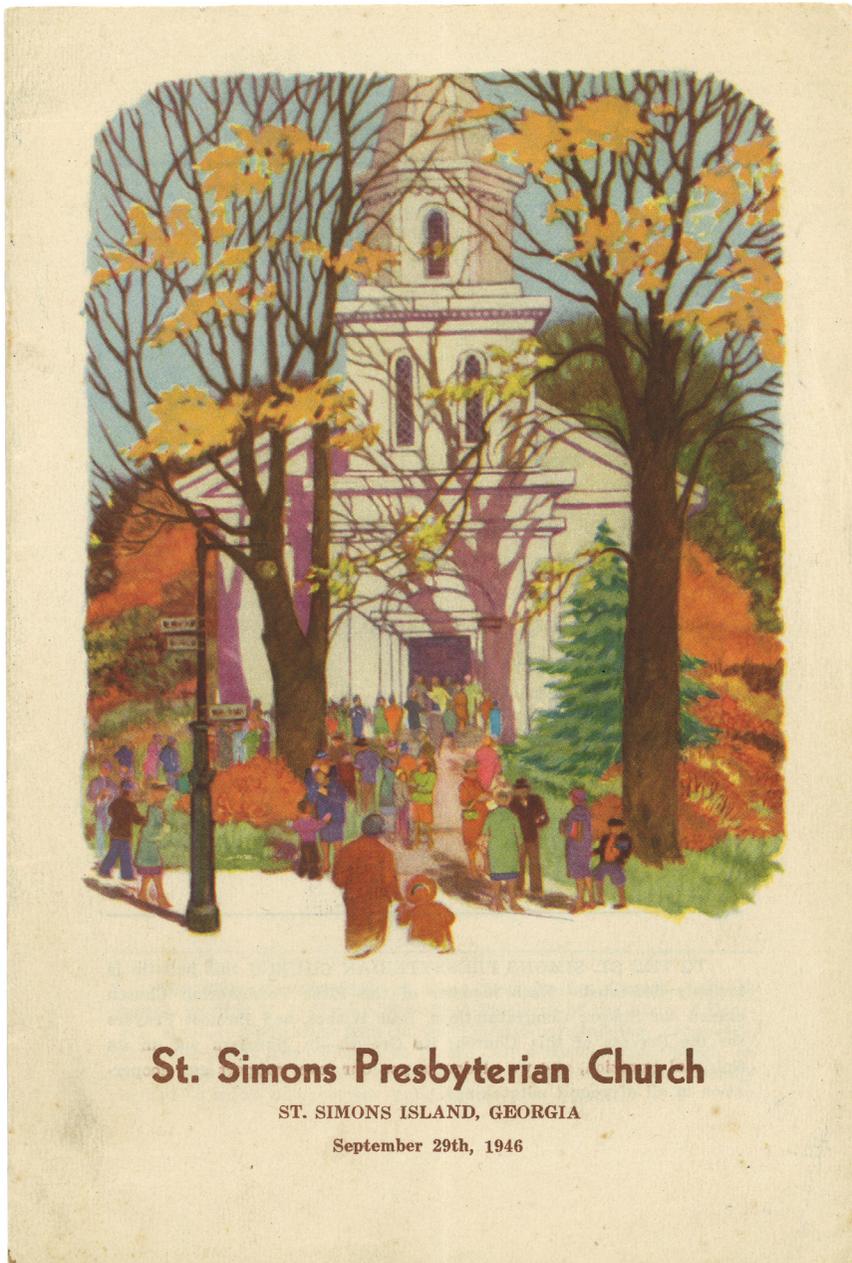


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Our First Church Bulletin
September 29, 1946

71st Church Anniversary Sunday
September 24, 2017 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Leigh Truett

Ushers

Fred Griffith
& Team

Acolyte

Anderson Chambliss

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (305)

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Chancel Choir

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Today is the 71st Church Anniversary Sunday at St. Simons Presbyterian. We are excited and grateful to welcome Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence as our guest preacher and teacher this weekend. Dr. Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA.

