

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Golden Haggadah
Spain, N. E.; 14th century

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021



Due to high transmission rates, the CDC recommends that you wear a mask in public indoor settings. We encourage you to be safe for yourself and for others. Disposable masks can be located at the main entrance to the sanctuary. As an added safety measure, we are also employing the use of an EPA approved air treatment technology called Grignard Pure.



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.

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.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

•INTROIT

Newton/arr. Ulrich

Amazing Grace

Georgia Tech Glee Club; Jerry Ulrich, Director

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

Processional in C

D. Wagner

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: Come, you people, and follow our Lord!

ALL: We will follow with praise and with courage.

One: Come, you people, and be sent in the Spirit!

ALL: We will turn to the path laid before us.

One: Come, you people, to lift up God's name!

ALL: We will remember, rejoice, and be renewed.

One: Come, let us continue the journey to which we are called.

ALL: We will worship and sing to the Lord!

*HYMN 366 (found on page 4)

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Gracious God, You are before and behind us, whether we stand in the midst of a crowd or the edge of the wilderness. We look at Your path, but sometimes we are afraid and we turn our eyes back instead; we long for what is comfortable and familiar. We hear Your voice, but it is so easy to turn toward the many other voices offering

† 8:30 Service Only

• 10:30 Service Only

* Please stand if able.

a life of fun and prosperity. We pray for Your will to be done, but it is easier to just go along as we always have. Forgive us, O God. Turn us forward, and set our feet on Your path.

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

• WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Molly Franklin
Jennifer Griner (Jeremiah and Heidi)
Wimberly Thomas*

• BAPTISM

Colson Oliver Risi
Child of Scott & Madelynne Risi

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Usher Ministry
Tate Simpson

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

• PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Prayer of the Children
Georgia Tech Glee Club

Kurt Bestor

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

This Little Light of Mine Traditional/arr. Ulrich
Georgia Tech Glee Club

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.*

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. The word "sacrament" comes from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery." Sacraments (in our tradition baptism and the Lord's Supper) are holy mysteries that we do not and cannot fully understand but through which we believe God's invisible grace becomes visible to us. The great early church theologian Augustine (354-430) was the first to describe sacraments as "outward, visible signs of inward, spiritual grace."

• 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.

FIRST READING **Matthew 2:13-15**
page 1498 NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Exodus 14:10-31**
page 108 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Back to School: Exodus* Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL) A Declaration of Faith

When Abraham's descendants were slaves in Egypt, God heard their cries and prayers. God remembered his promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage. We declare God's steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free.

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 *Jubilation* D. Wagner
Amy Bishop, Organist

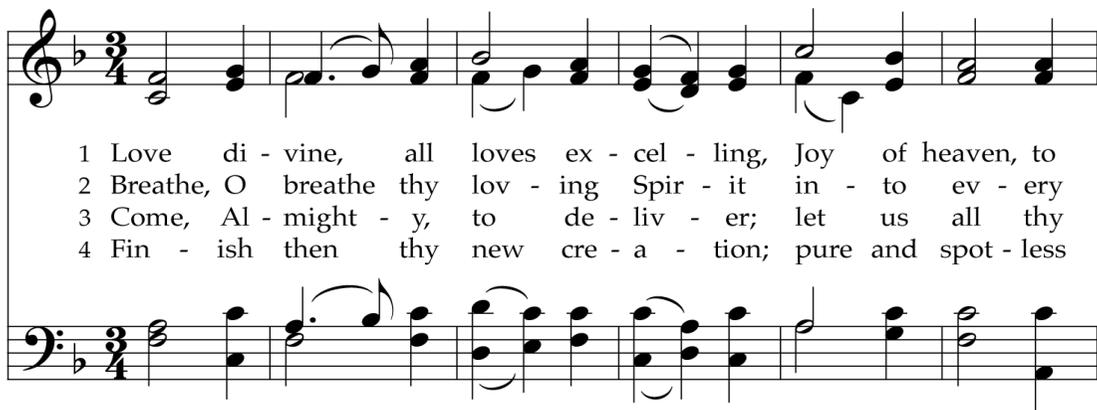
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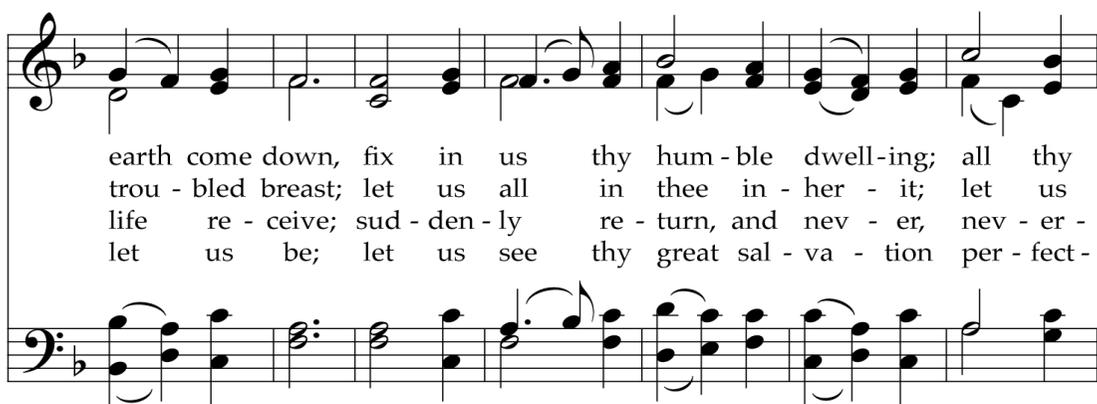


Ways to Give. You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the left or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

