

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Clearing the Winter Storm”

Ansel Adams

Silver gelatin print, 1944

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017 | 10:00 am Worship

Greeter

Jack Hartman

Ushers

Greer Ward

Anne Aspinwall

Mike Aspinwall

Henry Moffett

Acolytes

Carolina Wessel

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 543

GREEN TYLER

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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

Zipoli (1688-1726)

Three Joyous Verses
Amy Bishop, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack Hartman

One: I cry aloud to God, aloud to God that I may be heard.

ALL: In the day of trouble I seek God; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

One: I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints.

ALL: You hold my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

One: I will call to mind the deeds of God, and I will remember your wonders of old.

ALL: I will meditate on all your work, O Lord, and muse on your mighty deeds.

One: On our journey, even in the wilderness, God is with us in Jesus Christ.

-Based on Psalm 77

*OPENING HYMN 649

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

* Please stand if able.

Worship is a remembering. When we gather to worship God, we remember that God is the creator of the heavens and the earth and has redeemed us in Jesus Christ and has set us free by the Holy Spirit to live holy and joyful lives. We remember that the community of faith gives us fellow disciples to be our brothers and sisters in shared life. We remember to never take each other for granted. We show affection to each other in thanksgiving to God that we do not live the faith alone. The people around you today in worship are gifts from God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

O God, Source of all that makes life possible, Giver of all that makes life good, we gather to give you our thanks. Yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have, we take for granted. We grumble about what we lack. We are stubborn without reason. We have squandered your bounty with little thought of those who come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than we, than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving, and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life. O God of mercy, we confess our lostness and our sin.

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.

Sometimes we say that the largest room in the whole world is the room for improvement! The confession of sin to God is a blessing. It invites us to take a serious look at how we are living and to compare our lives with the gracious and generous life of Jesus of Nazareth. Confession is not an act of despair. Rather it is an act of honesty, even thanksgiving to God for new chances to live the Christian life with greater authenticity. We pray for God to change us that others may see Christ in us.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

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.

OFFERTORY

J. S. Bach

Sinfonia
Amy Bishop, Organ

*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

Jack Hartman

Psalm 107:1-22

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

F. Mendelssohn

If With All Your Heart from *Elijah*
Stacy Quiros, Clarinet; Rhonda Hambright, Piano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

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*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: **Wilderness**

"The Practice of Getting Lost"

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

Scripture is the Word written, preaching is the Word proclaimed, and the Sacraments are the Word enacted and sealed. Together, they bear testimony to Jesus Christ who is the living Word. God in Christ is present by the Holy Spirit acting to transform, empower, and sustain human lives.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 543

GREEN TYLER

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

arr. Graham

A Welsh Tune
Amy Bishop, Organ

A benediction is a pronouncement of blessing. Not only has God blessed us with the gracious love of Jesus Christ, but God has blessed us for the sole purpose of being a blessing to others. All who receive the blessing of God become givers of blessing to others -- not just to those we select, but to all the families of the earth.

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.

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

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.

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Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

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Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR



Montaña de Luz Honduras Mission Trip

July 12 - 19

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

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

July 12 | Subs & Game Night
July 19 | Tacos & Human Bingo
July 26 | Salad & Art Night

Open to all

Grief Support Group

FREE

2nd Thurs. each month

1PM John Law Room

Provided by Hospice of the Golden Isles

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Caring for Others

If you or a loved one are
undergoing a difficult life
transition, Stephen Ministers
are available to help.

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This Week | July 9 - 15

Today, July 9

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am Breakfast/Joint Sunday School - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Marsh's Edge Worship - Marsh's Edge

Monday, July 10

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

Wednesday, July 12

- 3:00 am Honduras Mission Trip Group Departs
- 6:00 pm Family Fun Game Night! - Social Hall

Thursday, July 13

- 7:15 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room
- 10:00 am Instrumental Ensemble - Social Hall
- 1:00 pm Grief Support Group - John Law Room
- 4:00 pm Free Flow Yoga - Youth Suite
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry - Parlor
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Friday, July 14

- 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

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers are given by Jeff and Greer Ward to the glory of God and in honor of their parents.

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To Ponder Prayerfully

Wilderness Times

“**P**OPULAR RELIGION FOCUSES SO HARD ON SPIRITUAL SUCCESS THAT MOST OF US DO NOT KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL FRUITS OF FAILURE. WHEN WE FALL ILL, LOSE OUR JOBS, WRECK OUR MARRIAGES, OR ALIENATE OUR CHILDREN, MOST OF US ARE LEFT ALONE TO PICK UP THE PIECES. EVEN THOSE OF US WHO ARE MINISTERED TO BY BRAVE FRIENDS CAN FIND IT HARD TO SHAKE THE SHAME OF GETTING LOST IN OUR LIVES. AND YET IF SOMEONE ASKED US TO PINPOINT THE TIMES IN OUR LIVES THAT CHANGED US FOR THE BETTER, A LOT OF THOSE TIMES WOULD BE WILDERNESS TIMES.”

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

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