

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Bridge
Winston Porter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 | 10:30 am Traditional Service

Ushers
Tate Simpson
Bain Head
Brady Head
Ella Kent
Pat Kent

Acolyte
Mary West Turner

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord
Chancel Choir

Callahan

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kate Buckley

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. We ask that you please silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the children's moment at the 10:30 AM worship, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for Children's Chapel. A nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is also available for children from birth to five years.

PRELUDE

Declare His Glory
Amy Bishop, Organist

M. MacDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Buddy Jones

One: Come, Let us worship.

**ALL: Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk
in Your truth; give us undivided hearts to revere
Your name.**

One: We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, and we will
glorify Your name forever.

**ALL: For Your love is great towards us;
You are merciful and gracious, abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

*OPENING HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Eternal God, Loving is hard work. We fight our human instinct for self-inflation in every aspect of our lives. We turn “love” into an emotion we have to feel instead of committing to love as a wise and intentional action. Embolden us to follow your lead into the hard places love can take us. Remind us that you knelt to clean the feet of the one you knew would kill you. Give us the grace to lean into that kind of love; love that takes grit and guts. Expand our hearts when they are shut down for business; let your will shine in us always.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

Author and theologian Frederick Buechner says, “If we are to know Christ at all, we will find Christ in the midst of confession, tears, and great laughter.”

*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.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

School of the Laity

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Callahan

O Savior of the World
Chancel Choir

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.

OFFERTORY

Canzona
Amy Bishop, Organist

R. Purvis

*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 PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.

Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who 'became flesh and lived among us' (John 1:14).

FIRST READING

Psalm 148: 1-14
pg 982 OT

Buddy Jones

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
Chancel Choir

Rutter

SECOND READING

John 13: 31-35
pg 1674 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Learning to Love"

Rev. Kate Buckley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We Are One in the Spirit

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Psalm 117

E. L. Diemer

Amy Bishop, Organist

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.



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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship or fill out the friendship register, located at the end of each pew. We would love to get to know you better!



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.



To Aid in Worship. Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



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.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at sspres.org/livestream. A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit sspres.org/sermons or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.



Ways to Give. Offering boxes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. You can also give 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 right 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).

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

First Monday of Every Month.

1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA

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.

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

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the “Word for Children” during worship. (*Pre K-2nd*)

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)
Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ 2nd Sunday (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on 2nd Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM. (*Resume in Fall 2022*)

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

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

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 9:15 AM in Various Locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

:: Thank God It's Thursday

By William H. Willimon - Social Hall

:: Always A Guest

By Barbara Brown Taylor - Upper Room

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

Men's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

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 ginnycconnors1@gmail.com or (608) 220-8481

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Music Attic on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

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

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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. Steve Goyer 904-718-7777

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757

GRADUATE SUNDAY

On May 22, we will be recognizing our graduates
both high school & college.

Please take a moment to give us some information about this great accomplishment!

PLEASE PROVIDE INFO ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG/GRADUATE

sunday worship

MUSICAL GUESTS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR

MAY 29TH :: 10:30AM WORSHIP

A Try Something New Event

WOODBINE OPRY & SUPPER AT CAPTAIN STAN'S

SATURDAY, MAY 28 | MEET AT 4:30PM
MORE INFO & SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/TSN

Savannah Presbytery's
SCHOOL OF THE LAITY
June 24-26 at Epworth or Online

This June session is the beginning of a NEW COHORT (Class of 2024).
CLASSES WILL KICKOFF WITH
INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE
led by Dr. Bob Bryant
DEADLINE IS MAY 25

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION AT SSPRES.ORG

CLOTHING DRIVE

MAGNOLIA MANOR-RESIDENTS IN NEED OF CLOTHES.
PANTS TO BE DRAWSTRING OR ELASTIC WAISTBAND.

LIST OF MOST NEEDED ITEMS MAY BE FOUND AT SSPRES.ORG/SONSHINE

TO BE DROPPED OFF IN SONSHINE FOR THE SOUL BOX
INSIDE CHURCH OFFICE MAY-JUNE

- This Week | May 15 - 20**
- Sunday, May 15**
- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
 - 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
 - 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
 - 2:00 pm **Youth Pool Party** - Roberts' Home
- Monday, May 16**
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
 - 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- Tuesday, May 17**
- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-fil-a Breakfast** - SSI Chick-fil-A
 - 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
 - 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Library
 - 4:00 pm **Sessions Meeting** - Britt Room
- Wednesday, May 18**
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
 - 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary
- Thursday, May 19**
- 9:00 am **Preschool Graduation** - Social Hall
 - 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study(Colossians 2)** - Upper Room
- Friday, May 20**
- 9:00 am **Preschool Graduation** - Social Hall
 - 11:00 am **Transition Prayer Time** - Sanctuary
- Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Frances Allen by her family.
- Chancel Flower Donations:** There are a few open spaces available in July and August to donate Chancel flowers. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor or remember friends and family. Please visit www.sspres.org/flowers to sign up.
- Pastor Nominating Committee:** The Congregational Nominating Committee is starting work on nominations for the Pastor Nominating Committee (Search Committee). If you would like to nominate someone to serve on that Committee, please submit the name and the reasons you believe he/she would be a good fit for the Pastor Nominating Committee. Submit your nomination at sspres.org/transition
- Source:** Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Love Anyway

“**T**HE ‘LOVE COMMANDMENT’ IS SAID IN THE MIDST OF BETRAYAL AND DENIAL, IN THE MIDST OF DEPARTURE AND DESPERATION, IN THE MIDST OF FEAR AND UNEASE. AND SO, THIS IS THE NATURE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE. IT IS A LOVE AWARE OF CONSEQUENCES. IT IS A LOVE AWARE OF CHALLENGES. BUT MOST OF ALL, IT IS A LOVE THAT LOVES ANYWAY. A LOVE THAT KNOWS WHAT IT IS GETTING ITSELF INTO, AND YET LOVES ABUNDANTLY.”

-Dr. Karoline Lewis

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St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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