

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*St. Simons Presbyterian Cross*

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021



Per CDC guidance, vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask indoors. Adults and children (age 5+) who are not fully vaccinated are asked to please wear a mask while inside the building.



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



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code located in the pew racks.

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started, making Pentecost the church's birthday.

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## •INTROIT

Berthier/Wagner

*Veni Sancte Spiritus/This is the Day*  
Chancel Choir, Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

## 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. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. We ask that you please wear your mask throughout our worship time as well as silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the anthem 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

*Come, Thou Fount*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Payne

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Buckley

One: Rushing wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

**ALL: Blazing flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!**

One: Comforting presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

**ALL: Let us be prepared to worship and praise You, O Holy Spirit.**

One: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with Your love.

**ALL: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do.**

## \*HYMN 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Gracious God, we do not often listen for Your Holy Spirit. We turn from Your guidance and Your inspiration. The whispers and the shouts do not penetrate the noise of our daily lives. We silence the wisdom available to us through Your Spirit of Truth. Open our lives to Your holy whispers and shouts, that our very lives may testify to unseen hope.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

*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.*

† 8:30 Service Only

• 10:30 Service Only

\* Please stand if able.

# WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### • PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Iverson

*Spirit of the Living God*

## 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.

### • ANTHEM

*Festival Piece on "St. Anne"*

Eugene Butler

Chancel Choir; Chancel Ensemble

Ed Jackson, Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpets; Judy Foster, Clarinet;  
Fred Leif, French Horn; Emmeline Griffith, Trombone;  
John Simmons, Tuba; Harlan Hambright, Timpani

*Congregation joins in singing at the end of the anthem as led by the director:*

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be Thou  
our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*Following the Anthem at the 10:30 worship service, children Preschool-2nd grade  
may leave with Ms. Frieda for Children's Chapel.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Philippians 2:1-11**  
*pg 1827 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

*Sacred Space: Cross*

Rev. Alan Dyer

## DEDICATION OF NEW SPACES

### LITANY OF DEDICATION

One: By your grace, O God, you have brought us into your covenant through the waters of baptism, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are made members of the body of Christ, the church. At this font may lives be claimed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the work and witness of your people in this world.

**ALL: We did not choose you, O Lord, but you chose us. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this font in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

One: You have spoken your Word, O God, through prophets and apostles, and in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. From this pulpit may your Word be faithfully proclaimed. Let all who hear your Word be renewed in faith and strengthened in service as Christ's bold disciples in the world.

Today we conclude our "Sacred Spaces" sermon series. Each week through the Season of Easter we have been exploring the Biblical and practical importance of the different pieces of liturgical furniture in our newly renovated sanctuary. What is it about our pews, chancel, organ, table, font, pulpit, and cross that make this space something more than just a room? What story do they tell about who we are as a church - past, present, and future? And most important, how does this sacred space give shape to the way we live out our faith in the world?

In early October 2019, St. Simons Presbyterian began a major renovation of our sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing. The result of this nearly 1.5 years long undertaking is a more connected, accessible, and flexible worship space as well as refreshed areas for fellowship, mission, and study. Today, as part of our worship, we give thanks for and dedicate all of our newly renovated spaces to the glory of God. We also recognize and say "thank you" to the many people who served on the various task forces, committees, and teams that helped to plan and lead this effort. A list of all of those who served can be found in the back of today's bulletin.

**ALL: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this pulpit in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

One: God of mercy, we rejoice that our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast he has prepared. We come with the hunger of our souls that can be fed only by the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May this table nourish all your children in faith and hope and love.

**ALL: Always be present to us in the breaking of bread. Trusting in Jesus Christ we dedicate this table in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

One: Eternal God, our praises join with the songs of heavenly choirs and the music of the universe. May the organ and instruments that fill this chancel encourage our praise and lift our singing to your throne as faithful prayers in times of joy and times of sorrow.

**ALL: We praise you, O God, with trumpet sound; we praise you with strings and pipes! Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate these instruments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

One: God of wisdom and truth, we dedicate our new Ashantilly Wing and library as places for fellowship, learning, equipping saints for the work of ministry, and building up of the body of Christ. Inspire us to think your thoughts after you, that our wills may be so bound with your will that we will be obedient disciples of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Teach us to love you, O God, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate the spaces of our Ashantilly Wing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

One: Almighty God, we dedicate this Sanctuary, Ashantilly Wing, and library to your worship and service, that in prayer and praise, in Word and Sacrament, in gathering and mission, we may know your will and experience your peace and power in our lives. Let these spaces be a refuge for those who suffer or sorrow, a fortress for those weighed down by life, a beacon to light the way in darkness.

