

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“What We Carry”

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Judy Benjamin

Ushers

Bunnie Lynn

Greer Ward

Mark Gordon

Lucinda Gordon

Acolyte

Kate Head

Today we welcome Madelynne Risi and Eliza Warner to worship leadership. Madelynne is the director of the BRIDGE Mission Program, and Eliza is serving as a summer intern helping to facilitate hands-on mission in our community. We give thanks for their leadership in our church and beyond.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

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. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the pew. 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.

PRELUDE

arr. M. & D. Smith

Great is the Lord

Thomas Trinh, Oboe; Beverly Fetter, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Benjamin

One: God is mighty in word and deed.

ALL: God's mercy is everlasting.

One: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

ALL: Glory to God forever.

One: Let us shed the weight of our worries this day.

ALL: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 65

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Madelynne Risi

Merciful God, forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt. Strengthen our faith, that we may not only believe, but may be filled with the power to help and heal. When others reject or refuse our ministry, help us to be forgiving and grace-filled. Grant us the courage to accept those things that cannot be changed, that we may be freed from anger and resentment. Forgive us when our disappointment clouds our wisdom and confuses our actions. Guide us on this path of ministry, that we may be filled with the joy of our ministry.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Madelynne Risi & Eliza Warner

BRIDGE Mission Program

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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.

Presbyterian pastor and author Frederick Buechner has famously said, "To confess sins to God is not to tell God anything that God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us and God. When we confess our sins, they become the bridge."

The BRIDGE Mission Program is a week-long mission opportunity that welcomes mid- and high-school age students from throughout the southeast to stay at SSPC and participate in hands-on service learning in Glynn County. In addition to serving each day at local organizations, groups also take time to discuss and learn about care for God's creation here in Coastal Georgia.

OFFERTORY

Gabriel Faure

Berceuse

Thomas Trinh, Oboe; Stephenie Powell, Violin;
Beverly Fetter, Piano

*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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Judy Benjamin

Psalm 123

Page 966 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

Page 1560 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

Stuff distracts us. Useless clutter we think we cannot live without can be a burden: too many coats, shoes, garden tools, mismatched kitchen storage containers with no lids in sight, a computer full of useless files, a phone full of mind dulling apps. Do you struggle with too much stuff? How do Jesus' words about traveling light challenge you to change the way you live? How can you follow him more faithfully today?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Eliza Warner

Across the centuries since the church was founded, the Spirit has formed and identified it. We recognize the true church of Jesus Christ wherever the work of the Spirit is evident: in preaching and sacraments, in the new life and continuous growth of believers, in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things, in mission and service to the world. The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us, but God knows those who are his.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 835

CLOSER WALK

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

*BENEDICTION

“God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission it bears witness to God’s reign over all life”
—The Book of Common Worship

POSTLUDE

G. F. Handel

La Rejouissance

Thomas Trinh, Oboe; Stephenie Powell, Violin;
Beverly Fetter, Piano

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 worshipping 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.

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.

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Joint Summer Sunday School

Sundays @ 9 AM in the Social Hall

Breakfast & coffee served.

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July 15

SSPC Mission Project

Collecting Item Donations & Creating Cards/Kits.

Our Sunday school on this day will be an intergenerational mission project to support local service organizations. Please help us ahead of time by donating the following items, which can be placed in the buckets located in the back hallway anytime before Sunday, July 15.

The Well

- Hotel size toiletries
- Hand sanitizer
- Laundry detergent pods
- Wash rags
- Trash bags

Safe Harbor

- New Underwear
*(male/female,
all ages, all sizes)*

Manna House

- New or gently used
Children's Books
(up to 5th grade)
- Coloring books

July 22 - August 22

Judaism in the Time of Jesus

Join us for an insightful four-week study that will explore some of the different perspectives of everyday Jewish believers at the time Jesus was living and teaching in ancient Palestine.

This course will be led by Rabbi Rachael Bregman from the Temple Beth Tifilloh in Brunswick.

Sunday, July 22: Messiah

What did contemporary-to-Jesus Jewish society think about the messiah, bodily resurrection the end of the world?

Sunday, July 29: Law (Sanhedrin/Jewish Court)

Pharisees, Sadducees-who is who and what did each group believe? What were the political issues which undergirded the fight between Jesus and the Rabbinic Court (Sanhedrin)?

Sunday, August 5: Where do you go to Church?

In the time of Jesus you had Jews, pagans, gentiles and converts. What difference did these categories make and how were they understood in the establishment of early Christianity?

Sunday, August 12: Thinkers

Whether you watch MSNBC, Fox News or The Onion, we are influenced by the talking heads of our day. What did the thought leaders of Jesus' time talk about and what impact might they have had?



KidZ
Worship & Art
 Camp

July 9-13
 Rising 1st-6th graders
 \$125

Sign up Today!
 Questions? Contact Frieda Warner
 frieda@sspres.org

FAMILY FUN nights

Wednesdays in July
 6 PM | Social Hall | Free
Please bring a covered side dish.

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| July 11 | Fried Chicken & Bingo Night |
| July 18 | Pizza & Movie Night |
| July 25 | Salad & Art Night |



Afternoon Tea Dance

Friday, July 13
 4 - 5:30 PM | Social Hall

Come dance the afternoon away with us as we enjoy the big band era music of the Whitefield Academy Jazz Band. Tea and lemonade with snacks will be served. *Bring your friends and your dancing shoes!*

KidZ Care

CAMP

caring for others & creation

July 23 - 27 Rising 4th - 6th graders



This Week | July 8 - 14

Today, July 8

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Joint Sunday School & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Service** - Marsh's Edge

Monday, July 9

- 9:00 am **Worship & Art Camp Begins** - Children's Hall
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Wednesday, July 11

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

Thursday, July 12

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 1:00 pm **Grief Support Group** - John Law 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 13

- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 4:00 pm **Afternoon Tea Dance** - Social Hall

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Anne Aspinwall.

Sign up for Chancel Flowers: We have many openings in the upcoming weeks for Chancel flowers. If you would like to provide them for worship, please sign up on the flower board in the Memorial Garden Hallway. Once signed up, please make sure to email Caroline (caroline@sspres.org) to dedicate your flowers and to provide the language you would like printed in the bulletin.

Church Notecards For Sale: The deacons are selling 4 x 5 note cards depicting a beautiful oil painting of the church. All proceeds will go to the casserole fund for members in need of meals. A set of 10 cards with envelopes will cost \$15. Cards will be on sale in the back hall before and after the 10 AM service on July 15 and 22. Thank you to Harlan Hambright for producing and funding 500 cards!

To Ponder Prayerfully

Pack Light

“FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PACKING LIST ALLOWS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPERIENCE TO COME. TRUE FOR SUMMER CAMPERS. TRUE FOR DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. IF THOSE OF US WHO FOLLOW JESUS ARE TO ENGAGE TOTALLY IN THE WORK TO WHICH WE’VE BEEN CALLED, WE FIRST NEED TO GET THE PACKING LIST RIGHT AND JESUS SAYS: PACK LIGHT.”

— Rev. Jill Duffield

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