

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost"

Jae-Im Kim

Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Bob Killian

Ushers

Bethany Leggett

Nancy Harper

Bob Harper

Greer Ward

Acolyte

Carolina Wessel

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (287)

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

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 (281)

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Chancel Choir; Rhonda Hambright, Soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Killian

One: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are gathered as the communion of saints.

**ALL: We are listening for the sounds from heaven;
We await the rush of a mighty wind.**

One: Surely God is in this place; The Spirit of God is here to set us afire with wonder and awe.

**ALL: We will sing to God as long as we live;
We will celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

One: Together as members of one body, baptized by the Spirit, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 280

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

We welcome all who have gathered to worship on this Pentecost Sunday. A special greeting is given to our preacher the Rev. John McCall, whom we have supported with our prayers and our financial support for many years. A gifted preacher and teacher of the gospel, John has served as a Presbyterian mission co-worker in Taiwan for over twenty years. Also, we welcome the family and friends of the Rev. Bob Brearley, whose ministry we will celebrate with a retirement luncheon at noon in the Social Hall.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

Rev. Alan Dyer

Merciful God, you show us your kindness in so much of life around us. You invite us into your great life of love. But often we refuse your invitation, and turn away from your call. Instead of asking you for help when we need it, we rely on our own stubborn wills. Instead of knocking at the doors of your people, we shut up our lives and hide from one another. Instead of seeking you in the faces of our sisters and brothers, we pretend not to see the needs around us. Deliver us, great God. Show us the new life in the Spirit that gives us the courage to live in peace and grace and kindness for Jesus Christ, our 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

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

*James Barger, Madison Brown, Kimbrough Chambliss, Anderson Chambliss,
Margaret Ernst, Emmeline Griffith, Kate Head, Bo Holmes, John Turner Holmes,
Brayden Neill, Maren Shirah, Clay Sproule, & Carolina Wessel*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (292)

WAIKUA TAPU

As the Wind Song

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.

On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. Beginning with the sound of wind and chimes, our worship this morning centers on the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the community of faith today.

The Acolyte ministry consists of children in grades 3-5 who serve the church by lighting and extinguishing the candles in the Sanctuary during worship. Representing the light of Christ, the acolyte's flame reminds us each week that God is with us in worship. Likewise, as the acolyte carries the flame out of the sanctuary at the conclusion of worship, we are reminded of our call to take the light of Christ out into the world. We give thanks to God for all of the young people who take on the very special responsibility of serving as an acolyte!

OFFERTORY

Schwoebel

For I Know the Plans I Have for You
Chancel Choir

*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.*

FIRST READING

Bob Killian

Acts 1:1-13

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Torwalt, Iverson, arr. Greer

Holy Spirit
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

Acts 4:32-37

Page 1697 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. John McCall

"Dreaming God's Dream"

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.
-Directory for Worship (PCUSA)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Across the centuries since the church was founded, the Spirit has formed and identified it. We recognize the true church of Jesus Christ wherever the work of the Spirit is evident: in preaching and sacraments, in the new life and continuous growth of believers, in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things, in mission and service to the world. The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us, but God knows those who are his.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 66

PENTECOST

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (549)

SOON TI

May the Love of the Lord

POSTLUDE

Widor

Toccata
Amy Bishop, Organist

BURNING OF THE PALMS

At the conclusion of worship, the acolyte will carry the flame representing the Holy Spirit of Pentecost outside where it will be used to light the palm branches from this past Palm Sunday. The palms that were waved in celebration at the beginning of Holy Week will become the ashes that are used to mark our foreheads on Ash Wednesday at the start of the next Lenten season. This act marks the end of our journey through Lent and Easter.

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.

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Congratulations Graduates!

