

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Peace Begins With Love!

From the Peace Wall in Hamilton, New Zealand

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2020 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Sean Hidalgo

Ushers

Ben Bryson

Nancy Fixx

Ada Owens

Graham Owens

Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 339

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Chancel Choir; Mark Propst, 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. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the row. As you enter the worship space, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the entrances to the social hall. Bibles & hymnals are available at each entrance. Please return them to the carts as you exit the social hall following worship. Hymns and scripture will also be displayed on the screens during worship.

PRELUDE

arr. McDonald

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sean Hidalgo

One: I put all my hope in the Lord,

ALL: God leans near to me, listens to my cry for help.

One: God lifts me from the pit of fear and death,

ALL: God sets me on solid ground and steadies me.

One: The Lord puts a new song in our mouths,

ALL: A song of praise for our God.

One: When people hear of this, they will be amazed,

ALL: And they will trust in our God.

*OPENING HYMN 744

FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Today's Call to Worship
is based on Psalm 40:1-3.

The Psalms served our
ancestors as their book
of worship, song and
praise. Our forebears in
the Presbyterian tradition
once only sang the Psalms
as their worship songs
because they understood
the importance of the
Psalms. As an act of
memory and continuity,
we often begin our
worship service with the
words of the Psalms.

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love.

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

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 340

FINLANDIA

This Is My Song (vs. 3)
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

There is pain and evil in the world, in which we are often participants. If we ignore the ways we cause pain to God, to others, and to creation, we limit the opportunities for transformation and healing. In Confession we practice bringing our pain to the light, so that God can transform it.

"If the only prayer you ever said was 'Thank you,' you would have said all the prayers." –Meister Eckhart

OFFERTORY

This is My Father's World
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Payne

Electronic giving is available by texting the code "SSPC" to the number 73256.

*DOXOLOGY (606)

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 helps us to make the connection between our giving and the rest of our lives. Of course we give our money to support the work of the church, but we also give as a way of rededicating our lives to God. We are called to turn not just our resources but our lives, all we have and all we are, to the great work of compassion and justice to which God calls us.

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

Sean Hidalgo

Isaiah 49:1-7

Page 1138 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Heavenly Light
Chancel Choir

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Page 1771 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

In 1983, the two largest Presbyterian churches in the US reunited. The reunion plan included a call for a brief statement of the Reformed faith. This statement is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of worship. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 837

SHOWALTER

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 599

DRESDEN AMEN

Amen

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Payne

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 row 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.

Giving By Text. You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256.

If You Are in Need of Prayer. You may fill out a prayer request card (available in the racks affixed to the hymnal carts) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

To Aid in Worship. 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.

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@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 Children's Hall with breakfast

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship. *(Pre K-2nd)*

Wednesdays Starting August 28th: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. Wednesday Night 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.

Youth

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Youth Suite with breakfast

Sunday Night Fellowship

Sunday evenings in the Youth Suite

Dinner at 6PM

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

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

Young Adults

TGIF/Faith on Tap

Monthly Friday (usually 2nd Friday) at 6PM

A casual social gathering for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location varies. Movie night at church will coordinate for the kids.

Ada Owens at ada@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 (Traditional) - Chapel

Come & See (Discussion) - Upper Room

Rejoice (Sharing) - John Law Room

20s/30s/40s (Conversational) - Youth Suite

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room.

The Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer happens 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 (Beginning Oct 10)

Wednesdays at 3PM in the Chapel

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 Music Attic on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments are an important part of the music ministry for children through adults.

Rhonda Hambricht 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.

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

Kate Buckley 912-222-1757

SHARE GOD'S LOVE AT MAGNOLIA MANOR

3RD SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
3:30 PM

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE BACK? VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME & VISIT WITH US AT MAGNOLIA MANOR AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THIS COMMUNITY.



A MEAL WITH FRIENDS

A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT

JANUARY 24 • MEET AT 6PM • DINNER AT JEKYLL HOTEL

VISIT SSPRES.ORG FOR MORE INFO & SIGNUP

Sunday, January 26th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, January 26!

Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org) with any questions



REGISTRATION \$240
DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE BY FEB 1

Q: ANNIE@SSPRES.ORG
SSPRES.ORG/YOUTH

This Week | January 19 - 24

Today, Jan 19

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Social Hall
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Britt Room
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Social Hall
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Worship** - Magnolia Manor

Monday, Jan 20

HOLIDAY - Office Closed

- 4:30 pm **Epic Bookclub** - Palm Coast
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 7:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, Jan 21

- 7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **Yoga** - Youth Suite
- 2:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Coffee** - Marsh's Edge
- 4:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, Jan 22

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Youth Suite
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Music Attic

Thursday, Jan 23

- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Jan 24

- 6:00 pm **Dinner With Friends** - Jekyll Hotel
- 6:00 pm **PJ Party** - Children's Hall

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Faye Foster in loving dedication to Jack Gorman and Ellie & Jack Foster.

New Member Sunday: Next Sunday, January 26, we will recognize new members at the 11 AM worship service. If you are interested in joining our church, we would love to recognize you during this time. Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org) or Annie (annie@sspres.org).

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

To Ponder Prayerfully
Stick With Love

“I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK WITH LOVE. HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

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Bob Harper

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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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