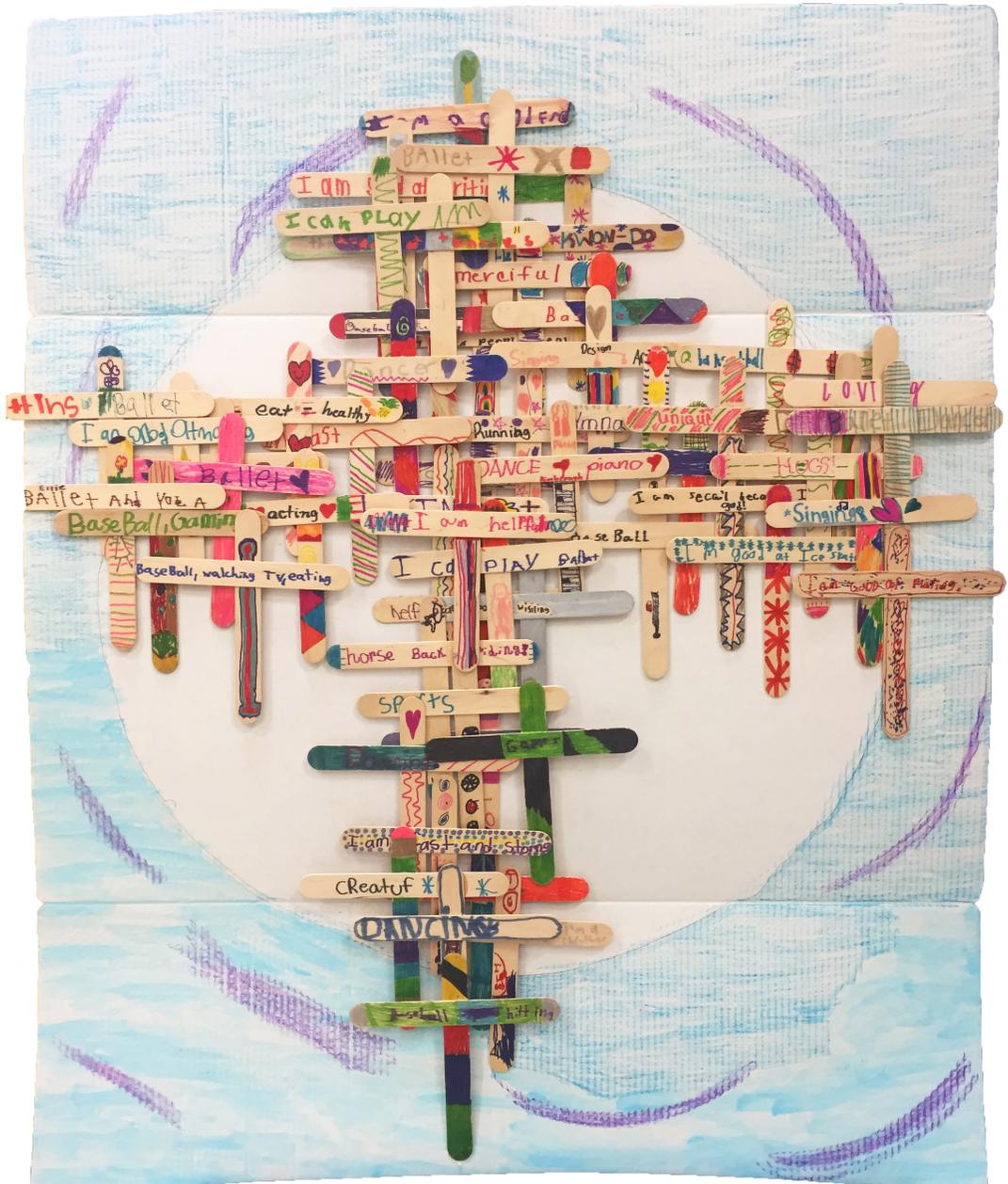


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ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“God Made Me Special”*

Created by VBS Participants 2017

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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## Greeter

Marj Smith

## Ushers

Anne Aspinwall

Lynda Bisher

Bethany Leggett

Ada Owens

## Acolytes

Bo & John Turner

Holmes

## WELCOME

*Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. 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.*

## INTROIT (18)

Batak Melody

*Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator*

Chancel Choir

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bob Brearley

*Please sign and pass the friendship register.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## PRELUDE

arr. Payne

*This is My Father's World (Terra Beata)*

Amy Bishop, Organ

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marj Smith

One: The days are surely coming when God's promises shall be fulfilled,

**ALL: When our love for one another and for all God's children will increase.**

One: The days are surely coming when God's promises shall come true,

**ALL: When God will strengthen our hearts in humility and holiness.**

One: The days are surely coming when God's promises are realized in us,

**ALL: When we will notice justice and walk the paths of faithfulness and steadfast love.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 370

TERRA BEATA

*This is My Father's World*

On the Lord's Day the people gather to praise the God we know in Jesus Christ and to encourage one another as a community of faith. Coming to worship is not something that we have to do, but rather it is something that we get to do as we renew and refresh our relationship to God and others. Please feel free to express your affection to your brothers and sisters in Christ as we gather to worship God.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Eliza Warner

