

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“Touch”*  
Anonymous

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 18, 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 worshipping 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.

“In worship, God imparts himself to us.”  
—C.S. Lewis

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## •INTROIT

*Beautiful Savior*  
Chancel Choir Women's Ensemble

Fettke

## 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

*Cornet Voluntary*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Travers

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

† Jeff Bennett  
• Leslie Carlton

One: From far and near, we gather together,

**ALL: called to unity in Christ.**

One: Built into one body,

**ALL: we are the dwelling place of God.**

One: May God guide our steps and direct our ways,

**ALL: that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.**

## \*HYMN 796 (found on page 4)

LAND OF REST

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Gracious God, we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd, or strangers wandering alone in the world. We want to know Your presence, and trust that You dwell within us. We yearn for conviction that Your Spirit flows in and through us. Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we are wrong. Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired. Reconcile us when we are disconnected, and guard our lives with Your indwelling Spirit.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

† 8:30 Service Only

• 10:30 Service Only

\* Please stand if able.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

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*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

*Youth BRIDGE Mission Weekend*  
Kate Head

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

•PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

HYMN CHANT

*Hear My Prayer, O God*  
Chancel Choir Women's Ensemble

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

Showalter, arr. Dennis Allen

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
Chancel Choir Women's Ensemble

## 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.*

•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.**

This summer, the BRIDGE Mission Program is welcoming five groups from across the southeast to spend a week living, learning, and serving here in Glynn County. The program focuses on hands-on education and faith building in the areas of caring for God's creation and environmental stewardship. This past weekend, several members of our own youth program came together to experience and participate in the BRIDGE program.

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. -Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship

## FIRST READING

**Psalm 23**  
*page 862 OT*

† Jeff Bennett  
• Leslie Carlton

## SECOND READING

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**  
*page 1562 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet He made no use of power to protect Himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet He did not avoid pain and suffering for Himself. He commanded His followers to place loyalty to Him above loyalty to family and country, yet He lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet He submitted to humiliation and death without a word on His own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet He was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do.

## \*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

*Ode to Joy*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. C. Callahan

## SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**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).

# We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -  
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
mong us still with power to heal a - gain.  
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission

### Manna House

*First Monday of Every Month.*

*1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto: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](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Sermons Online.** To hear sermons online, visit [www.sspres.org/sermons](http://www.sspres.org/sermons).

# This Week | July 18 - July 23

## Sunday, July 18

- 8:30 am **Indoor Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Indoor/Livestream Worship** - Sanctuary

## Monday, July 19

- 9:00 am **Worship & Art Camp** - Britt Room & Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

## Tuesday, July 20

- 9:00 am **Worship & Art Camp** - Britt Room & Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

## Wednesday, July 21

- 9:00 am **Worship & Art Camp** - Britt Room & Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room

## Thursday, July 22

- 9:00 am **Worship & Art Camp** - Britt Room & Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law

## Friday, July 23

- 9:00 am **Worship & Art Camp** - Britt Room & Social Hall

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers in today's worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Wilsher, from Barbara Wilsher and family.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021.

# BINGO ROUND 2

ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28  
6PM / SOCIAL HALL / DINNER PROVIDED  
>> PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP BY JULY 26

**SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/BINGO](https://SSPRES.ORG/BINGO)**

## youth outing to TOP GOLF

AUG 1ST TOP GOLF, JACKSONVILLE

6th-12th Graders & Friends!

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

**SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH](https://SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH)**

## August 8

SAVE THE DATE!  
For Your Listening Pleasure

# BLUEGRASS SUNDAY



st. simons presbyterian church

## drive thru BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

students | teachers | parents  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We will also be  
Collecting Canned  
Goods for  
Sparrows Nest!

Wednesday, August 11  
Stop by anytime between 3-5PM  
205 Kings Way, SSI - Front Drive

# 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](https://SSPRES.ORG) FOR MORE INFO OR TO JOIN OUR USHER MINISTRY!**

To Ponder Prayerfully  
**A Tender Hand**

“**W**HEN WE HONESTLY ASK OURSELVES WHICH PERSON IN OUR LIVES MEANS THE MOST TO US, WE OFTEN FIND THAT IT IS THOSE WHO, INSTEAD OF GIVING ADVICE, SOLUTIONS, OR CURES, HAVE CHOSEN RATHER TO SHARE OUR PAIN AND TOUCH OUR WOUNDS WITH A WARM AND TENDER HAND.”

-Henri Nouwen

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*St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.*

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