

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“How Great Thou Art”

Gigi Cate, Age 10

Worship & Art Camp Participant

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Mel Baxter

UshersBunnie Lynn
Greer WardCathy Rossiter
Jan Rossiter**Acolyte**

Carolina Wessel

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.

The Prelude, Call to Worship, and Opening Hymn provide a means of moving the congregation with its liturgical leaders from the ordinary, structured context that characterizes daily life toward a kind of antistructure, in which the worshipers stand on equal ground in the presence of the triune God. Laying aside the various ways that society categorizes people and assigns status, the congregation awaits God's gifts. The first gift is God's own self. The second is the gift of community.

PRELUDE

G. Martin

Trumpet Tune

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mel Baxter

One: Though others may forget us,

ALL: God remembers us in every moment.

One: Though we may seem worthless to some,

ALL: We are precious in God's eyes.

One: Though we may feel hollow,

ALL: God pours grace into us.

One: Though we think our pockets are empty,

ALL: God gives us more than we ever imagined.

*OPENING HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Jann Briscoe

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of 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.

The Assurance of
Pardon proclaims God's
faithfulness. Our lives are
redeemed by the saving
grace of God—the Gospel
in miniature. God does for
us what we cannot do for
ourselves.

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/Salnikov

Ich ruf zu dir Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

Val Salnikov, Pianist

*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.

The church confesses the scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship.

FIRST READING

Mel Baxter

Psalm 85:8-13

Page 924 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Amos 7:7-15

Page 1428 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

This morning's affirmation of faith is an excerpt from the Belhar Confession. Written in 1982 in Afrikaans, the Belhar Confession was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa in 1986 as a response to apartheid. The Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted it as one of our denomination's official confessions at the 222nd General Assembly.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 649

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

G. Martin

Jubilation

Amy Bishop, Organist

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.

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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Summer Sunday School

Sundays @ 9 AM in the Social Hall
Breakfast & coffee served.

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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?

Artwork from Participants of Children's
Worship & Art Camp 2018
"How Great Thou Art"



Emmeline Griffith, Age 10



Mary West Turner, Age 6



Reagan Pope, Age 6

FAMILY FUN *nights*

Wednesdays in July

6 PM | Social Hall | Free

Please bring a covered side dish.

July 18

Pizza & Movie Night

Peter Rabbit : G

(No side dish needed this night.)

July 25

Salad & Art Night

KidZ Care C A M P

caring for others & creation

July 23 - 27

Rising 4th-6th
graders

9 AM - 1 PM
Activities include a 3hr boat tour
with marine biologist, worksites
at Keep Golden Isles Beautiful and
Second Harvest, and collecting water
samples with UGA biologist.

SIGN UP TODAY!



stephen MINISTRY

Trained Lay People
Caring for Others

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

Rev. Jann Briscoe

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This Week | July 15 - 21

Today, July 15

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| 8:30 am | Chapel Service - Sanctuary |
| 9:00 am | Joint Sunday School & Breakfast - Social Hall |
| 10:00 am | Traditional Service - Sanctuary |
| 3:30 pm | Magnolia Manor Service - Magnolia Manor |

Monday, July 16

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| 8:00 pm | AA Meeting - Britt Room |
| 8:00 pm | Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room |

Wednesday, July 18

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| 6:00 pm | Family Fun Night - Social Hall |
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Thursday, July 19

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| 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 20

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| 10:00 am | Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office |
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Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Cathy and Jan Rossiter.

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 today and July 22. Thank you to Harlan Hambright for producing and funding 500 cards!

To Ponder Prayerfully

God's Plumb Line

“**W**HEN OUR SOLE FOCUS IS UPON OUR OWN ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLACE IN THE WORLD, WE LOSE SIGHT OF WHERE WE ARE PLACED IN THIS GREATER CREATION AND WHO HAS PLACED US HERE. WE PILE UP OUR RESUMES AND OUR AWARDS AND OUR BANK ACCOUNTS AND STAND UPON THEM, BELIEVING THAT THEY MAKE US BIG. BUT WHAT WE STAND UPON IS MERE FROTH IN FRONT OF GOD'S MEASURING PLUMB LINE. WE ARE SMALL. WHAT MAKES US INHERENTLY VALUABLE IS OUR IDENTITY AS THE CHILDREN OF GOD.”

— Douglas King

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