PRELUDE

Ellen J. Lorenz

Bell Jubilee

Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Truett

One: When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

ALL: it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

One: When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

ALL: it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

One: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

ALL: it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

*OPENING HYMN 396

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

Faithful God, your promise is forever true, your care for us is sure. We confess that we have often believed we will have to take care of ourselves, forgetting your promise and your call. We look at the world, and we choose fear rather than hope and love. When it seems life is unraveling, we look for ways to defend ourselves and ensure our security and our desire, rather than following your way. Forgive us, Lord, and give us courage to hope—and to act on hope—in the face of fear.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jacqueline Van De Velde

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (205)

UBI CARITAS

Live in Charity

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.

Pastor and author Frederick Buechner has famously said, "To confess sins to God is not to tell God anything that God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us and God. When we confess our sins, they become the bridge."

In the Presbyterian tradition, being received into membership is a renewal of one's baptismal covenant as well as a commitment to participate in Christ's mission through the life of the church. It's also an opportunity for the congregation to affirm these same things.

OFFERTORY

E. Butler

Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Ringers

*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.*

After we receive our offerings, we take a moment to dedicate them to God's work in our community and in the world. This ritual of setting apart concludes the offering by reminding us that we give not just to an organization but to a faith community called to make God's love visible.

*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.*

FIRST READING

Leigh Truett

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Page 942 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

arr. J. Coates

Heaven (Medley)

Chancel Choir

SECOND READINGS

Exodus 16:2-15, Page 112, OT

Philippians 1:27-28a, Page 1827, NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence

"Enough for the Year"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 838

PROMISES

Standing on the Promises

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (599)

DRESDEN AMEN

Amen

POSTLUDE

D. Lasky

Festive Trumpets
Amy Bishop, Organ

Following worship you are invited to join us for a covered dish luncheon in the Social Hall in celebration of 71 years of ministry at St. Simons Presbyterian. Any and all are welcome!

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.

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.

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.

Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

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.

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

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

Meg Johnson at meg@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 9:30AM 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.

Britt Class - Upper Room

Come & See - Social Hall

Rejoice - Chapel

Trinity - Parlor

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

Men's Bible Study

Mondays at 12PM in the Britt Room

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 Sept. 27)

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.

Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com.

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.

St. Simons Presbyterian 638-2220

Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

This Week | Sept 24 - 30

Today, Sept 24

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour**- Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Joint Sunday School** - Social Hall
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm **Potluck Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm **KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3-5)** - Veranda

Monday, Sept 25

- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Sept 26

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a

Wednesday, Sept 27

- 10:30 am **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew & Choir** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Confirmation Class** - Chapel
- 6:00 pm **WOW Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Sept 28

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Instrumental Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - 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 29

- 10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding of Casey & Kristina Fleisch (Scally), which took place here yesterday. Congratulations newlyweds!

WOW Supper Menu (Sept 27) // RSVP online or call the office!

Fried chicken, mac-n-cheese, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert
KidZ Friendly Menu: Chicken tenders, mac-n-cheese, oranges

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

St. Simons Presbyterian Church!

You are invited to our Potluck Luncheon!

TODAY | 12 PM | Social Hall

KIDZ

FELLOWSHIP

GRADES 3-5

TONIGHT! | 6-8 PM

ladies   

VIDEO

BIBLE STUDY

Resuming Wednesday Sept. 27

10:30 AM | Youth Suite

Study: "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer

"Try Something New" Sunday Luncheon

Come gather with us for lunch after worship and hear about upcoming events throughout this next year!

Sunday, October 8

12 PM | \$10/person

RSVP Online!

To Ponder Prayerfully

Church

“**C**HURCH IS A MOMENT IN TIME WHEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD DRAWS NEAR, WHEN A MEAL, A STORY, A SONG, AN APOLOGY, AND EVEN A FAILURE IS MADE HOLY BY THE PRESENCE OF JESUS AMONG US AND WITHIN US.”

— Rachel Held Evans

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