

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Great basin bristlecone pine tree along the Discovery Trail in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, California”

Jordana Meilleur

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Jean Sucher

Ushers

Jerry Spencer

Barbara Powers

Nardis Kellar

Mike Kellar

Acolyte

Kate Head

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (536)

SURGE ECCLESIA

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Chancel Choir

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. 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

arr. Wagner

Fanfare on "St. Thomas"

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jean Sucher

One: Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar;

ALL: The kingdom of God is growing.

One: While we sleep and rise night and day;

ALL: The kingdom of God is growing.

One: The low are brought high and the high are brought low;

ALL: The kingdom of God is growing, its large branches are home to all kinds of people! Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 263

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

In the call to worship we take the opportunity to center ourselves on God. We have so many distractions coming our way, thus we take the first opportunity in our corporate worship service to quiet those distractions. The call to worship places everything in the service, from preaching and worship music to various liturgies and the call to confession, before God in honor and praise.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

God who delivers and redeems, we have failed to live into the promise of new life. We have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden. We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation. Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world.

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 (517)

MORECAMBE

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

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.

OFFERTORY

arr. Wyton

For the Beauty of the Earth
Amy Bishop, Organist

Some theologians have argued that we should do the assurance of pardon before the prayer of confession, because it's the knowledge that we are already accepted and loved and forgiven that makes it possible for us to be honest in our confession.

"If the only prayer you ever said was 'Thank you,' you would have said all the prayers." –Meister Eckhart

*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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ENCORE

FIRST READING

Jean Sucher

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sleeth

Hymn of Promise

Chancel Choir; Harlan Hambricht, Director

SECOND READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

“Preaching is, finally,
more than art or science.
It is alchemy, in which tin
becomes gold and yard
rocks become diamonds
under the influence of the
Holy Spirit. It is a process
of transformation for both
preacher and congregation
alike, as the ordinary
details of [our] everyday
lives are translated into the
extraordinary elements of
God’s ongoing creation.”

-Rev. Barbara Brown
Taylor

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Throughout the month of June, Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams is leading a 4-week Sunday school series on the topic of "Belonging to God." Each week, she has taught about the Christian faith using words from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, a section of which is being used as the Affirmation of Faith in today's worship. Rev. Adams served on the committee that authored the *Brief Statement*, which was written following the 1983 reunion of the two largest Presbyterian denominations in the United States.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 36

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For the Fruit of All Creation

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (80)

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You Shall Go Out With Joy

POSTLUDE

Purcell

Trumpet Tune
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.

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Congregational Meeting - *Today following worship*

Session has called a congregational meeting to happen at the conclusion of the 10 AM worship this morning. The first purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on a nominee to be our next associate pastor. Additionally, the congregation will consider the nomination of Bonnie Roberts to serve as an elder in the Class of 2019. Bonnie has been nominated to complete the term of Ruling Elder John Dieterman, who resigned the session as a result of taking a new job that requires extensive travel and time away from the island. Information about Bonnie Roberts can be found below.



Elder Nominee: Bonnie Roberts

Bonnie was born and raised on a small family farm in southeastern Nebraska. Although not raised in a church going family, Bonnie found SSPC in 1979 after moving to St. Simons for a job and becoming close friends with Woodie Woodward who was the daughter of SSPC charter members, Winnie and Rudy Woodward. According to Bonnie, "The Woodward family, for all practical purposes, 'adopted' me! This loving and gracious southern family invited me into their lives, socialized me in the ways of southern living, and looked after me in matters of work, life, and faith, so far away from my parents who were in Nebraska." Bonnie returned to SSPC in 2000 when she met and later married the late Don Roberts. "It was during Don's illness and after his death in 2006," Bonnie writes, "that the Church wrapped it's arms around me and gave me wings when my own were too tired to fly. The Presbyterian Women truly became my Sisters in Christ. Since that time, I have found an ever deepening faith and love by way of the Grief Support Group led by the late Sally Lorey, two mission trips to Jamaica, PW Circle activities, Hospitality Ministry team, and the School of the Laity."

Summer at St. Simons Presbyterian!

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*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Bob's last Sunday preaching will be **Next Sunday, June 24**



SAPELO KAYAK ADVENTURE

JULY 9-12

ADULTS AND YOUTH

Adults - \$400
Youth - \$200

(Grades 9-12)

Space is Limited

(Fee covers food, housing, & equipment)



Sign-up Online

KidZ
Worship & Art
Camp

July 9-13

Rising 1st-6th graders

\$125

Sign up Online

Questions? Contact Frieda Warner
frieda@sspres.org

FAMILY FUN nights

Wednesdays in July

6 PM | Social Hall | Free

Please bring a covered side dish.

July 11	Fried Chicken & Bingo Night
July 18	Pizza & Movie Night
July 25	Salad & Art Night

This Week | June 17 - 23

Today, June 17

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Joint Sunday School & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor

Monday, June 18

- 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, June 19

- 5:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

Thursday, June 21

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt 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, June 22

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June, July, & August



8:30 AM
Morning Prayer
Sanctuary



9 AM
Joint Sunday School
Social Hall



10 AM
Worship
Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and are from the wedding of Karen Summers and Tod Welsh, which was held here yesterday.

Congregational Meeting: Session has called a Congregational Meeting to happen at the conclusion of the 10 AM worship next Sunday, June 24. The purposes of the meeting are 1) to approve a congregational nominating committee for 2018-19, and 2) to concur with the Rev. Bob Brearley's request that the Savannah Presbytery dissolve his pastoral relationship with St. Simons Presbyterian Church effective June 30, 2018.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Planted by God

“IT’S ACTUALLY A TREMENDOUSLY BEAUTIFUL AND MAJESTIC IMAGE: THE GREAT TREE ON THE GREAT MOUNTAIN BECOMING THE GREAT REFUGE. IT’S THE IMAGERY OF FLOURISHING, FLOURISHING WHICH IS POSSIBLE WHEN ONE DOESN’T JUST RELY ON ONE’S OWN STRENGTH AND WISDOM, BUT RATHER HAS FAITH THAT GOD IS WITH US, IS WORKING FOR US, AND LOVES US ENOUGH TO BE THERE EVEN IN LIFE’S DARKEST MOMENTS. PLANTED BY GOD, EVEN IN THE NIGHT WE WILL RISE TO THE SKY.”

— Rick Morley

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