

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Cornerstone Laying Service
St. Simons Presbyterian Church
June 27, 1954

75th Church Anniversary

September 26, 2021 | 10:30 am Traditional Service



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.

Today, St. Simons Presbyterian is celebrating 75-years of ministry in our community and beyond.

We give thanks to God for the vision and faith of all the saints who have faithfully led our church to this point in its history, and we look ahead with eager anticipation for all God will do in and through the church for its next 75-years. After both worship services, all are invited to join us on the front driveway of the church to enjoy birthday cupcakes and fellowship.

* Please stand if able.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

Bell Peal

Ralston, arr. Morrison

Chancel Ringers, Suzanne Morrison, 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 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

Toccata in Seven
Amy Bishop, Organist

Rutter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Aspinwall

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

ALL: We will sing God's praises!

One: Seek the Lord and God's strength.

ALL: We continually seek God's presence in our lives.

One: Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.

ALL: Praise the Lord! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 463

FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Living God, as we consider our past and look to our future, we confess our sins before You and each other. We struggle with regrets from years gone by. We struggle with anxiety over what lies ahead. We struggle to be in one place while looking toward another place. Guide us in this journey of life, O God, and forgive us. Move us to give thanks for what You have already done and to trust in Your care for what is still to come. Move us to a more full appreciation of the places where we find ourselves this day.

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.

The Assurance of Pardon proclaims God's faithfulness. Our lives are redeemed by the saving grace of God - the Gospel in miniature. God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Lowell Korb
Glen & Kay Evans*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 782

HYMN CHANT

Hear My Prayer, O God

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

*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

1 Corinthians 3:10-11
page 1774 NT

Anne Aspinwall

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come Celebrate!
Chancel Choir

Robert Leaf

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21
page 1764 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Birthday Party: 75 Years of Faith

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*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 (See Insert)

arr. Michael Burkhardt

The Church's One Foundation

Stanzas 1 & 2 (Congregation and Choir standing);

Stanzas 3 & 4 (Congregation seated);

Stanza 5 (Congregation and Choir standing) as directed.

The choir will be singing the extended choral version which includes the words,

“Requiem aeternam, luceat eis. Dona eis, requiem, luceat eis.”

Which translates as, “Grant to them eternal rest and let light shine on them.”

This section is in memory of all those that came before us to build this church.

As this section is sung, we invite you to pray for these saints.

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Dubois

Amy Bishop, Organist

The word “Benediction” comes from the Latin, benedicare, to bless. It is imparting God’s blessing on God’s people as they leave the sanctuary to be God’s people in the world.



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.



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.



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.

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.

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

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 or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Group

(Resuming August 22)

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.

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

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 or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:15 AM in Various Locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

:: Always A Guest

By Barbara Brown Taylor - John Law

:: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

By NT Wright - Upper Room

:: Baseball as a Road to God

By John Sexton - Library

Frieda Warner at 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.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

(Resuming This Fall)

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

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.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at 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.

Youth Afterglow (Grades 6 to 12)

Sundays at 6:30PM in Music Attic

Weekly music fun, following youth group fellowship and dinner. Led by Rhonda Hambright.

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

Suzanne Morrison at 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

Rev. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757

You are invited to a

YOUNG ADULT

social

OCTOBER 1ST • 6:00 PM
 The Shiver Home • 129 Pine Valley
 Childcare Available at SSPC From 5:45-8:15PM
 PLEASE RSVP ONLINE BY BY SEPT 24TH

Usher Ministry

PRAY
OBSERVE
INITIATE
SMILE
SERVE

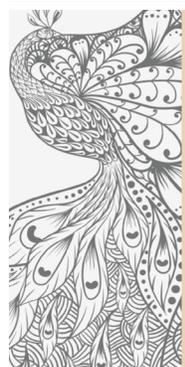
TRAINING + BASIC CPR

October 2nd | 9:30am | Sanctuary
 All are welcome!
 SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/USHERS

SILVER BLUFF & RICHLAND RUM TOUR

TRY SOMETHING NEW
TOUR & TASTING

October 14th | Time TBD
 1325 Newcastle St, Brunswick, GA
 SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Bible Study

resuming October 7th
 EVERY THURSDAY
 10AM | Upper Room

A SELECTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES
 October 3 - November 21



PHILIPPIANS
 A STUDY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

Always a Quest
 Barbara Brown Taylor

BASEBALL AS A ROAD TO GOD
 Seeing Beyond the Game
 JOHN SEXTON
 with illustrations and photos by Sammie
 Approved by Duane Wallace Goodhue

MORE INFO AT
sspres.org/sunday-school

Available in
 church office for \$10

This Week | Sept 26 - Oct 1

Sunday, September 26

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, September 27

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - Upper Room

Tuesday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

No Activities Planned for this Day

Friday, October 1

- 6:00 pm **Young Adult Social** - The Shiver's Home

Saturday, October 2

- 9:00 am **Usher Ministry Training & CPR** - Sanctuary

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given by Leslie McCracken, to the Glory of God and the steadfast dedication of the congregation of St. Simons Presbyterian Church for the past 75 years.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Liturgy adapted from Ministry Matters.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Restless In The Lord

“**I**N APRIL 1942, A CIRCLE OF FOURTEEN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WAS ORGANIZED ON ST. SIMONS AND AFFILIATED WITH THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN BRUNSWICK. THE REVEREND THOMAS L. HARNBERGER WAS MINISTER OF THE BRUNSWICK CHURCH AT THAT TIME. [...] THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP, THE SMALL CIRCLE OF WOMEN WAS GUIDED TOWARD HIS DREAM OF A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON THE ISLAND. HE PERSUADED THE CIRCLE TO CANVASS THE ISLAND FOR PRESBYTERIANS AND A NUMBER OF THEM WERE INTERVIEWED. MANY OF THEM, HOWEVER, WERE ATTENDING THE FIRST CHURCH IN BRUNSWICK AND WERE HAPPY IN THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THAT CHURCH. THE CIRCLE DROPPED THE IDEA BUT MR. HARNBERGER COULD NOT LET IT DROP. AS HE EXPRESSED IT, THE LORD WOULD NOT LET HIM REST UNTIL HE DID SOMETHING ABOUT A CHURCH ON ST. SIMONS.”

-An Excerpt From
A History of St. Simons Presbyterian Church (1946-1971)

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St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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