

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"Stringfellas"*  
Ann Nermoe

Bluegrass Sunday

August 8, 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.

Welcome to Bluegrass Sunday! This annual tradition of St. Simons Presbyterian Church is always a toe-tapping good time. We give thanks to God for our gifted bluegrass musicians as well as our director of music, Rhonda Hambright, who works to organize and lead our music in worship each Sunday.

- † 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

Traditional

*Gimme That Old Time Religion/Give Me Oil in My Lamp*  
 Crystal Murphy, Jan Rossiter, Fiddles; Harlan Hambright, Mandolin;  
 Rick Ray, Banjo; Steve Bristol, Ann Nermoe, Guitars;  
 Bud Longley, Dobro; Jason Bosarge, Bass; Rhonda Hambright, Piano

## 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 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 children's moment 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

*Gather Us In*  
 Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Lasky †

*Holy Manna*  
 Blue Grass Band

Columbian Harmony, 1825 •

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

**ALL: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

**ALL: and let us exalt God's name together.**

*-Adapted from Psalm 34*

## \*HYMN 65 (found on page 4)

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*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as Your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in quiet

gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire Your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us.

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

• PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Harry D. Clarke

*Into My Heart*  
Blue Grass Band

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

Carley Arrowood

*Jesus Come Down From Heaven*  
Blue Grass Band

## 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.**

The Prayers of the People combine thanksgiving and intercession for the community and the world, providing a space for us to name the places of celebration and of sorrow in our lives.

FIRST READING

**Psalm 34:1-8**  
*page 871 OT*

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**  
*page 1822 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

In His concern for justice in the social order God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers. We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*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.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Love Lifted Me*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Smith †

*I'll Fly Away/Will the Circle Be Unbroken* Albert E. Brumley •  
Blue Grass Band Traditional

## 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).

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

# 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 Phippat at [cpihp109@gmail.com](mailto:cpihp109@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).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](http://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](http://sspres.org/sermons) or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.

# Sunday, August 15th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, August 15!

Please contact Alan (alan@spres.org) with any questions

st. simons presbyterian church

## drive Thru BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

students | teachers | parents

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Wednesday, August 11

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

We will also be  
Collecting Canned  
Goods for  
Sparrows Nest!

HIGH SCHOOL &  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

## youth gatherings

**Kickoff August 15!**

Sundays | 6PM | Youth Suite

STARTING BACK  
August 18

## KIDZ CREW

4PM

WEDNESDAYS | 4-6 PM  
MEET ON VERANDA

Try Something New

## SIP + PAINT

Guided Painting with Jamie Scott

August 20 | 6PM | 100 Druid Oaks Lane

COST IS \$20 TO COVER MATERIALS

Bring Your Favorite Hors d'oeuvre.  
Wine will be provided!

SIGN UP AT SPRES.ORG/EVENTS

## This Week | August 8 - August 13

### Sunday, August 8

8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary

9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom

10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

### Monday, August 9

6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

### Tuesday, August 10

9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

### Wednesday, August 11

10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room

1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic

3:00 pm **Blessing of the Backpacks** - Front Drive

6:00 pm **Choir Party** - Hambright's Home

### Thursday, August 12

10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law

1:00 pm **Hospice Grief Group** - John Law

### Friday, August 13

**No Activities Planned for this Day**

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers in today's worship are given in loving memory of Ellen E. Fleming, by her sister, Nancy Fixx, and Mike, Ellen & Brian Fixx .

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

A NEW SERMON SERIES

## BACK SCHOOL

Six people & events in the Bible  
that every Christian should know.

BEGINNING AUGUST 15

To Ponder Prayerfully

# You Are Forgiven

“**E**VERYTHING WILL RESOLVE ITSELF THROUGH LOVE. STOP WASTING TIME RUNNING AFTER THE PERFECT COMMUNITY. LIVE YOUR LIFE FULLY IN YOUR COMMUNITY TODAY. STOP SEEING THE FLAWS—AND THANK GOD THERE ARE SOME! LOOK RATHER AT YOUR OWN DEFECTS AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE FORGIVEN AND CAN, IN YOUR TURN, FORGIVE OTHERS AND TODAY ENTER INTO THE CONVERSION OF LOVE, AND REMEMBER, PRAY ALWAYS.”

-Jean Vanier

## St. Simons Presbyterian Church

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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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