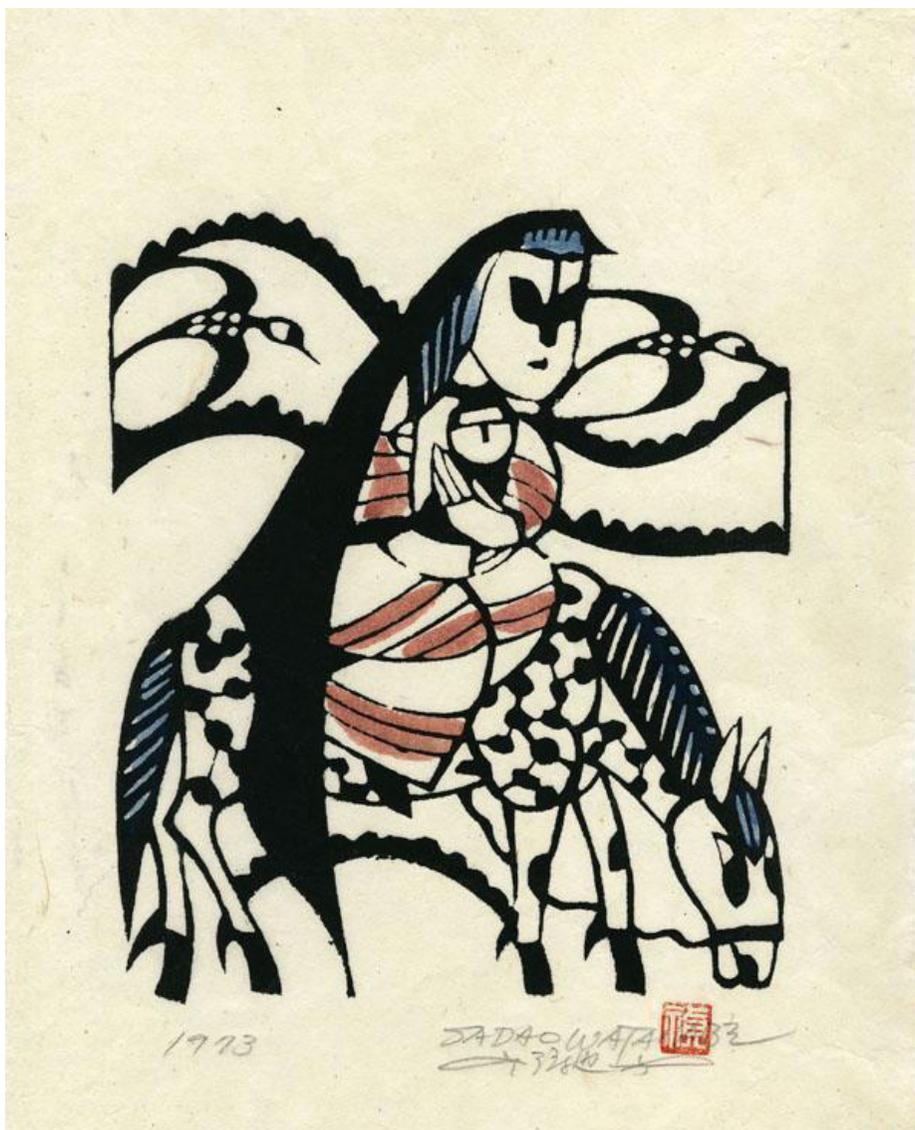


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Flight into Egypt"

Sadao Watanabe

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

January 1, 2017 | 8:45 & 11:00am Worship

Greeter
8:45 am
Bob Killian
11:00 am
Jean Sucher

Ushers
8:45 am
Karen Bair
Lee Malone
Harry Moffett
Kathy Cathey

11:00 am
Anne Aspinwall
Mike Aspinwall
Martha Armstrong
Ron Shafer

Acolyte
Aynsley Szczesniak

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WELCOME

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. 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.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bob Brearley

Please sign and pass the friendship register.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

PRELUDE

Sonata in D

Giuseppe Torelli

Jacob Haymans, Trumpet;

Beverly Fetter, Piano

Welcome to worship on
New Year's Day, 2017!
We thank God for your
presence with us as
we prepare our hearts
and minds for a new
year as the church of
Jesus Christ. If you are
looking for a home for
your faith, we would be
delighted to welcome
you into this church
family. Please let us
know of your desire to
join. God bless you and
keep you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Killian •
Jean Sucher †

One: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful things
among us.

**ALL: In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love, giving light
for our darkness, and strength for all our days.**

One: Sing praise to God's name, bow before God in prayer, open your
hearts to God's saving word.

ALL: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

One: Our God is worthy of our praise. We sing in thanksgiving and in
joy.

* Please stand if able.

• 8:45 Service Only

† 11:00 Service Only

*OPENING HYMN 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night. As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose your will. Forgive our doubt, and have mercy upon us when we fail to follow the Christ to places of hospitality and service for the least of your children. Renew our hope as we begin a new year together. Give us courage to take chances on our God and to reach out to those in greatest need. Hear us, God, as we bring our resolutions and our shortcomings to you in prayer.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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.

