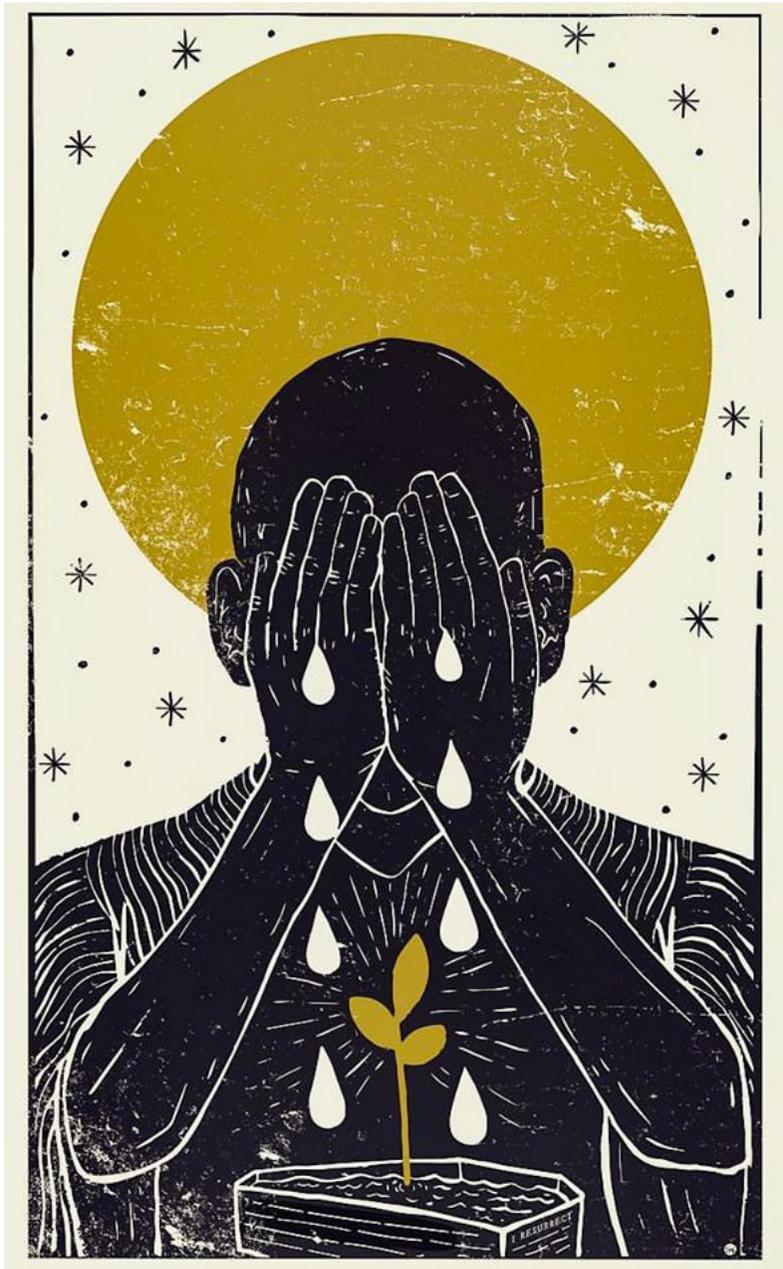


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Sorrowful Saint, 2016
Scott Erickson

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021



Per CDC guidance, vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask indoors. Adults and children (age 5+) who are not fully vaccinated are asked to please wear a mask while inside the building.



Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code located in the pew racks.

Today's response Call to Worship is inspired by Psalm 30. 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.

- † 8:30 Service Only
- 10:30 Service Only
- * Please stand if able.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

•INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise

Wagner

Chancel Choir; Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

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. 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 anthem 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

The Power of Your Love
Rhonda Hambright, Piano

Bullock/arr. Tornquist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

†Leslie Carlton
●Judy Benjamin

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,

ALL: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

One: Where there was no way,

ALL: God leads us in a new way.

