

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christ Teaching the Disciples
Schäufelein, Hans Leonhard

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

D.A. Martin

Ushers

Ben Bryson

Ada Owens

Jan Rossiter

Cathy Rossiter

Acolyte

Emily Geer

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

C. Callahan

The Spirit of the Lord
Chancel Choir**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

arr. J.S. Bach

Fugue in G

Amy Bishop, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

D. A. Martin

One: The first shall be last.

ALL: We come to worship as we are.

One: The last shall be first.

ALL: We come with confidence.

One: The first shall be last.

ALL: We come with questions.

One: The last shall be first.

ALL: We come burdened by failure.

One: The first shall be last.

ALL: We come celebrating success.

One: The last shall be first.

ALL: We come fearful of the future.

One: The first shall be last and the last shall be first,

ALL: and a little child shall lead us.***OPENING HYMN 839**

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

In the New Testament, believers observed the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, as the time when the new people of the covenant gathered to worship God in Jesus Christ. They came to speak of this as the Lord's Day. As we gather for worship this Lord's Day we do so with the conviction that the life of the Church is one, and that its worship, witness, and service are inseparable. —PCUSA Directory of Worship

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings: envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires. Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us to give, we take. Where your presence beckons us, we resist. Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jack Hartman

Heart and Soul Capital Campaign

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (474)

C. Walker

As a Child Rests

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.

Today we are launching the "Heart and Soul Capital Campaign." This campaign is a result of nearly four years of planning and work by members of the congregation. With your generosity, we will make necessary improvements to the sanctuary and mission spaces of our campus that will bolster the ministry of SSPC for decades to come. Mark your calendars for a celebration luncheon that will catered by Halyard's following worship on Sunday, October 14.

OFFERTORY

arr. Paul Manz

Aria

Amy Bishop, Organist

*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

The prayer of dedication is an act of offering back to God all that we hold precious. It is a recognition of God's grace, an affirmation of our faith against all the false idols of our culture, and acknowledgement of a truth that lies beyond our understanding.

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

D. A. Martin

Psalm 1

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

American Folk Hymn, arr. M. Wilberg

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

Page 1569 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

Give yourself some moments each day in the coming week to sit quietly with your eyes closed. Visualize Jesus kneeling down, opening his arms, and bringing you close to his heart. Let yourself be like the little child embraced by Jesus in today's Gospel reading from Mark. What do you notice?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

After we hear the good news, we stand to say what we believe in an Affirmation of Faith. Often these words come from the church's creeds and confessions. In these writings, we remember and tell the world who we are, what we believe, and how we hope to live according to God's Way.

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness, Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 188

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus Loves Me!

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (561)

AMEN (Harling)

Amen

POSTLUDE

arr. Paul Manz

God of Grace
Amy Bishop, Organist

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 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.

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 cpihp109@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

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

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

Sunday Night Fellowship *Resuming Sept 9*

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)

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

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM

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.

Britt Class - Upper Room

Come & See - Social Hall

Rejoice - John Law Room

Trinity - Parlor

20s/30s/40s - Chapel

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 12PM in the John Law Room.

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. 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 Oct.*

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

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

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.

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

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

Music

Choir

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

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.

Rev. Alan Dyer 937-623-7963

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

This Week | Sept 23 - 28

Today, Sept 23

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm **Service for John Summers** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble (Grades 6-12)** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

Monday, Sept 24

- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Sept 25

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-A SSI

Wednesday, Sept 26

- 9:00 am **Book Study** - John Law
- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall - RSVP Here!
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Sept 27

- 6:00 am **Men's Community Bible Study Breakfast Prep**
- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study (Book of Joel)** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Free Flow Yoga** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Sept 28

- 6:00 pm **Church Anniversary Dinner w/ Jill Duffield** - Social Hall

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given in loving memory of Wells Kilgore, by his family.

Christian Celebration: We share in the joy and celebration of the birth of Lee Malone's grandson, Banks Leary Malone, who was born on September 14th, 2018.

We also share in the joy and celebration of the birth of Chuck and Trish Fehr's granddaughter, Emilia Lucille Fehr, who was born on September 17th, 2018.

Pictorial Directory: Don't forget to schedule your LifeTouch photo session for the directory! Sign up in the back hallway with the ladies at the tables or online at www.sspress.org/pictorial-directory-2019.

Liturgy Reference: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion and liturgy written by Rev. Katherine Hawker.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu (Sept. 26): Goulash, Salad, Rolls and Dessert.



Friday, Sept 28

6 PM - Dinner & Keynote
with Jill Duffield
RSVP ONLINE

Saturday, Sept 29

8:30 to 1 PM - Day of Service
(Breakfast & Lunch Provided)
REGISTER ONLINE

Sunday, Sept 30

8:30, 9:30, & 11 AM - Worship and
Sunday Schools with Jill Duffield
12 PM - CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK LUNCH



**DAY OF
SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

REGISTER ONLINE!



Heart and Soul
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LUNCHEON

14 OCTOBER 2018 • 12:30 PM • SOCIAL HALL

CATERED BY HALYARD'S

PLEASE RSVP ONLINE BY OCTOBER 8TH

To Ponder Prayerfully

Witness to the World

“**R**ADICAL SERVANT LEADERSHIP IS NOT JUST FOR THE CHURCH; IT IS ALSO THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH TO THE WORLD.”

—NATHAN JENNINGS

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