

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“With His Stripes”

Edward Knippers

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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Greeter

Charlotte Zell

Ushers

Sandy Kilgore

Wells Kilgore

Bethany Leggett

Scott Risi

Acolytes

Kate Head

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 (27)

TENDERNESS

Sacred the Body
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. G. Martin

Variations on "Foundation"
Amy Bishop, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Zell

One: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.

ALL: You hold the heavens in your hand, all stars rejoice in your glory.

One: You come in the sunrise and the song of the morning and bless the splendor of the noonday.

ALL: The stars in their courses magnify you, day and night tell of your majesty.

One: Your peace blows over the earth, and the breath of your mouth fills all space.

ALL: You satisfy all things living with your abundance, and our hearts rejoice at your presence.

One: We have come into this place to worship God and to lift our voices in praise.

*OPENING HYMN 321

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Jann Briscoe

We come into your presence with thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy: the beauty of this world, the delight of children in our midst, the encouragement of friends, the use of our bodies in faith and love, the care of creation all around us. Forgive us that too often we take physical blessings for granted and fail to see them as gifts from you. Forgive us when we waste natural resources; change our practices when we poison the earth. Teach us to live in the world with faithfulness to your intention for the world. Help us to be at home wherever your spirit leads and make us better stewards of all that is precious in your created order. Hear us as we bring our prayers to you, merciful God.

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

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

The Silver Trumpet
Amy Bishop, Organ

G. Martin

The church is not primarily about buildings, budgets, and programming. Rather the mission of the church is always about people and the relationships between and among people. The joys and concerns help us to remember our brothers and sisters in Christ in our community of faith and all people who experience the blessings and hardships of life. We live out our faith in deeds and also in prayers for those in need.

*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

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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Charlotte Zell

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-25

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Translation of Prayer:
Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who has truly suffered,
and was sacrificed on the
cross for mankind,
whose side was pierced,
whence flowed
water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste of
heaven, during our
final trial.

ANTHEM

Mozart

Ave Verum Corpus
Chancel Choir; Harlan Hambright, Director

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:1-14

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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: **Incarnation**

"The Practice of Wearing Skin"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God made human beings along with all the other creatures and charged them to care for the earth and all that lives on it. We acknowledge we share in the interdependence that binds together all God's creation. We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things. The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth. The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people and to reflect God's love for all creatures.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 27

TENDERNESS

Sacred the Body

*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

G. Martin

Fanfare
Amy Bishop, Organ

Enter to worship, depart to serve. We come into the sanctuary to remember the God who calls us in Jesus Christ to love one another as a community of faith and forgiveness. We leave the church building knowing that God calls us out into the world to make a difference in people's lives through kind deeds and loving, truthful words. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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.

The Story of the Refugee Resettlement Committee at SSPC

On New Year's Day, 2017, the sermon at St. Simons Presbyterian Church was titled "Jesus the Refugee." We heard that day how Mary and Joseph took Jesus and fled the violence of King Herod that threatened Bethlehem in the months after the birth of Jesus. The holy family was forced to leave their homeland and became refugees in Egypt. The formation of the Refugee Discussion Group resulted from that sermon. Over the past six months a group of church members have met regularly to pray, reflect, and learn about the global refugee crisis happening in our world right now. Through our Bible study we were encouraged to be good neighbors to all people through purposeful action and active welcome.

We discovered, however, that we are not the best location to welcome a refugee family landing in the United States directly from a foreign country. There are nine relief agencies that help settle newly arriving refugees, and none of them are located in Glynn County. The nearest such agency is Lutheran Services in Savannah which places families only in Chatham County. Yet we could be a resettlement place for refugees who have been placed in another city and now wish to move to a second location.

Merritt Groeschel, the daughter of Bill and Anne Stembler and the sister of Bess Chambliss, has been a great help to us. She is actively involved in the refugee ministry of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Merritt is aware of some families who have been settled in the Washington and Baltimore areas and desire a move further south. We are currently in conversation with a Syrian family, consisting of a father and mother and four sons, ages 4 through 15. They would like to visit Glynn County to see if they could find good employment in construction, good schools for the sons, and affordable housing for a new life for this family. They have been legal residents of the United States for a full year.