One: Where there was no mercy,

ALL: God surprises us with fresh mercy.

One: Where there was weeping,

ALL: God invites us to step into a new dance.

*HYMN 372 (found on page 4)

AZMON

O for a World

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have strayed from living wholeheartedly. Envy and fear have dulled our generosity, and drawn us away from You. Forgive us our sins and return us to health. Refocus our wandering minds. Remind us of the hope we have in You, for Your love and mercies are without end.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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

Berthier

Come and Fill Our Hearts
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.

The Prayers of the People combine thanksgiving and intercession for the community and the world, providing a space for us to name the places of celebration and of sorrow in our lives.

• ANTHEM

In This Very Room
Chancel Choir

Harris

Following the Anthem at the 10:30 worship service, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave with Ms. Frieda for Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE READING **Lamentations 3:22-33**

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Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. Let him sit alone in silence, for the Lord has laid it on him. Let him bury his face in the dust - there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

In 1983, the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited. The reunion plan included a call for a brief statement of the Reformed faith. This statement is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of worship. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*OFFERTORY

*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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol
Rhonda Hambright, Organist

arr. Payne

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ways to Give. You can give your tithes and offerings 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 left 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).

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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AZMON

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

(start date TBD)

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry. Will resume in Fall/Winter 2021.

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@gmail.com.

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring. Will resume in Fall/Winter 2021.

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 Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

Children's Chapel (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: Children's Chapel following the "Word for Children" during worship. (Pre K-2nd)

Wednesdays: (Resuming this Fall)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

Youth

Youth Group

(Resuming this Fall)

Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

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.

Resuming this Fall.

Ada Owens at ada@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM in the Upper Room and on Zoom

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

Joint Summer Sunday School

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

(Resuming This Fall)

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room at SSPRES

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 ginnyconnors1@gmail.com or (608) 220-8481

Music

Choir, Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Choirs for all ages, 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. Alan Dyer 937-623-7963

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757



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. We would love to get to know you better.



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.



Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

SSPRES YOUTH

BEACH

- Cookout -

TODAY!

SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH | 4PM

We will gather at
the Head's House
(call office for address)

RSVP AT SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH

RESUMING JULY 5!

MANNA HOUSE

First Monday of
Every Month | 9AM

1408 G Street, Brunswick

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/MANNAHOUSE

BINGO

ALL ARE WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND!

JULY 14 & 28
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / DINNER PROVIDED
>> PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP BY JULY 12 & 26

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/BINGO

July 16-18

YOUTH + BRIDGE MISSION

KAYAKING & FISHING BOAT EXCURSION

Friday: 3:45pm - 7pm

Saturday: 9:30am - 3:45 pm

Sunday: 9:30am - 10:30am

REGISTER BY JULY 4

INFO & SIGN UP @
SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

WORSHIP & ART CAMP

July 19-23 :: 9-1PM

Ages: Rising 1st - 6th Graders

This Week | June 27 - July 2

Sunday, June 27

- 8:30 am **Indoor Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Indoor/Livestream Worship** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Youth Beach Cookout & Games** - Head's House

Monday, June 28

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, June 29

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, June 30

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 6:00pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, July 1

No Activities Planned for this Day

Friday, July 2

No Activities Planned for this Day

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's worship are given by Frances Teel and family, in loving memory of Dr. John Teel.

Sunday, July 11th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, July 11!

Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org) with any questions

To Ponder Prayerfully

Coming Home

“**W**HEN YOU LEARN TO LOVE AND LET YOURSELF BE LOVED, YOU COME HOME TO THE HEARTH OF YOUR OWN SPIRIT. YOU ARE WARM AND SHELTERED. YOU ARE COMPLETELY AT ONE IN THE HOUSE OF YOUR OWN LONGING AND BELONGING.”

-John O'Donohue

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