT ISN’T GOING TO WORK. I’M STILL SUFFERING THE SAME ANGUISH I DID SIX MONTHS AGO. I WILL PROBABLY FALL BACK INTO THE OLD DEPRESSIVE PATTERNS OF ACTING AND REACTING. I HAVEN’T REALLY CHANGED.’ IT IS HARD NOT TO LISTEN TO THESE VOICES. STILL, YOU KNOW THAT THESE ARE NOT GOD’S VOICE. GOD SAYS TO YOU, ‘I LOVE YOU, I AM WITH YOU, I WANT TO SEE YOU COME CLOSER TO ME AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY AND PEACE OF MY PRESENCE. I WANT TO GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT. I WANT YOU TO SPEAK WITH MY MOUTH, SEE WITH MY EYES, HEAR WITH MY EARS, TOUCH WITH MY HANDS. ALL THAT IS MINE IS YOURS. JUST TRUST ME AND LET ME BE YOUR GOD.’ THIS IS THE VOICE TO LISTEN TO.”

— Henri Nouwen in *The Inner Voice of Love*

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