In May, 2017, we approached the Session with our concerns about the refugee crisis and our hope for our congregation's active involvement in helping a refugee family if possible. The Session listened to us and eagerly and unanimously approved the formation of a Refugee Resettlement Committee and the establishment of a Refugee Fund to receive donations from church members and friends. Church members have already made contributions to this fund. (Checks to SSPC, marked "Refugee Fund.")

Our Refugee Resettlement Committee has been led by Carol Snyder (912-267-0481), who has done thorough research in all that is involved in the resettlement process and is available to answer any questions you may have. Other members include Mary Avram, Judy Benjamin, Mary Bowie, Bob Brearley, Jann Briscoe, Alan Dyer, Beth Evans, Anna Henry, Patti Jordan, Martha Martin, Mary Rutherford, Alex Snyder, and Anne Stembler.

If the Syrian family decides to make the move to Glynn County, we will seek to be good neighbors to them by helping them locate affordable, three-bedroom housing in a good school district, gainful employment in construction for the father and possible part-time employment for the mother and oldest son, and help them with transportation needs including an affordable car or van. We will be their friends in Christ.

In the meantime, please keep this faithful adventure in your prayers and tell us of your desire to get involved with the Refugee Resettlement Committee. Thank you.



The Al Rifai Family

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Wednesdays in July
6 PM | Social Hall

July 5 | Fried Chicken & Movie Night
July 12 | Subs & Game Night
July 19 | Tacos & Human Bingo
July 26 | Salad & Art Night

KidZ
Worship & Art
Camp

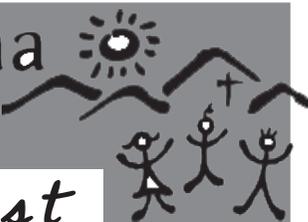
July 10-14 \$140

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 25 - July 1

Today, June 25

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

Monday, June 26

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

Thursday, June 29

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 30

10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office
7:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** - Coast Guard Station

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 to the glory of God by Karleen & John Thompson in loving memory of their mothers, Elma Sell and Elizabeth Rodenberg.

Prayers for BRIDGE: This week our church will be hosting youth and adults from north Georgia who are participating in our BRIDGE mission program. We lift up in prayer director Madelynn Risi and interns Eliza Warner and Patrick Jeter, as well as other church members who will be helping with this mission. We welcome our guests and hope they have a good time in the faith as BRIDGE participants. We pray that God transform their hearts and lives as they seek him in service.

A Special Thank You: Our heartfelt thanks for your kindness and generosity for the Reeves Family who lost so much in the tragic fire that occurred in February. This young couple, Michael and Chassity, and their surviving infant, Brighton, are doing as well as can be expected. We are hoping to give this family a fresh start when returning home from Shriners' Hospital in Boston where Chassity and Brighton are receiving treatment for their burns. Thank you again. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Karleen Thompson, Becky Harper, Kay Reeves, & Dale Williams

To Ponder Prayerfully

Wearing My Skin

“HOWEVER DIFFERENTLY YOU AND I MAY CONCEIVE THE WORLD, GOD, OR ONE ANOTHER, PHYSICAL REALITY IS SOMETHING WE CAN USUALLY AGREE ON. WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DIPS BELOW 32 DEGREES, I AM AS COLD AS WHOEVER HAPPENS TO BE STANDING NEXT TO ME. WHEN I SEE SOMEONE RUN INTO A PIECE OF FURNITURE, CATCHING THE CORNER OF A TABLE RIGHT IN THE THIGH, MY OWN THIGH HURTS IN THAT EXACT SAME PLACE...WHEN I WATCH A PERFECT STRANGER OPEN HER MOUTH FOR A BITE OF KEY LIME PIE AT MY FAVORITE MEXICAN RESTAURANT, MY MOUTH STARTS WATERING WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. MY BODY IS WHAT CONNECTS ME TO ALL OF THESE OTHER PEOPLE. WEARING MY SKIN IS NOT A SOLITARY PRACTICE BUT ONE THAT BRINGS ME INTO COMMUNION WITH ALL THESE OTHER EMBODIED SOULS.”

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

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