

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Three Kings O Come Let Us Adore Him

Jen Norton

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Judy Benjamin

Ushers

Lynda Bisher

Matt Hodgdon

Teresa Hodgdon

Jan Rossiter

Cathy Rossiter

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 505

THE FEAST IS READY

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
Chancel Choir

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 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.

Print bibles & hymnals are available at each entrance. Please return bibles and hymnals to the carts as you exit the social hall following worship.

PRELUDE

arr. McCabe

We Three Kings

Amy Bishop, Organist

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. On this Sunday, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Benjamin

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

ALL: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

ALL: We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 147

THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Nowell

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Gracious God, you call us to come and see, and then to go and tell. But instead we often spend our days looking the other way - away from your image shining in the face of another, away from your people in need, away from the things we would rather not see. So often our words are not of grace, justice, love, and peace, but rather words of hurt, exclusion, and fear. Forgive us for praying for vision while holding our eyes closed. Forgive us for holding firmly to the logs in our own eyes even as you offer us lenses to see what you see. Forgive us for keeping silent, and for speaking our own desires rather than yours. Give us courage to witness your glory and testify to your good news. Give us grace to admit our shortcomings and still point to you. Give us strength to follow you, wherever you might lead.

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 144

CRANHAM

In the Bleak Midwinter (vs. 4)
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.

We don't just pray the Lord's Prayer for ourselves, we pray it on behalf of the world—those who don't have their daily bread and those who are burdened by debt. We are called to be God's answer to this prayer.

OFFERTORY

Larson

Brightest and Best of the Stars
Chancel Choir

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

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

Judy Benjamin

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 1155 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Page 1497 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of 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 preached Word or sermon is to be based upon the written Word. It is a proclamation of Scripture in the conviction that through the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ is present to the gathered people offering grace and calling for obedience. -PCUSA Directory for Worship

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. Worshippers 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. Gluten free bread is available for those with gluten allergies. Additionally, an elder is available to bring communion to you where you are seated.

COMMUNION HYMN 507

TABLE OF GRACE

Come to the Table of Grace

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 150

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings (Refrain)
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Manz

“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

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.sspress.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.

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 (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

9AM | 1408 G St.

MANNA HOUSE

VOLUNTEER WITH SSPC THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
More Info & Signup at sspres.org/serve

TGIF

A social night for 20s/30s/40s...

JAN 10 | 6 PM
PORCH SSI

...A movie night at SSPC for the kids

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

Let's go BOWLING!

JANUARY 12TH | 6 PM | STRIKE ZONE

WE WILL MEET AT THE BOWLING ALLEY AT 6 PM.
COST IS \$10 PER PERSON. ALL ARE WELCOME!



An Invitation to the Savannah Presbytery

WOMEN'S ANNUAL GATHERING

Let us be encouraged to start this new decade of 2020 together! We are inviting Women of the Savannah Presbytery to Worship and Fellowship together.

JANUARY 25, 2020 | COST \$10
REGISTRATION AT 9AM | WORSHIP AT 10AM | LUNCH AT 1PM
ALLENHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
30 CHURCH STREET, ALLENHURST, GEORGIA

From Mystery to Metamorphosis: Savannah Presbytery's 41st Annual

Faith Enrichment Conference

Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, Georgia

February 7-8, 2020

Registration opens December 1, 2019

Early Bird Registration Ends: January 2, 2020

Transformation and Renewal for the Church

Keynote Speaker

Dr. William P. Brown

Register in Church Office

This Week | Jan 5 - 10

Today, January 5

- 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
- 12:15 pm **Worship & Music Meeting** - Britt Room

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

- 7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **Yoga** - Youth Suite

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 1:00 pm **Grief Counseling** - John Law
- 3:00 pm **Women's Video Bible Study** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, January 10

- 6:00 pm TGIF Social Night - Porch, SSI**

Communion Greenery: The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by the Greenery Committee.

Congregational Meeting: Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 12 at the end of the 11A worship service. The purposes of the meeting will be to elect new church officers, elect the 2020 nominating committee, and approve pastor terms of call. Names of nominees can be found on the church Web site and in this week's newsletter.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

SIGN UP FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS 2020



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ON A SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP DURING 2020, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SPECIFIC WEEK ON THE FLOWER BOARD IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN HALLWAY. PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL ADA OWENS WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN A WEEK PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY YOU SIGN UP FOR! (ADA@SSPRES.ORG)

To Ponder Prayerfully

Wandering Wisdom

“**I**N ORDER TO TRULY FOLLOW THE STAR, THE WISE MEN HAD TO MOVE BEYOND REASON TO INTUITION. THEY HAD TO MOVE BEYOND SCIENCE TO FAITH - TRUSTING THE JOURNEY EVEN THOUGH THEY DID NOT KNOW WHERE THEY WERE GOING, TRUSTING A WISDOM BEYOND THEIR OWN TO TAKE THEM WHERE THEY NEEDED TO GO. YES, THE WISDOM OF THE WISE MEN WAS A WONDERING, WANDERING KIND OF WISDOM THAT ENDED UP IN WORSHIP, IN THEIR OFFERING HOMAGE TO THE WIDER AND MORE WONDERFUL WISDOM OF GOD.”

-Susan R. Andrews

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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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