**ALL: May we enter your gates with thanksgiving and come into your courts with praise. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this sanctuary in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**As we dedicate this place, O God, we rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF THANKS

PRAYER

# ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

## • CONGREGATIONAL LITANY

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**ALL: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**ALL: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

## STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

## WELCOME

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 295

SINE NOMINE

*Go to the World!*

### \*BENEDICTION

### • CHORAL RESPONSE

*We are the Church*

Avery & Marsh

*I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together. All who follow Jesus all around the world, yes, we're the church together. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together. All who follow Jesus all around the world, yes, we're the church together.*

### POSTLUDE

*Old Hundredth*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Bock

In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and laying on of hands those who have been called through election by the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders. In installation the church sets apart with prayer those previously ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders, and called anew to service in that ministry. (PCUSA Directory For Worship)

## SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Ways to Give.** You can give your tithes and offerings 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 left 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).

**venmo**



# THANK YOU

Today we say thank you to **ALL OF THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** of St. Simons Presbyterian. It is your generous gifts of time, talent, and resources that have allowed us to faithfully build for the future mission and ministry of our congregation.

## Building Committee

*Tom Baltzell (chair)*  
*Matt Hodgdon*  
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*Alan Dyer (ex-officio)*  
*Rhonda Hambright (ex-officio)*

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*Bob Brearley (ex-officio)*  
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*Jeannine Torbert (ex-officio)*

## Library Design Team

*Ben Bryson*  
*Leslie McCracken*  
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*Jean Sucher*  
*Dee Davis*

## Sanctuary Planning Taskforces

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*Cory Rule*  
*Tracy Morelan*  
*Joe Combs*

## RH Tyson Construction

*Rann Tyson*  
*Ryan Tyson*  
*Chuck Miller (Superintendent)*  
*All Those Who Worked To Build Our Spaces!*

## Additional Staff Support

*Jeannine Torbert*  
*Ada Owens*  
*Walter Lynn*  
*Nat Scott*  
*Frieda Warner*  
*Kate Buckley*  
*Annie Franklin Arvin*



**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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship. We would love to get to know you better.



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



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

COMBINED SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL  
May 30 - June 13

GREAT  
STORIES  
FROM THE  
GOOD BOOK



ELIJAH & ELISHA

led by  
REV. DR. JOANNA ADAMS

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

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NOW OPEN!  
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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

WORSHIP  
& ART CAMP

July 19-23

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

VBS DONATIONS FOR  
sparrows nest

Leading up to Vacation Bible School, the following items are being collected for Sparrow's Nest through Thursday, June 10th. Donations may be dropped off on the SSPC veranda in the donations box or in the church office M-F from 9-4pm.

SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Soup
- Pasta Noodles
- Tuna
- Chili or Pork & Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Vienna Sausage
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Mac and Cheese
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal or Breakfast Items
- Rice
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghettios/Ravioli
- Instant Potatoes

Usher  
Ministry

PRAY  
OBSERVE  
INITIATE  
SMILE  
SERVE

We are always recruiting good people who love to deal with people and make sure they feel welcome at St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

VISIT SSPRES.ORG FOR MORE INFO  
OR TO JOIN OUR USHER MINISTRY!

This Week | May 23 - 28

Sunday, May 23

- 8:30 am Indoor Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Combined Sunday School - Upper Room & Zoom
- 9:30 am Britt Class - Ashantilly Room
- 10:30 am Indoor/Livestream Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, May 24

- 10:00 am Chancel Ensemble - Location Varies

Tuesday, May 25

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting - Upper Room

Wednesday, May 26

- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study - Zoom
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 27

- 10:00 am Grief Group - Upper Room
- 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study - Sanctuary

Friday, May 28

No Activities Planned for This Day

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers in today's worship are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our new sanctuary and installation of new officers, by Mike & Anne Aspinwall.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Abingdon Worship Annual.

To Ponder Prayerfully  
**Love Alone**

“**I** IN THE EVENING OF LIFE, WE WILL BE JUDGED ON LOVE ALONE.”

-St. John of the Cross

## New Officers Being Ordained & Installed

### Elders

Leslie Hartman  
Jerry Spencer  
Meg Mimbs  
Buddy Jones  
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John Matthews  
Mike Kellar

### Deacons

Nancy Fixx  
Tom Haughney  
Andrew Turner  
Denise Hidalgo  
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