In you we find our true joy, O God. From you we receive real peace, O Christ. Through you we step out in faith, O Spirit. Forgive us when we seek joy where it cannot be found. Forgive us when we seek peace from the things which do not bring it. Forgive us when we fail to pay attention to the leading of your Spirit. May our worship be a time of seeking and finding your grace for ourselves and for others. If we have taken on the selfish values of the world, forgive us. Give us courage to challenge the wrongs we see. Hear us as we confess our brokenness and our sins.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

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.*

## WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

### 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

*Jesus Lover of My Soul (Aberystwyth)*  
Amy Bishop, Organ

arr. Parsy

Prayer is the most sacred conversation of our lives as we draw close to God, listen for guidance in living the faith, and speak to God the matters of our hearts, whether they be the joyful blessings of life or the difficult times of grief and disappointment. We trust that God hears our prayers and strengthens us to continue the walk of faith. As we pray, we are conscience of those around us in worship and the needs beyond our own lives.

\*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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ENCORE

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Marj Smith

**Exodus 3:1-14**

*Page 90 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Nelson & McHugh;  
arr. Fettke

*People Need the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Luke 16:19-31**

*Page 1626 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 287

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading; fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing; help us to follow you.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

An Altar in the World: **Reverence**

*"The Practice of Paying Attention"*

The preaching during worship and the teaching during Sunday School this summer are guided by Barbara Brown Taylor's book, "An Altar in the World." She invites us to remember that the context of faithfulness to Jesus Christ is our life in the world as compassionate people who do the faith by helping our neighbors and caring for creation. Books are available for purchase each Sunday morning during breakfast and Sunday School beginning at 9:00 am in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

## A Declaration of Faith

Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see. Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 14

DIX

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

Dauermann

*The Trees of the Field*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap, clap*), the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap, clap*), the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap, clap*), while you go out with joy.

### POSTLUDE

arr. Payne

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ellacombe)*

Amy Bishop, Organ

**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.

**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.

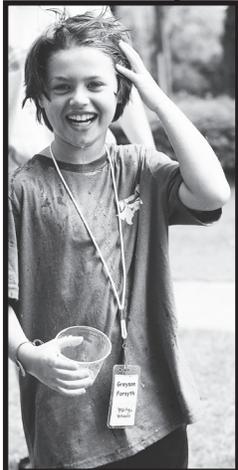
We often use words from A Declaration of Faith as we stand and say what we believe in worship. This document was approved by the PCUSA General Assembly in 1985 as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration. We thank God for women and men of faith who prayed, and studied, and wrote this helpful resource in the life of the church.



# Vacation Bible School 2017

Everyone was all smiles at VBS this past week! Thank you to the 50 volunteers who made VBS a fun, safe and meaningful time for all. Over 90 children ages 4 to 4th grade learned that they were "Created by God and Built for a Purpose." What a blessing it is to be a part of VBS at SSPC!

~Frieda Warner & Eliza Warner



# Happy Father's Day!



## FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

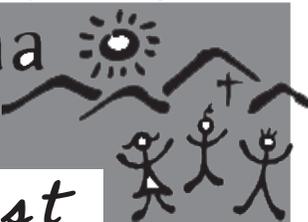
Wednesdays in July  
6 PM | Social Hall

## KidZ Worship & Art Camp

July 10-14 \$140  
Sign up Online!

Questions? Contact Frieda Warner  
frieda@sspres.org

## Montaña de Luz



### Wish List

As our Honduras mission trip approaches we are asking for donations of toiletries & supplies that will be taken with the group!

**Full Wish List of Needs Online!**

We are collecting items in the **RED** buckets in the Back Hallway!

Questions? Contact Nat Scott - nat@sspres.org

## This Week | June 18 - 24

### Today, June 18

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Breakfast/Joint Sunday School** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor

### Monday, June 19

- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Thursday, June 22

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Instrumental Ensemble** - Social Hall
- 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 23

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

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



8:30 AM  
**Morning Prayer**  
Sanctuary



9 AM  
**Breakfast/  
Joint Sunday School**  
Social Hall



10 AM  
**Worship**  
Sanctuary

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers this morning are given by the Hallman family to the glory of God and in memory of our daughter.

### Financial Performance as of May 30, 2017:

Thank you for your faithful giving to support the ministries at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. Summer months bring many and varied activities, as the church continues to carry out God's work. Your continued giving and faithfulness is greatly appreciated!

Offerings Received YTD - \$540,508.91

Expenditures Paid YTD - \$468,120.67

To Ponder Prayerfully

# An Easier Time Loving

“**R**EVERENCE FOR CREATION COMES FAIRLY EASILY FOR MOST PEOPLE. REVERENCE FOR OTHER PEOPLE PRESENTS MORE OF A CHALLENGE, ESPECIALLY IF THOSE PEOPLE’S LIVES IMPINGE UPON YOUR OWN...I HAVE AN EASIER TIME LOVING HUMANKIND THAN I DO LOVING PARTICULAR HUMAN BEINGS.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

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