

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Elijah and The Chariots of Fire*

Ana Méndez Ferrell

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

**Ushers**

Frank Hamilton

Lee Dillard

Kathleen Haller

Nardis Kellar

Pat Kent

**Acolyte**

Arthur Owens

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

*The Spirit of the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Charles Callahan

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

*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 word for children at the 10:00 AM worship, children up 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

*Simple Gifts*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Callahan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Aspinwall

One: We gather to worship our God of wonder,

**ALL: and we gather to meditate on God's works and mighty deeds.**

One: With arms stretched out,

**ALL: God welcomes us into the fold.**

\*OPENING HYMN 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

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)**

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581**

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 288**

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the Living God*  
Chancel Choir

**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.

“Prayer is essentially an act of solidarity – an expression of our own need, a yearning for a better world, a commitment to belonging together. We pray not only with our lips but with our lives. And every little act of justice, caring and generosity counts.”  
–Norman Shanks

OFFERTORY

*Jesus Lead Thou On*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

P. Manz

\*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.*

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 children's chapel.*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms.

FIRST READING

**Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20**  
*pg 913 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Elijah Rock*  
Chancel Choir; Mark Lochstampfor, director

Roger Emerson

SECOND READING

**2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**  
*pg 570 OT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*"Who Carries the Mantle"*

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The bible is the account of God's word and actions in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms out of memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

Although not included in the PC(USA)'s Book of Confessions, the Declaration of Faith is seen as a contemporary confession of faith and used in worship frequently. It begins with the creation story and ends with the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in eternity. It uses "we" terminology to express the shared nature of Christian faith.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 724

ANGEL'S STORY

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

### \*BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE 598

AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

*Amen, We Praise Your Name*  
Chancel Choir

### POSTLUDE

*God of Grace*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

P. Manz



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



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

### **Kidz Crew**

*Wednesdays:* (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. *(Resumes in Fall 2022)*

### **KidZ 2nd Sunday** (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on 2nd Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM. *(Resume in Fall 2022)*

## Youth

### **Youth Group**

*Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.*

Meet on the Veranda.

*(Resumes Fall 2022)*

### **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.

*Madelynne Risi at madelynne@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.

### **:: This Hallelujah Banquet**

*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. *(Resumes Fall 2022)*

*John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.*

### **Women’s Bible Study/Prayer Group**

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

*(Resumes Fall 2022)*

*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.

*(Resumes Fall 2022)*

*Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at gimmyconnors1@gmail.com*

*or (608) 220-8481*

### **Six Week Bible Study**

*Thursdays at 5 PM in the Upper Room*

*Postponed until Fall*

### **::Waymaker**

*By Ann Voskamp*

Child Care is available

*Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## 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 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](https://SSPRES.ORG/SUNDAYSCHOOL)



Blue Skies is a ministry that offers family beach camps to lift children above the clouds of childhood cancer.

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MORE INFO ABOUT BLUE SKIES ON SSI AT [blueskiesministries.org/on-st-simons](https://blueskiesministries.org/on-st-simons)

Registration Now Open!

# WORSHIP & ART CAMP

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

July 18-22 :: 9-1PM

Ages: Rising 1st - 6th Graders

SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS)

# BINGO

ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND!

JULY 20 & 27  
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / DINNER PROVIDED

>> PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP BY JULY 18 & 25

SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/BINGO](https://SSPRES.ORG/BINGO)

SAVE THE DATE

# MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

October 24-29

Mission trip to do reconstruction in Cruso, NC following flooding in Haywood County due to Tropical Storm Fred in August 2021.

All levels of construction skills are welcome!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!

## This Week | June 26 - July 1

### Sunday, June 26

- All Day **BRIDGE Mission Group** - Youth Suite
- 9:00 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:00 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

### Monday, June 27

- All Day **BRIDGE Mission Group** - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, June 28

- All Day **BRIDGE Mission Group** - Youth Suite
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Parlor

### Wednesday, June 29

- All Day **BRIDGE Mission Group** - Youth Suite

### Thursday, June 30

- All Day **BRIDGE Mission Group** - Youth Suite

### Friday, July 1

- All Day **BRIDGE Mission Group** - Youth Suite

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers are given in Honor of Jennifer Cottrell and in Memorial of Roscoe Odum by Kashey Odum.

**Office Closed:** The church office will be closed the week of July 4th. Enjoy your holiday.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call to Worship.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Chariots of Fire

“I WONDER HOW ELISHA FELT IN THOSE FIRST MOMENTS AFTER THE HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF FIRE DISAPPEARED, AND THE WHIRLWIND THAT CARRIED HIS MASTER TO GLORY DIED AWAY. IT MUST HAVE LEFT HIM FEELING AT LEAST A LITTLE BEREFT, AND ALONE. BUT ELISHA DID NOT STAND AROUND GAZING UP INTO HEAVEN. HE KNEW THAT ELIJAH’S MINISTRY WAS NOW HIS, THAT HIS LIFE TOO HAD SIGNIFICANCE. “WHERE IS THE LORD, THE GOD OF ELIJAH?” HE ASKED. AND THE ANSWER SOON CAME: ELIJAH’S GOD WAS NOW WITH ELISHA. GOD’S SERVANTS PASS ON, BUT GOD’S WORK GOES ON.”

-Rev. David Blast

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