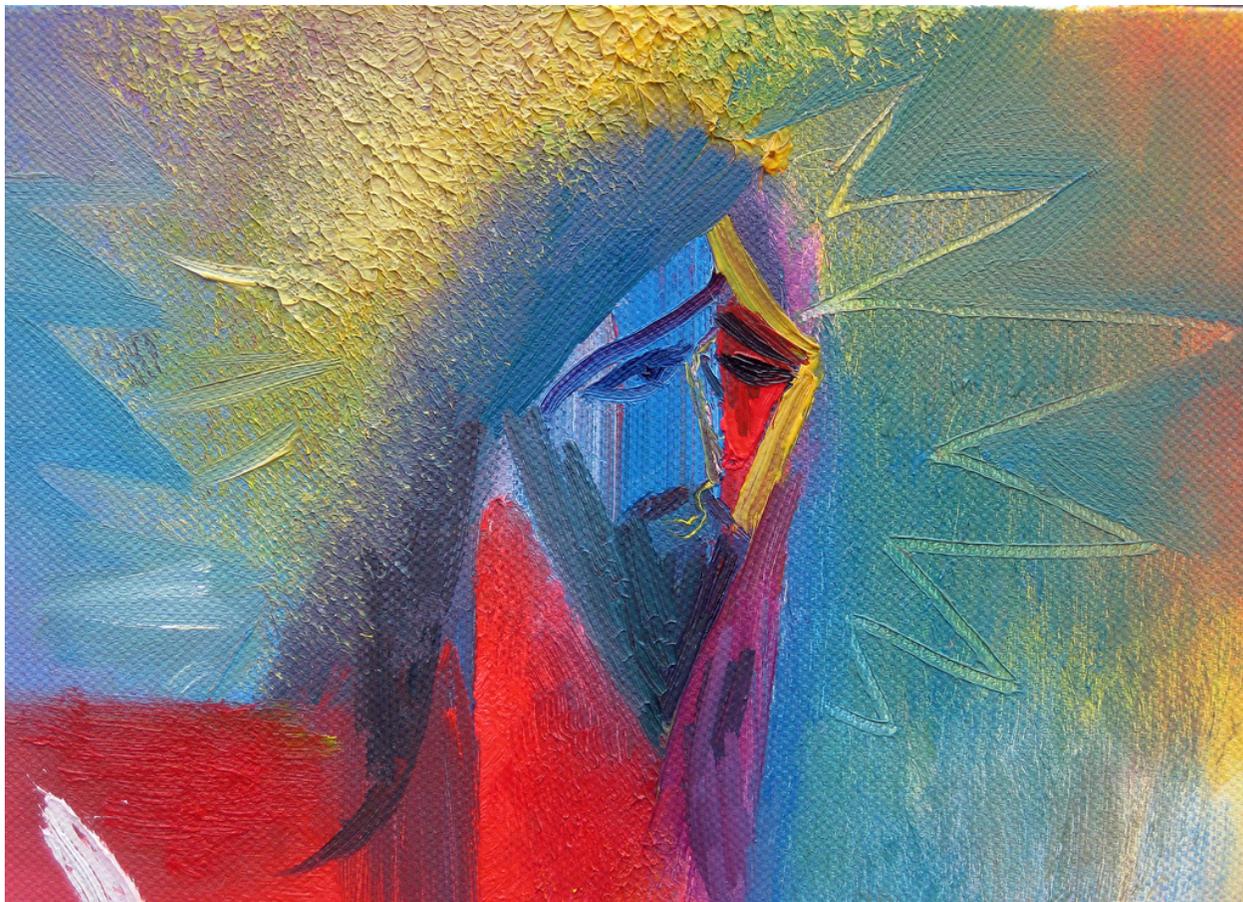


# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“The Glory of Christ”*

Stephen B. Whatley

7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Bob Killian

**Ushers**

Barbara Powers

Anna Henry

Ron Shafer

Harry Moffett

**Acolyte**

Brayden Neill

# 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. 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

D. Lanky

*Trumpet Tune*

Amy Bishop, Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Killian

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

One: We have come into this place to worship God.

