

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Lift Me Up
Bonnie Rabert

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

Ushers

Jan Rossiter
Nicole Campbell
Kathy Cathey
Jack Hartman
Susan Hartman

Acolyte

Ethan Tsia

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

O Lord, Our Lord
Chancel Choir

HOW MAJESTIC

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshiping 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 word for children at the 10:00 AM worship, children up 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

The Lord's My Shepherd
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

arr. C. Simone

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Albert McCaffrey

One: This is the day the Lord has made,

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Let us worship the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN 372

O For a World

AZMON

The Call to Worship is a reminder that, while worship is something we do, we do it as a response to what God has already done. God calls us to worship. We respond to God's call with praise, confession, gratitude, and wonder.

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promises amid our old sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life. And free us to start again in Christ our Lord.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 223

HAMBURG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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.

OFFERTORY

Saint-Saens/arr. Lochstampfor

Le Cagne

Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

*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.*

After a hymn of adoration and praise, we make confession, acknowledging the reality of sin in our personal and common life. In the assurance of pardon, the gospel is proclaimed and forgiveness declared in the name of Jesus Christ. -Adapted from PCUSA Directory of Worship

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 children's chapel.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**
pg 1799 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Fettke
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING **Genesis 3:11-24**
pg 5 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *"What Now?"* Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer
The Human Condition: Part IV

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL) A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families on earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

The Prayer for Illumination turns our attention to God to ask that we hear God's word in order to better know God's will for our lives. This time also allows a moment for the congregation to "get settled" and ready to hear God's word in scripture and proclamation.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 435

IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*BENEDICTION

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

CHORAL RESPONSE 599

Amen
Chancel Choir

DRESDEN AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for a New Day
Mark Lochstampfor, Organist

L. Smith



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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship or fill out the friendship register, located at the end of each pew. We would love to get to know you better!



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.



To Aid in Worship. Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



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.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:00A worship service is available every Sunday at sspres.org/livestream. A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit sspres.org/sermons or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.



Ways to Give. Offering boxes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. You can also give 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 right 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).

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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.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

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 Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. *(Pre K-2nd)*

Kidz Crew

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. *(Resumes in Fall 2022)*

KidZ 2nd Sunday (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on 2nd Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM. *(Resume in Fall 2022)*

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

(Resumes Fall 2022)

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

(Resume in Fall 2022)

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.

Madelynne Risi at madelynne@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:00 AM in Various Locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

:: This Hallelujah Banquet

By Eugene H. Peterson - Upper Room

:: Open and Unafraid (Begins Aug 7)

By W. David O. Taylor - Upper Room

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 Nat Scott every Wednesday.

Visitors are always welcome. *(Resumes Fall 2022)*

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

(Resumes Fall 2022)

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.

(Resumes Fall 2022)

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com

Six Week Bible Study

Thursdays at 5 PM in the Upper Room

Postponed until the Fall

:: Waymaker

By Ann Voskamp

Child Care is available

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Music Attic on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

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

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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. Steve Goyer 904-718-7777

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299



First Monday of
Every Month | 9AM
1408 G Street, Brunswick
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/MANNAHOUSE

This Week | July 31 - August 6

Sunday, July 31

- 9:00 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, August 1

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street Brunswick
- 6:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, August 2

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00am **PW Planning Meeting** - Britt Room
- 1:00 pm **Who Dealt Bridge Club** - Parlor

Wednesday, August 3

- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry**- Music Attic
- TBD **Youth Beach Party** - Gould's Inlet

Thursday, August 4

No Activities Planned for Today

Friday, August 5

No Activities Planned for Today

Congregational Meeting: Session has called for a congregational meeting today, July 31, at the end of the 10:00 AM worship service. The purposes of the meeting will be to elect the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers are given in honor and celebration of the Pastoral Nominating Committee by Anne Aspinwall.

Flower Ministry: The flower ministry is looking for vases so they can continue sharing the always beautiful chancel flowers with our church loved ones. Please bring any extra vases you may have to the church kitchen.

Preaching Series: Today concludes a four part series on 'The Human Condition' as expressed in and from the first chapters of Genesis.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the Book of Common Worship.

YOUTH BEACH PARTY!
WEDNESDAY, AUG 3RD
TIME TBD | GOULDS INLET
CONTACT ANNIE@SSPRES.ORG FOR MORE INFO!

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY
AUGUST 7TH | 10AM WORSHIP
for your listening pleasure

FORWARD BY EUGENE PETERSON
OPEN AND UNAFRAID
THE PSALMS AS A GUIDE TO LIFE
W. DAVID O. TAYLOR

BEGINNING AUGUST 7TH
COMBINED SUMMER
SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAYS | 9:00AM
UPPER ROOM
BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$100.
COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN-PERSON AT EPWORTH OR ONLINE WITH ZOOM.
DEADLINE IS SEPT 2ND

Savannah Presbytery's
SCHOOL OF THE LAITY
October 1-2 at Epworth

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
with Dr. Brennan Breed

HISTORY, MISSION & POLITY
with Rev. Joyce Lieberman

ELECTIVE: THE OLD IN THE NEW
with Rev. Andy Meeker

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION AT SSPRES.ORG

To Ponder Prayerfully

Living in the New

“**S**O WHAT IS NEW FOR PAUL AS HE INSTRUCTS THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH TO LIVE WITHIN THE NEW CREATION? LIKEWISE, WHAT IS NEW FOR US TODAY? I SEE AT LEAST FOUR COMPELLING THEMES: 1) NEW CREATION PEOPLE MUST KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS. IN CHRIST, WE LITERALLY LIVE IN A NEW TIME ZONE; 2) NEW CREATION MEANS LIVING AS A NEW INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF GOD; 3) NEW CREATION MEANS LIVING IN THE FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT RATHER THAN ENTRAPPED BY LEGALISM; AND 4) NEW CREATION MEANS BEING RECREATED AND TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.”

- Dr. J. J. Johnson Leese

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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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