

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"Hand of God"*

Relief sculpture on church wall in Taiwan

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Leigh Truett

**Ushers**

Nardis Kellar

Mike Kellar

Teresa Hodgdon

Matt Hodgdon

**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.*

## PRELUDE

Telemann

*Trumpet Concerto in D*

Amy Bishop, Organ; Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Truett

One: I will bless the Lord at all times—

**ALL: praise will continually be in our mouths.**

One: My soul shall rejoice in the Lord;

**ALL: let the humble hear it and rejoice.**

One: Come, glorify our God with me.

**ALL: Let us exalt God's name together!**

## \*OPENING HYMN 401

GATHER US IN

*Here in This Place*

In the call to worship we take the opportunity to center ourselves on God. We have so many distractions coming our way, thus we take the first opportunity in our corporate worship service to quiet those distractions. The call to worship places everything in the service, from preaching and worship music to various liturgies and the call to confession, before God in honor and praise.

\* Please stand if able.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Annie Franklin Arvin

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 evil 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

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

### ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER

*Bonnie Roberts*

### 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.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that "he who is alone with his sin is utterly alone." But we are not alone with our sin. That's why we confess our sin together, that we might share each other's burdens, and that we might be renewed in God's grace and called to lives of joyful devotion - together.

Today, we ordain Bonnie Roberts as an elder. Bonnie was elected by the congregation in June to complete a vacant term on the governing body of our congregation, which is called the Session. In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and laying on of hands those who have been called to serve as deacons, elders, and ministers of word and sacrament. We invite you to continue to be in prayer for Bonnie as well as all of our active church officers.

OFFERTORY

Guilmant

*Ave Verum*

Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

\*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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leigh Truett

**Psalm 34:1-8**

*Page 871 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Some scholars have described today's passage from Ephesians as being Paul's practical application of a theology of salvation. Stan Mast of Calvin Seminary writes, "For three long complicated chapters, Paul has been explaining God's plan of salvation in breathtaking terms. [...] Now it's time to come down to earth and tell us exactly what God's cosmic plan means for us as we walk the mean streets of our cities and towns."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

*Page 1822 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 729

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

\*BENEDICTION

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world!

POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

*A Festal Fanfare*

Amy Bishop, Organ; Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

**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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# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission

### Manna House

*First Monday of every month*

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

*Marie Dodd at mariewdodd@bellsouth.net.*

*Chris Pippart at cpipp109@gmail.com.*

### PAL Mentoring Program

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

*Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.*

### Habitat for Humanity

Join us for local Habitat for Humanity home construction. Builds happen each fall and winter.

*Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

### 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.

*Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Children

### Sunday School *Resuming Sept. 2*

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast*

### KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

*Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship. (Pre K-2nd)*

*Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. WOW supper at 6PM.*

### KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet in the Britt Room for supper at 6PM.*

### Chimes and Choir

*Wednesdays: Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.*

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

## Youth

### Sunday School *Resuming Sept. 2*

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast*

### Sunday Night Fellowship *Resuming Aug 19*

*Sunday evenings in the Youth Suite*

*Dinner at 6PM*

*Mid & Senior High at 6:30PM (Grades 6 to 12)*

### Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

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

*Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.*

### Music (Grades 6 to 12) *Resuming in Sept.*

*Sundays: Youth Ensemble meets at 5PM in Music Attic*

*Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org*

## Young Adults

### Faith on Tap

*Monthly Thursday (usually 2nd Thursdays) at 7PM*

*A casual young adult Bible Study for 20 and 30-somethings meets monthly. Location varies. Childcare available.*

*Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Discipleship

### Summer Sunday School

*Begins at 9 AM in the Social Hall with breakfast*

*Sunday School classes are available for all ages.*

*Please come for breakfast and a time of fellowship each week in the Britt Room prior to class.*

*Regular Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, September 2.*

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

### Men's Bible Study

*Wednesdays at 12PM in the Britt Room (Resuming Aug. 29)*

*Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Monday. Visitors are always welcome.*

*Thursdays at 7:15 AM in the Britt Room*

*Come for breakfast and Community Men's Bible Study led by area pastors every Thursday.*

*John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.*

### Ladies' Video Bible Study *Resuming in Sept.*

*Wednesdays at 10:30AM in the Youth Suite*

*Gather for prayer and discussion each week using a video study. All women are invited!*

*Gail Ledbetter at gbledbetter@att.net.*

### Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group *Resuming in Sept.*

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room (Sept.-May)*

*Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.*

### Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle *Resuming in Sept.*

*All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.*

*Anne Aspinwall at anneaspinwall@gmail.com or 912-399-1101*

*Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com or 912-580-8754.*

## Music

### Choir *Resuming Aug. 22*

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

### Handbells and Other Instrumentation *Resuming Aug. 22*

*Handbells, chimes and instruments are an important part of the music ministry for children through adults.*

*Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org*

## Pastoral Care

### Stephen Ministry

*Stephen Ministry offers confidential one-on-one Christian care to those experiencing difficult life circumstances.*

*Jann Briscoe at jannbriscoe@gmail.com or 269-0212.*

### 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.*

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*Rev. Alan Dyer 937-623-7963*

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*Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212*

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Please visit the tables in the Back Hallway or go online to update your information today.



## Young Adult Social

Friday, August 17 | 6:30 PM

Shiver's Home (129 Pine Vly, SSI)

*Dinner & fellowship with one another.*

# YOUTH

## KICK-OFF

NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 19

6 PM | SNYDER BEACH COTTAGE

# FALL CRAFT WEEK

SEPT. 30-OCT. 5 2018

IN MONTREAT, NC

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

## This Week | August 12 - 18

### Today, Aug 12

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Summer Sunday School** - Social Hall
- 10:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 11:15 am **CE Ministry Team Meeting** - Children's Hall
- 11:15 am **Membership Ministry Team Meeting** - Upper Room
- 5:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge

### Monday, Aug 13

- 10:00 am **Congregational Life Retreat** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **AI-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Tuesday, Aug 14

- 2:00 pm **Coffee with the Pastors** - Marsh's Edge

### Thursday, Aug 16

- 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 **AI-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Friday, Aug 17

- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 11:00 am **Service for Jack Dinos** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Young Adult Social** - Shiver's Home

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Sam Franklin and are dedicated in loving memory of Sandra St. Clair Franklin.

**Narthex Flowers:** The flowers in the Narthex are dedicated in honor of Bonnie Robert's ordination this morning and are given by Dennis, Claudia, Alexis, & Austin.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Jack Dinos, who entered into rest on July 30. A service of witness to the resurrection will be held on Friday, August 17 at 11 AM in the sanctuary.

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

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Be Kind

“**T**HERE ARE ONLY THREE THINGS IMPORTANT IN HUMAN LIFE:  
BE KIND, BE KIND, BE KIND..”

—Henry James

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