## \*OPENING HYMN 744

FESTAL SONG

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we gather as thankful people to worship the God we know in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Today we are especially thankful for our mothers who birthed us into this world and have nurtured us in life and faith. We pray that this day might be a time of affirmation for all their labors and all their love. God bless them all.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word, and help us to be honest. God of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. Forgive us, we pray, even for the sin we cannot see, or find it painful to confess. God of love, teach us to affirm what is good in our lives and to put behind us what is unworthy, that by your grace we may live in confidence and joy, in the manner of Jesus Christ. We bring our burdens to you, O Lord.

*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.

When our Book of Order lists the elements of Christian worship, it begins with these words: "Prayer is at the heart of worship. In prayer, through the Holy Spirit, people seek after and are found by the one true God who has been revealed in Jesus Christ. They listen and wait upon God, call God by name, remember God's gracious acts, and offer themselves to God. . . . Prayer issues in commitment to join God's work in the world."

OFFERTORY

arr. Ashdown

*Morning Has Broken*  
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.*

\*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

Bob Killian

**Psalm 1**  
*Page 843 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Lebanon; arr. Dietterich

*Followers of the Lamb*  
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**John 17:6-19**  
*Page 1680 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

*"The Praying Jesus"*

The preached Word or sermon is to be based upon the written Word. It is a proclamation of Scripture in the conviction that through the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ is present to the gathered people offering grace and calling for obedience. -PCUSA Directory for Worship

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

The response to the proclamation of the Word is expressed in an affirmation of faith and commitment. A common affirmation may be offered by the congregation through singing a hymn or other appropriate musical response, or through saying or singing a creed of the church.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Words found on the back of your bulletin as this week's *Ponder Prayerfully*.

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (80)

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*You Shall Go Out With Joy*

POSTLUDE

Mouret

*Rondeau*

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 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](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*

\*If you would like to be a volunteer for VBS, please sign up online!

**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** // *SIGN UP ONLINE!*

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

**JULY 9-12** // *SIGN UP ONLINE!*

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

**JULY 23-26** // *SIGN UP ONLINE!*

**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](http://www.sspres.org)



## PENTECOST NEXT SUNDAY

**Guest Preacher:**  
Rev. John McCall

*Don't forget to wear your  
red or flame colored clothes!*

## Celebrate Bob & Mary Ann!

### The Brearleys' Retirement Luncheon

Next Sunday, May 20 | 12-2 pm

**NO RSVP REQUIRED!**

*Please bring a covered side dish.*

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



## Calling All Graduates!

Next Sunday, 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](http://www.sspres.org)

## free flow yoga

with Pat Heran

4 PM • Thursdays

Youth Suite

All ages & skill levels invited!



## This Week | May 13 - 19

### Today, May 13

- 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
- 5:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Service** - Marsh's Edge

### Monday, May 14

- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Tuesday, May 15

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a
- 2:00 pm **Coffee with the Pastors** - Marsh's Edge
- 5:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

### Wednesday, May 16

- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 17

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Free Flow Yoga** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Friday, May 18

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

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers this morning are provided by Ed and Dee Davis and are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Liles Davis and Bernice Bentley Dye.

**Chancel Roses:** The roses in the Chancel this morning celebrate the birth of Asa Graham Owens to Ada & Graham Owens and the birth of Elaina Grace Brantley born to Christina & Sam Brantley and the great granddaughter of Helen Alexander.

**Mother's Day Offering:** Today, we are 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. You will find envelopes in each pew rack.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Let There Be Peace On Earth

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME;  
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, THE PEACE THAT WAS MEANT TO BE.  
WITH GOD AS OUR FATHER, CHILDREN ALL ARE WE.  
LET US WALK WITH EACH OTHER IN PERFECT HARMONY.  
LET PEACE BEGIN WITH ME, LET THIS BE THE MOMENT NOW.  
WITH EVERY STEP I TAKE, LET THIS BE MY SOLEMN VOW;  
TO TAKE EACH MOMENT AND LIVE EACH MOMENT IN PEACE ETERNALLY.  
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.”

—Jill Jackson/ Sy Miller

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