

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“Labyrinth”*

Wojtek Kowalski

4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2017 | 10:00 am Worship

**Greeter**

Susan Baltzell

**Ushers**

Bo Chambliss

Bess Chambliss

Greer Ward

Bethany Leggett

**Acolytes**

Aynsley Szczesniak

# 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

*The Spacious Firmament*

Josef Haydn,  
from *The Creation*

Intrumental Ensemble

Kate Buckley, Flute; Stacy Quiros, Clarinet;  
Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet; Alexander Hamilton, Tuba;  
Harlan Hambright, Timpani; David Stewart, Snare Drum;  
Carol Hamilton, Piano; Amy Bishop, Organ

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

*Please sign and pass the friendship register.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## PRELUDE

*Fanfare on "America"*

Martin/Bishop

Amy Bishop, Organ

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Baltzell

One: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**ALL: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.**

One: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

**ALL: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

One: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**ALL: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 338

MATERNA

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

We begin our worship service with the Call to Worship as a way of centering ourselves and directing our acts of worship. God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth, and it is the longing of every human heart to worship God. To paraphrase St. Augustine, our hearts cannot rest until they rest in thee.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

God, our Light and Salvation, forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness, stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering. You have called us to follow you and to fish for people but too often we think that our way is the only way to do your will. Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves. Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us. Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity. Teach us that the “same mind” you call us to have is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ.

*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

BAPTISM

*Christopher Talmadge Carter*  
Son of Megan & Joel Carter

The water of baptism is a symbol of our new birth into life with Christ and a visible sign of God's love pouring out for the person being baptized and the congregation as a whole.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (337)

AMERICA

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

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. H. Helvey

*God of the Ages*  
Chancel Choir

\*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

Susan Baltzell

#### **Psalm 86:8-13**

*Page 924 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

#### **Matthew 4:18-23**

*Page 1500 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. Alan Dyer

#### **An Altar in the World: Groundedness**

*"The Practice of Walking on the Earth"*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day  
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy  
catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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, which begin at 9AM  
in the Social Hall. All are  
welcome to attend.

# WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The practice of receiving communion by intinction is an ancient one. When taking Communion by intinction, the body of the Church acts together, moving as a community towards the Table. Worshipers are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, and intinct or dip it in the cup, place it in their mouth, and return to their seats. Gluten free bread is available for those with gluten allergies. Additionally, an elder is available to bring communion to you where you are seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 753

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 835

CLOSER WALK

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

Steffe, arr. Wilhousky

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

## POSTLUDE

Ward

*Fantasia on "America the Beautiful"*

Amy Bishop, Organ

"Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in Christ, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through God's mercy."

-Karl Barth

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we go out to share that nourishment in the ordinary intersections of our daily lives. The Lord's Day service is the indispensable event that identifies the church with its Lord and equips it to identify with those whom the Lord has called us to serve.

**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.

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission

### Manna House

*First Monday of every month*

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

*Marie Dodd at mariewdodd@bellsouth.net.*

### PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

*Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.*

### Habitat for Humanity

Join us for local Habitat for Humanity home construction. Builds happen each fall and winter.

*Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

### 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.

*Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Children

### Sunday School

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast*

### WeeKidZ (3 Years to Grade 2)

*Sundays:* Wee Worship/KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship.

*Wednesdays:* Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. WOW supper at 6PM.

### KingdomKidZ (Grades 3 to 5)

*Second Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet in the Britt Room for supper at 6PM.

### Chimes and Choir (Grades 3 to 5)

*Wednesdays:* Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

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

## Youth

### Sunday School

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast*

### Fellowship

*Sunday evenings in the Youth Suite*

Dinner at 6PM

Mid & Senior High at 6:30PM (Grades 6 to 12)

### Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

*Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A*

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

### Music (Grades 6 to 12)

*Sundays:* Youth Ensemble meets at 5PM in Music Attic

*Meg Johnson at meg@sspres.org*

## Young Adults

### Faith on Tap

*Monthly Thursday (usually 2nd Thursdays) at 7PM*

A casual young adult Bible Study for 20 and 30-somethings meets monthly. Location varies. Childcare available.

*Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Discipleship

### Sunday School (Resuming in September)

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast*

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Please come for breakfast and a time of fellowship each week in the Britt Room prior to class.

**Britt Class** - Upper Room

**Come & See** - Social Hall

**Rejoice** - Chapel

**Trinity** - Parlor

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

### Men's Bible Study

*Mondays at 12PM in the Britt Room*

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

*Thursdays at 7:15 AM in the Britt Room*

Come for breakfast and Community Men's Bible Study led by area pastors every Thursday.

*John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.*

### Ladies' Video Bible Study

*Wednesdays at 10:30AM in the Youth Suite*

Gather for prayer and discussion each week using a video study. All women are invited!

*Gail Ledbetter at gbledbetter@att.net.*

### Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room (Sept.-May)*

*Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.*

### Presbyterian Women (PW) Circles

All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

*Anne Aspinwall at anneaspinwall@gmail.com.*

*Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com.*

## Music

### Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Ashantilly wing on Wednesday nights.

### Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments are an important part of the music ministry for children through adults.

*Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org*

## Pastoral Care

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry offers confidential one-on-one Christian care to those experiencing difficult life circumstances.

*Jann Briscoe at jannbriscoe@gmail.com or 269-0212.*

### 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.

*St. Simons Presbyterian 638-2220*

*Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957*

*Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963*

*Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212*

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!**

**Kidz Worship & Art Camp**

July 10-14 [www.sspres.org](http://www.sspres.org)

**Manna House**

July 3rd

**Mondays**

**1st**

9:00 am - Cook

11:00 am - Serve

1:00 pm - Clean



**FAMILY**

**FUN**

**NIGHTS**

**Wednesdays in July**

**6 PM | Social Hall**

**Please bring a covered side dish!**

July 5 | *Fried Chicken & Movie Night*  
*Movie: Homeward Bound (G)*

July 12 | *Subs & Game Night*

July 19 | *Tacos & Human Bingo*

July 26 | *Salad & Art Night*

**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!

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

Questions? Contact Nat Scott - [nat@sspres.org](mailto:nat@sspres.org)

**This Week** | July 2 - 8

**Today, July 2**

8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary

9:00 am **Breakfast/Joint Sunday School** - Social Hall

10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary

**Monday, July 3**

8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room

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

**Tuesday, July 4** - *Church office closed*

**Wednesday, July 5**

6:00 pm **Family Fun Movie Night!** - Social Hall

**Thursday, July 6**

7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room

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, July 7**

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

**Communion Greenery:** The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Lee Dillard.

**List of Needs for Honduras:** Shampoo & conditioner, hair gel, toothpaste, baby wipes, deodorant (for girls & boys), body cream (for men & women), feminine pads, razors (for girls & boys), body soap, shower gel, hand sanitizer, bug repellent, saucepans of all sizes, round tablecloths (red, green, orange, and yellow), dishes in beige, glasses in beige.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Walking At His Pace

“SOMETIMES [JESUS] HAD A DESTINATION AND SOMETIMES HE DID NOT. FOR MANY WHO FOLLOWED HIM AROUND, HE WAS THE DESTINATION. WHETHER HE WAS GOING SOMEWHERE OR NOWHERE AT ALL, GOING WITH HIM WAS THE POINT. FOOD TASTED BETTER AT THE PACE HE SET. STORIES LASTED LONGER. TALK WENT DEEPER. WHILE MANY OF HIS PRESENT-DAY ADMIRERS PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHAT HE SAID AND DID, THEY PAY LESS ATTENTION TO THE PACE AT WHICH HE DID IT. JESUS WAS A WALKER, NOT A RIDER. HE TOOK HIS SWEET TIME.”

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

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