

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Wedding in Cana
Olga Bakhtina

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 20, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Faye Foster

Ushers

Nancy Harper

Bob Harper

Kathleen Haller

Bunnie Lynn

Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

WAGNER

This is the Day

Chancel Choir; Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

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. Paxton

The Awakening Call
Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Faye Foster

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

ALL: your steadfast love finds us.

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

ALL: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

One: No matter how unloved we feel, O God,

ALL: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

One: With gratitude in our hearts,

ALL: let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

As we gather in worship,
we remember and rejoice
that God has appointed
one day in seven to be
kept holy, set aside as
the occasion for the
people of God to worship
corporately. God has also
commended daily worship
by the people, whether
gathered in assembly or at
home. -PCUSA Directory
For Worship

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Merciful God, we hesitate to utter the sins we have committed. Being your representatives in this world, we have failed to live as the beloved family you call us to be. When you call us into unity, we descend into petty fights. When you call us to show hospitality, we turn people away. When you call us to have compassion, we let selfishness settle in. Through the waters of our baptism, cleanse us of our sin and forgive us our trespasses.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

Every journey begins with a time of figuring out what to take along and what to leave behind. Similarly, the confession of sin is an opportunity to reflect on those things we're carrying around with us (anxiety, guilt, shame) that, with God's grace, we can safely leave behind.

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (466)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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

arr. Page

Fairest Lord Jesus
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

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

Faye Foster

Psalm 36:5-10

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Parker

Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 2:1-11

Page 1648 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

Frederick Buechner writes in his book, *The Hungering Dark*, about the story of the wedding at Cana, saying: "The love that is affirmed at a wedding is not just a condition of the heart but an act of the will, and the promise that love makes is to will the other's good even at the expense sometimes of its own good—and that is quite a promise." The love that is affirmed in Jesus' baptism, and in ours, becomes an act of the will as we carry it into our daily lives. And as we allow it to carry us. Just as the wedding couple makes an affirmation to seek the good of the other, how are we called to bow to and bless each other in all kinds of ordinary, miraculous ways?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

In forming his people and sending them into the world, Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 263

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*BENEDICTION

In the Charge and Benediction we are assured of God's peace and blessing; we seek to follow Christ's way, sustained by power of the Holy Spirit. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As we engage in that mission, we bear witness to God's eternal reign.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen (Harling)

Amen

POSTLUDE

arr. Rasley

A Song of Rejoicing
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.

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.

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 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 Starting Jan 31st: 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.

Youth

Sunday School

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

Sunday Night Fellowship

*Resuming January 27th
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

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 - Ashantilly 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

(Date TBD) 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.

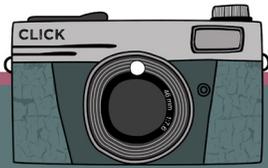
Pastoral Care

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.

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Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212



Picture Make-Up Days JANUARY 28-29

PHOTO SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PARLOR

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

PAJAMA PARTY

JAN 25 6-9 PM

Nursery Provided | Sign up at sspres.org

January 27, 2019

Kirkin o' the Tartans

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alexander Brown

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL

SNOWBIRD LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 10TH | 12:15 PM | BRITT ROOM

RSVP ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG

INSPIRED

SLAYING
GIANTS, WALKING
ON WATER,
AND LIVING THE
WIDE ARROW

New York Times bestselling author of
A Year of Biblical Womenhood

RACHEL HELD EVANS

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Every Monday
Feb 4 - Mar 11

PALM COAST @ 7 PM

MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG

This Week | Jan 20 - Jan 25

Today, Jan 20

- 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
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor
- 6:00 pm **Bowling Night** - Strike Zone

Monday, Jan 21

Holiday - Office Closed All Day

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Jan 22

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law

Wednesday, Jan 23

- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Jan 24

- 7:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Congregational Care Cooking** - Kitchen
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 6:30 pm **Stephen Ministry** - Parlor
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Jan 25

- 10:00 am **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 6:00 pm **PJ Party** - Social Hall

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given by Jan and Cathy Rossiter, in loving memory of their parents.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Wally Forsythe, who passed away at Hospice of the Golden Isles on Monday, January 14, 2019. A service is planned for Saturday, January 26th, at 11 AM in the sanctuary.

Christian Celebration: We give thanks to our newly ordained Deacons & Elders. Class of 2021, we welcome you with love & gratitude!

Bowling Tonight: Tonight is Bowling Night! All are invited to gather at Strike Zone at 6 PM for fun and fellowship together as we hit the lanes!

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Drs. Genie and Preston Dyer - retired social work and family studies professors from Baylor University in Texas - are coming to St. Simons Presbyterian to lead a Friday/Saturday marriage enrichment retreat, on February 22-23. Registration is now open at sspres.org.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the work of Stephen Fearing.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Love Transforms

“**L**OVE IS THE ONLY FORCE CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING AN ENEMY INTO A FRIEND. WE NEVER GET RID OF AN ENEMY BY MEETING HATE WITH HATE; WE GET RID OF AN ENEMY BY GETTING RID OF ENMITY. BY ITS VERY NATURE, HATE DESTROYS AND TEARS DOWN; BY ITS VERY NATURE, LOVE CREATES AND BUILDS UP. LOVE TRANSFORMS WITH REDEMPTIVE POWER.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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