

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Praise The Lord”

Deborah Nell

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 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.

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.

- † 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

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord
Chancel Choir

Callahan

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 worshipping 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

Adoration
Amy Bishop, Organist

Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

† Kevin Lokey
• Mike Kellar

One: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

ALL: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

One: Let every soul sing God's praises!

ALL: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

One: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

ALL: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. AMEN.

*HYMN 35 (*found on page 4*)

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God, we want to come into Your presence as honest and loving people. But we swing back and forth on opinions. We find it easy to take ourselves more seriously than we take You. Forgive us, merciful God. Examine our hearts and minds and show us where we fall short of Your truth. Show us where our thoughts need to be pruned, our attitudes brought into the light of Your love. Show us our neighbors, and help us to respond to their needs, becoming Your hands and Your heart in the world.

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

† BAPTISM

Thomas Lowry Steed
Child of Thomas & Laurens Steed

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Julia & Kevin Chase
Randy & Iris Ellis
Joyce Kallaher
Bob McCammon & Jeanne Pescitelli
Mary & Gene Ramba
Terry & Linda Seierstad

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

• PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

In My Life
Chancel Choir

Kilpatrick

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.

• ANTHEM

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
Chancel Choir

Young

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

• 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 KidZ Worship.*

Today, we welcome eleven new members into the life and faith of our church. In the Presbyterian tradition, being received into membership is a renewal of one's baptismal covenant as well as a commitment to participate in Christ's mission through the life of the church. It's also an opportunity for the congregation to affirm these same things.

• CHILDREN'S LITANY OF PARTING

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

Congregation: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

FIRST READING

Psalm 24
page 862 OT

† Kevin Lokey
• Mike Kellar

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14
page 1817 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as He did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

*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

Come, Thou Almighty King
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Mark Hayes

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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).

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

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

Men's Bible Study led by Rev. 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.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

WORSHIP & ART CAMP

July 19-23 :: 9-1PM
Ages: Rising 1st - 6th Graders

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

★ youth outing to ★
TOP GOLF ★

AUG 1ST
6th-12th Graders & Friends!

TOP GOLF, JACKSONVILLE

11:30 - LUNCH IN BRITT ROOM \$15 PER PERSON
12PM - DEPART FROM SSPC
5PM - PICKUP AT SSPC

SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH

August 8

SAVE THE DATE!
For Your Listening Pleasure

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY



Usher Ministry

PRAY
OBSERVE
INITIATE
SMILE
SERVE

We are always recruiting good people who love to deal with people and make sure they feel welcome at St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

VISIT SSPRES.ORG FOR MORE INFO OR TO JOIN OUR USHER MINISTRY!

This Week | July 11 - July 16

Sunday, July 11

- All Day **BRIDGE (Cornelia Presbyterian)** - Youth Suite
- 8:30 am **Indoor Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Indoor/Livestream Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, July 12

- All Day **BRIDGE (Cornelia Presbyterian)** - Youth Suite
- 6:30 pm **AI-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, July 13

- All Day **BRIDGE (Cornelia Presbyterian)** - Youth Suite
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, July 14

- All Day **BRIDGE (Cornelia Presbyterian)** - Youth Suite
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **SSPRES Family Bingo** - Social Hall

Thursday, July 15

- All Day **BRIDGE (Cornelia Presbyterian)** - Youth Suite

Friday, July 16

- All Day **BRIDGE (Cornelia Presbyterian)** - Youth Suite

Christian Sympathy: With thanksgiving for life and trust in Christ's resurrection, we extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Lu Fendig, who passed away on Thursday, July 1.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Martha Ellis, who passed away on Sunday, July 4.

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's worship are given by Coco and Mark Bujold in honor and celebration of the baptism of Lowry Steed and in memory of Dr. C. Lowry Pressly.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Ministry Matters.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Dhini's Baptism

“D HINI DIDN'T ASK TO BE ADOPTED. SHE DIDN'T EARN OR DESERVE IT. SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH TO WANT IT. IT JUST CAME AS A GRACE THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING ABOUT HER LIFE. THAT'S THE WAY GRACE WORKS—IT IS FREE, UNMERITED AND UNEXPECTED, BUT THEN EXPECTS A LOT FROM US. WE DON'T MAKE CHANGES IN OUR LIFE TO GET ADOPTED; WE MAKE THEM BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ADOPTED.”

- M. Craig Barnes

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