High School Graduates

- ✧ **Claire Fendig**, Glynn Academy, *will be attending Brenau University in Gainesville, GA.*
- ✧ **Hill Hartman**, Glynn Academy, *will be attending University of Georgia in Athens, GA.*
- ✧ **Emma Hidalgo**, Glynn Academy, *will be attending Queens College in Charlotte, NC.*
- ✧ **Sarah Parker Peyer**, Glynn Academy, *will be attending University of Georgia in Athens, GA.*
- ✧ **Jackson Warner**, Glynn Academy, *will be attending Mercer School of Engineering in Macon, GA.*

College Graduates

- ✧ **Charlotte Bryan**, Elon University, *Degree in English, Literature, and Art.*
- ✧ **Courtlyn Fussell**, University of Georgia, *Degree in Pharmacy.*
- ✧ **Stephen Scarlett, Jr.**, Georgia Southern University, *Degree in History.*
- ✧ **Mac Shelander**, University of Georgia, *Degree in Real Estate.*
- ✧ **Rachel Summers**, Georgia Southern University, *Degree in Kinesiology/Exercise Science.*

Graduate Degrees

- ✧ **Laurens Bujold Steed**, PhD in Organizational Behavior, Georgia Tech, *Atlanta, GA.*
- ✧ **Ian Rossiter**, Master of Environmental Planning, University of Georgia, *Athens, GA.*
- ✧ **Lloyd A. Sifford, IV.**, Doctor of Pharmacy, Presbyterian College, *Clinton, SC.*

Celebrate Bob & Mary Ann!

Join us today after the 11 AM worship in the Social Hall!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Glory To God Youth Choir

.....
from Good Shepherd Presbyterian
Church in Lilburn, GA
.....

Wednesday, May 30

7 PM | Sanctuary

Free & Open to Public

Family Beach

P I C N I C

Sunday, June 10

Binkney Home - 3 PM to Play | 6 PM to Eat

SAPELO KAYAK ADVENTURE

JULY 9-12

ADULTS AND YOUTH

(Grades 9-12)

Space is Limited!

**Sign - up
ONLINE!**

Adults - \$400

Youth - \$200

*(Fee covers
food, housing, &
equipment)*



Summer sign-ups online!
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This Week | May 20 - 26

Today, May 20

8:30 am

Chapel Service - Sanctuary

9:00 am

Coffee Hour & Breakfast - Social Hall

9:30 am

Sunday School w/ Rev. John McCall - Social Hall

11:00 am

Traditional Service - Sanctuary

12:00 pm

The Brearleys' Retirement Luncheon - Social Hall

3:30 pm

Magnolia Manor Worship - Magnolia Manor

Monday, May 21

12:00 pm

Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room

3:00 pm

Congregational Life Team Meeting - John Law 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 22

7:00 am

Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-a

Wednesday, May 23

6:30 pm

Chancel Ringers - Bell Room

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 24

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 25

10:00 am

Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are provided by Anne Aspinwall and are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bob and Mary Ann's many faithful years of service and friendship to St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

PW Birthday Offering: The envelopes for the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering, found in your pew rack, celebrates PW's history of mission giving since its launch in 1922. The mission projects selected for 2018 are: 1. Cottage Village, a Tiny-house Community for Low-income Residents in Oregon; 2. Center for Physical and Spiritual Health in Honduras; 3. The Dwelling Place in Minnesota. We continue to need broad, consistent support in order to continue funding these mission projects. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. Your gifts make a difference!

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To Ponder Prayerfully

Come Holy Spirit

لَاعَت سَدَقْلَا حورلَا (Arabic)

天主聖神，求你降臨！ (Chinese)

Komen Heilige Geest (Dutch)

Viens, Esprit Saint (French)

Komm, heiliger Geist (German)

έρθει το Άγιο Πνεύμα (Greek)

בב שוקה קח אב (Hebrew)

Vieni Santo Spirito (Italian)

、聖靈を是非 (Japanese)

Przybądź, Duchu Świąty (Polish)

О приди к нам, Дух Святой (Russian)

Mweya huya kuno (Shona)

¡Ven, Espiritu Santo! (Spanish)

Njoo, Roho Mtakatifu! (Swahili)

O du helge Ande, kom (Swedish)

தாய ஆவியே, எழுந்தருள்வீர் (Tamil)

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