OFFERTORY

Shayne/Regney

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Golden Isles Youth Orchestra Chamber
Ensemble & Alumnae

Someone has said that the largest room in the world is the room for improvement! As followers of Christ, we know that all of our actions and all of our values do not yet reflect the ways of our Lord. Therefore, we pray for improvement every time we worship God. May God mend our brokenness, forgive our sins, and change us more and more into the abundant life of Jesus Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

*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

†WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children please come forward at the pastor's invitation.
Following the Word for Children, children are to return to their seats with their parents.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Bob Killian •
Jean Sucher †

Jeremiah 31:10-17
Page 1226 OT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23
Page 1498 NT, Pew Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Bob Brearley

“Jesus the Refugee”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The practice of receiving communion by intinction is an ancient one. When taking Communion by intinction, the body of the Church acts together, moving as a community towards the Table. Worshipers are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, and intinct or dip it in the cup, place it in their mouth, and return to their seats.

COMMUNION HYMNS

507	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	TABLE OF GRACE
505	<i>The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing</i>	THE FEAST IS READY

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 150 DIX
As With Gladness Men of Old

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Leontovych, arr. Hopkins
Carol of the Bells
Golden Isles Youth Orchestra Chamber
Ensemble & Alumnae

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.

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.

"Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in Christ, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through God's mercy."
-Karl Barth

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

WeeKidZ (3 Years to Grade 2)

Sundays: Wee Worship/KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship.

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. WOW supper at 6PM.

KingdomKidZ (Grades 3 to 5)

Second Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet in the Britt Room for supper at 6PM.

Chimes and Choir (Grades 3 to 5)

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

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

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) Circles

All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Alison Schueneman at schueneman@gmail.com.

Nancy Harper at nanhbasket@aol.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.

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Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957

Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

Manna House

January 2nd

Mondays
1st

9:30 am - Cook
11:00 am - Serve
1:00 pm - Clean



UPCOMING CONCERTS!

Owen & Moley o Súilleabháin
in Concert

January 13th | 7:30pm

Sacred Celtic Chants,
Original Songs & Stories
filled with humor &
authenticity.

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Millikin University Choir
in Concert

feat. Glynn Academy Choir

January 17th | 7:30pm

We need volunteers to host
choir members overnight and
helpers to serve dinner.

Contact Rhonda Hambright
rhonda@sspres.org

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Charlotte, NC | July 23-28, 2017
Grades 6-12

For more information, contact
Meg Johnson at meg@sspres.org

This Week | Jan 1 - Jan 7

Today, Jan 1

8:45 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
9:30 am **Breakfast** - Social Hall
9:45 am **Sunday School**
11:00 am **Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, Jan 2 - Church office closed

9:30 am **Manna House** - 1408 G. Street Brunswick
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room

Tuesday, Jan 3

10:00 am **PW Leadership Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, Jan 4

6:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Choir Room

Thursday, Jan 5

7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
4:00 pm **Yoga** - Youth Suite
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room

Sunday School Classes

*Sundays at 9:30 am beginning with breakfast in
the Social hall.*

Children - Children's Hall
Preschool & Elementary

Adult
Britt Class - Upper Room
Come & See - Fellowship Hall
Rejoice - Chapel
Trinity - Parlor

Youth - Youth Suite
Senior High & Mid High

Thank you from Staff: We would like to extend our gratitude for all of the delicious and thoughtful gifts that we received in the office this year for Christmas. What a blessing you all are to us and this church. We pray that every member of our congregation had a wonderful holiday full of many blessings and memories that will last a lifetime. We look forward to all that God has in store for us in the upcoming new year!

Sign up for Chancel flowers: The sign up sheet for Chancel flowers for 2017 is located on the Memorial Garden Hallway. Sign up for the Sunday you would like to provide the flowers for the Chancel. Please be sure that you provide the information you would like printed in the bulletin to Caroline Kittle at caroline@sspres.org at least one week prior to your date.

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to our weekly e-Newsletter!**

Sign up on our website:

www.sspres.org

To Ponder Prayerfully

The Flight into Egypt

“**T**HROUGH EVERY PRECINCT OF THE WINTRY CITY
SQUADRONED IRON RESOUNDS UPON THE STREETS;
HEROD’S POLICE
MAKE SHUDDER THE DARK STEPS OF THE TENEMENTS
AT THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE DONE.
NEITHER LOOK BACK UPON THY STARRY COUNTRY,
NOR HEAR WHAT RUMORS CROWD ACROSS THE DARK
WHERE BLOOD RUNS DOWN THOSE HOLY WALLS,
NOR FRAME A CHILDISH BLESSING WITH THY HAND
TOWARDS THAT FIERY SPIRAL OF EXULTING SOULS!
GO, CHILD OF GOD, UPON THE SINGING DESERT,
WHERE, WITH EYES OF FLAME,
THE ROAMING LION KEEPS THY ROAD FROM HARM.”

— Thomas Merton

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