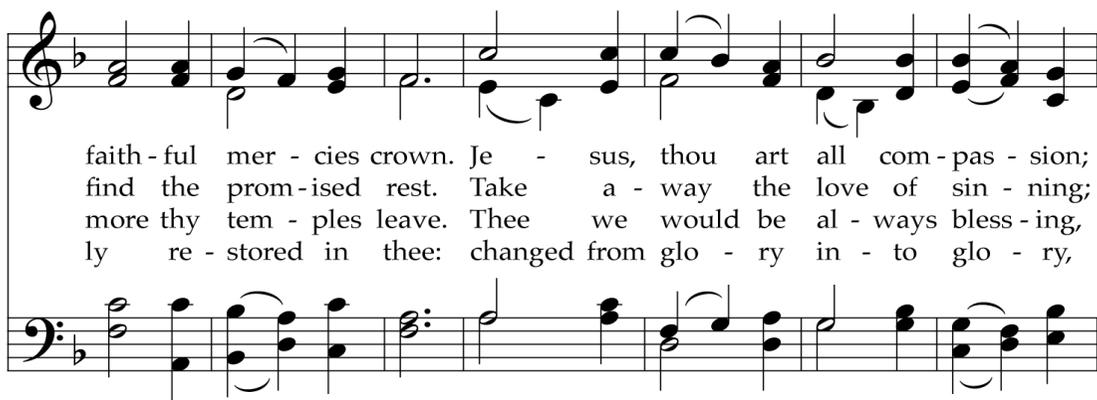
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Molly Franklin

Although originally from western North Carolina, Molly recently relocated to the Golden Isles from New Orleans, Louisiana. Molly is a recent graduate of the LSU School of Nursing and currently works as a nurse at the hospital in Brunswick. When Molly is not at work, she enjoys spending time at the beach, crafting, and being “Ninnie” to her nieces, Molly Claire and Elsie.



Jennifer Moore Griner

Originally from Tifton, GA; Jennifer and her husband David (not pictured) attended Valdosta State University. Work took them to Savannah, GA where they lived for 4 years. They moved to Saint Simons Island after the birth of their second child to be closer to family. Jeremiah (5) is attending kindergarten at Saint Simons Elementary and Heidi Kipling (3) stays at home with mom. The Griner family has lived on the island for 5 years now and they have no plans of ever leaving!



Wimberly Thomas

Wimberly Grace Thomas, Soprano, earned her B.A. in Music: Vocal Emphasis at the University of Southern Mississippi and her Master of Arts in Musicology and Historical Performance at the University of Wales, Bangor. Thomas has sung with Atlanta Camerata Theatre and their annual Play of Herod for two years and the Schola of the Cathedral of St. Philip, where she is heard on their recent album *Into the House and Gate of Heaven* (Gothic Records). She has also sung with the Atlanta Schola Cantorum as well as being an active church musician. During her years in Mississippi and Wales, Thomas sang with Mississippi Opera, Southern Opera and Musical Theater Company, Bangor Baroque Opera, The Mississippi Chorus, Swansea Philharmonic Choir, Hattiesburg Choral Union, Southern Chorale, and the Royal School of Church Music. In addition to singing, Thomas has also found her creative voice in handbells. As a member of the internationally acclaimed handbell choir, Carillon, she performed in the United Kingdom and Czech Republic, in addition to tours throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. She was Communications Chair for Area 4 of Handbell Musicians of America from 2013-2015, serving Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and the Virgin Islands. In the past, she served part time with the Atlanta Concert Ringers. Thomas teaches elementary music in Glynn County Schools.



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. 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.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30A 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.

Usher Ministry

PRAY
OBSERVE
INITIATE
SMILE
SERVE

TRAINING + BASIC CPR

August 22 | 11:30am | Meet on Veranda

ALL ARE WELCOME!
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. SO
PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP ONLINE!

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/USHERS

CHANCEL CHOIR practice

RESUMING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

WEDNESDAYS | 7PM | SANCTUARY

Contact Rhonda for Info: rhonda@sspres.org

HIGH SCHOOL &
MIDDLE SCHOOL

youth gatherings

NEW DATE!

Kickoff August 22!

Sundays | 6PM | Youth Suite

NEW
START DATE

Sept 8

KIDZ CREW

4PM

WEDNESDAYS | 4-6 PM

MEET ON VERANDA

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

October 24-29

Mission trip to do reconstruction in Newnan, GA after a tornado devastated the town this past April. All levels of construction skills are welcome - helper, have done repairs and maintenance at home, or worked on Habitat house, or experienced.

MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS

This Week | August 15 - August 20

Sunday, August 15

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

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

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

Monday, August 16

5:30pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room

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

Tuesday, August 17

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

4:00pm **Session Meeting** - Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 18

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

7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 19

12:00 pm **Stewardship Committee** - Upper Room

Friday, August 20

6:00 am **Sip & Paint** - Home of Anna Henry

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's worship are given by Angie Votsis in loving memory of her parents, David and Evie Bolten.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Exodus

“NOT TIDES, NOT STORMS, NOT BAD PLANNING, NOT TACTICAL ERROR, NOT BAD LUCK, OR GOOD LUCK, BUT YAHWEH [GOD].”

-John I. Durham

Every August marks the end of summer vacation and the beginning of a new school year for students and teachers across our community. This annual pilgrimage back to the classroom often brings with it a need for a little refresher on some of the learning that may have lapsed over the summer months. The same is true of our faith journeys - every once in awhile we all need to head “back to school” for a refresher on those events in the Bible that are foundational to our Christian faith. So pack your pencils, grab your backpack, and join us each week through August and September as we go back to the classroom together to learn about six of the most important people and moments in the Bible and what they mean for our lives today.



6 key lessons every Christian should know about.

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