

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Peace Bridge
Derry, Northern Ireland

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Charlotte Zell
Buddy Hendrick
Portia Hendrick
Becky D. Livingston

Acolyte

Mobley Grace Ward

WE GATHER TO PRAISE
Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

INTROIT

He is the Light
Celebration Singers

Joel Raney

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

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

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Chapel Bells

arr. Martha L. Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Buddy Jones

One: God is our refuge and strength.

ALL: A very present help in trouble.

One: Let us worship the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

The church is not an institution but the gathered community of faith. "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name," Jesus said, "there am I in the midst of them."

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Lord, open unto me.

Open unto me - light for my darkness.

Open unto me - courage for my fear.

Open unto me - hope for my despair.

Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me - strength for my weakness.

Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me - love for my hates.

Open unto me - thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

Silence for Personal Confession

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

-Howard Thurman

*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.

In the Assurance of Pardon we are reminded once again that God's grace sets us free from guilt and fear. As Walter Brueggemann says, "you can keep singing. You can keep hoping. And because you sing and hope, you can act in freedom, unburdened, uncoerced, unafraid, and without cynicism. The song goes on. It is a subversive, revolutionary song. And we get to sign on to sing and to live it... unafraid!"

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Dan Forrest

God of the Deep
Celebration Singers

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

Father of Light

Craig Courtney

Celebration Singers

Soloists: Sam Penkava, Madi Caspers, Grace McGrail

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22: 1-7

pg 1938 NT

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Peter Anglea

Celebration Singers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Things that Make for Peace"

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

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. -PCUSA Directory for Worship.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Romans 8:1,28,38,39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 8

MELITA

Eternal Father, Strong To Save

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

Celebration Singers

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David Johnson

Amy Bishop, Organist

Please remain at your seat and enjoy the Choral Response, as we complete our time of worship together.



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 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](https://www.sspres.org/prayer).



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:00A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](https://www.sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](https://www.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 frieda@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.

(Resume in Fall 2022)

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 9:00 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

:: This Hallelujah Banquet (Begins June 5th)

By Eugene H. Peterson - Upper Room

Frieda Warner at frieda@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

Pastoral Care

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

This Week

May 29 - June 3

Sunday, May 29

- 9:00 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:00 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **FUMC Youth Choir** - Sanctuary

Monday, May 30

- All Day- **Office Closed**
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, May 31

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Library

Wednesday, June 1

- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, June 2

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

Friday, June 3

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers are given in honor of two birthdays, Tom Haughney and Evelyn Haughney Claiborne (his Mom) to the Glory of God by Brenda Haughney and family.

Pentecost: Sunday, June 5th, remember to wear red!

The Celebration Singers : The Celebration Singers are part of a large, longstanding choir program at Tucker First United Methodist Church, which contains many singing, ringing and instrumental ensembles. This Senior High and Mid-High Youth Choir (grades 6 - 12) serves their church locally, as well as touring annually. In past years the youth choir has toured Alaska, Nova Scotia, Houston, Chicago, St. Louis, Seattle, Niagara Falls, New England, and most of the Southeastern United States. The choir consists of twenty-four youth and eight adult section leaders. Tucker First UMC is located on the northeast side of Atlanta, about twelve miles from downtown. This suburban church has approximately 1000 members and is well known for its excellence in music programming for youth and children. Singers earn their place in the tour choir by being faithful to the program and serving the church with excellent attendance for the year.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from the Book of Common Worship.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 29 Merge to ONE worship service at 10:00AM
-Combined Sunday School at 9am

SUNDAY, SEPT 11 Back to 8:30AM & 10:30AM worship times
-Sunday School at 9:30AM

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC AND BEACH DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 :: MASSENGALE PARK

3PM :: BEACH FUN ☀ 6PM :: DINNER

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE HOTDOGS & HAMBURGERS
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, BEACH GEAR, AND CHAIRS!

Spirit of St Simons

SUNSET TOUR

June 10th | 6:10PM
Cost is \$50
limited to 14 people

PAYMENT IS REGISTRATION

SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG

THIS HALLELUJAH BANQUET

How the End of What We Were Reveals Who We Can Be

EUGENE H. PETERSON

Combined Summer SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS | 9:00 AM
UPPER ROOM
Beginning June 5

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10
JOIN WITH ZOOM AT
SSPRES.ORG/SUNDAYSCHOOL

Sunday, June 12th

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, June 12th!

Please contact Donna Purdy (donna@sspres.org) with any questions

To Ponder Prayerfully

The Greatest Attribute of God is Love

“**T**HE TREE OF LIFE IS LOCATED IN THE VERY DEPTH OF OUR SOUL. THE MOST PERFECT AND ABUNDANT FRUIT THAT GROWS AND RIPENS IS LIFE GIVING LOVE; IT IS THE GREAT HEALING FORCE IN THE WORLD. LOVE NEVER FAILS TO MEET EVERY DEMAND OF THE HUMAN HEART. THE DIVINE PRINCIPAL OF LOVE MAY BE USED TO ELIMINATE EVERY SORROW, INFIRMITY, IN-HARMONY, IGNORANCE AND ALL MISTAKES OF MANKIND. LOVE IS GOD; ETERNAL, LIMITLESS, CHANGELESS, INFINITE. IT IS THE PULSE OF THE WORLD, THE HEARTBEAT OF THE UNIVERSE.”

-BAIRD T. SPALDING

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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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