

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*St. Paul the Apostle*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021



Due to high transmission rates of the COVID-19 virus, masks are required for all indoor worship and activities at the church regardless of vaccination status. Disposable masks are available at all entrances to the building. As an added safety measure, we are also employing the use of an EPA approved air treatment technology in the sanctuary 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 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.

Each worship service at St. Simons Presbyterian is an opportunity for growth in our relationship with God and others. We welcome all people and after the service invite you to introduce yourself to those around you and get to know them.

\* Please stand if able.

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*  
Kelly Johnson, Soloist

Wolfe

## 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 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

*All are Welcome*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

D. Lasky

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred Griffith

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,

**ALL: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.**

One: Where there was no way,

**ALL: God leads us in a new way.**

One: Where there was no mercy,

**ALL: God surprises us with fresh mercy.**

One: Where there was weeping,

**ALL: God invites us to step into a new life.**

\*OPENING HYMN 363

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Lord God, in the light of Your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in Your mercy, and feed us with Your grace, so that we may follow Your way and tell the good news of the gospel.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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

*Day of Service*  
Anna Henry

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

The Day of Service is an intergenerational mission opportunity for all members and friends of SSPRES. After a light breakfast and devotional outdoors, we head out in teams to be the hands and feet of Christ serving at various mission sites throughout our community. All ages and skill levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please signup online at [sspres.org](http://sspres.org).

*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 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.**

### FIRST READING

**Acts 9:10-20**  
*page 1706 NT*

Fred Griffith

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*There is a Balm in Gilead*  
Kelly Johnson, Soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

### SECOND READING

**Acts 16:9-15**  
*page 1720 NT*

"People have an idea that the preacher is an actor on a stage, and they are the critics, blaming or praising the preacher. What they don't know is that they are the actors on the stage; the preacher is merely the prompter standing in the wings, reminding them of their lost lines."  
-Søren Kierkegaard

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

*Back to School: Paul*

Rev. Alan Dyer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Across the centuries since the church was founded, the Spirit has formed and identified it. We recognize the true church of Jesus Christ wherever the work of the Spirit is evident: in preaching and sacraments, in the new life and continuous growth of believers, in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things, in mission and service to the world. The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us, but God knows those who are His.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 697

HENDON

*Take My Life*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet March*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Payne

What are you taking from worship? A new thought, a deep feeling, a glimpse of grace, a challenge? Where will you see God today? A hope or a prayer for the week?



**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.



**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](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.



**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.

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 Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org)  
or 638-2220.*

## Children

### **Children's Chapel**

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

*Wednesdays:* (*Resuming September 8*)  
(Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

### **KidZ 2nd Sunday** (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on 2nd Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Youth

### **Youth Group**

*(Resuming August 22)*  
*Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.*  
Meet on the Veranda.

### **Breakfast Devotion** (Grades 6 to 12)

*Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A*  
Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

*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**

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](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*

September 26, 2021  
CELEBRATING

- *Years of Faith* -

EST. 1946  
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

CONGREGATIONAL INPUT

**LOGO**  
*Survey*

AS ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN PREPARES TO MARK 75-YEARS OF FAITH AND MINISTRY IN GLYNN COUNTY, OUR COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY TEAM IS WORKING TO GIVE OUR CHURCH LOGO AND BRANDING A REFRESH AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE. IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE A LOGO THAT IS BOTH MEANINGFUL AND FAITHFUL TO WHO WE ARE AS A CHURCH, WE ARE SEEKING INPUT FROM THE CONGREGATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE CREATIVE PROCESS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ADA OWENS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR IDEAS AT ADA@SSPRES.ORG OR 912-638-2220 X101.

LINK TO SURVEY AT [SSPRES.ORG](https://sspres.org)

NEW  
START DATE  
Sept 8

**KIDZ  
CREW**

WEDNESDAYS | 4-6 PM  
MEET ON VERANDA

REGISTER AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/CHILDREN](https://sspres.org/children)

4PM

*day of*  
**SERVICE**

SAVE THE DATE

September 25, 2021 | 8:30-1PM  
*childcare available*

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)

*Youth Group*

**DINNER**

A CENTRAL PART OF THE YOUTH GATHERINGS IS A MEAL! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING A MEAL, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SIGNING UP!

MEAL RELATED EXPENSES ARE REIMBURSABLE  
JUST GIVE YOUR RECEIPTS TO ANNIE

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH](https://sspres.org/youth)

This Week | September 12 - 17

**Sunday, September 12**

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge
- 5:00 pm **Second Sunday Gathering** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

**Monday, September 13**

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

**Tuesday, September 14**

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - SSI Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

**Wednesday, September 15**

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

**Thursday, September 16**

**No Activities Planned for this Day**

**Friday, September 17**

**No Activities Planned for this Day**

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Miller Deakins; from his daughter, Lillian Clark.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Liturgy adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion and Rev. Susan A. Blain.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# A Body for Christ

“GOD WAS MAKING A BODY FOR CHRIST, PAUL SAID. CHRIST DIDN’T HAVE A REGULAR BODY ANYMORE, SO GOD WAS MAKING HIM ONE OUT OF ANYBODY HE COULD FIND WHO LOOKED AS IF HE OR SHE MIGHT JUST POSSIBLY DO. HE WAS USING OTHER PEOPLE’S HANDS TO BE CHRIST’S HANDS AND OTHER PEOPLE’S FEET TO BE CHRIST’S FEET, AND WHEN THERE WAS SOMEPLACE WHERE CHRIST WAS NEEDED IN A HURRY AND NEEDED BAD, HE PUT THE FINGER ON SOME MAYBE NOT ALL THAT INNOCENT BYSTANDER AND GOT THAT PERSON TO GO AND BE CHRIST IN THAT PLACE FOR LACK OF ANYBODY BETTER.”

-Frederick Buechner

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.

## St. Simons Presbyterian Church

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