

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Royal Gifts
John Stushie

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Jean Sucher

Ushers

Barbara Powers

Laurie Longley

Kathleen Haller

Bunnie Lynn

Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT (155)

JUBILATE DEO

Raise a Song of Gladness
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 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. John Stanley

Trumpet Allegro
Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jean Sucher

One: For unto us a child is born, authority rests upon his shoulders.

ALL: He shall be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

One: The Child shall judge the people with righteousness and justice.

ALL: The needy will be delivered and those without hope will be saved.

One: We will be redeemed from oppression and violence, for we are precious in God's sight.

ALL: Let us gather to welcome the newborn King.

One: Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 147

THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Nowell

* Please stand if able.

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. The story of the magi coming from the East to worship the Christ child is also our story - the story of God's covenant of grace being extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Presbyterian pastor and author Frederick Buechner has famously said, "To confess sins to God is not to tell God anything that God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us and God. When we confess our sins, they become the bridge."

Almighty God, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*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 (150)

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old
Chancel Choir

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

Gawthrop

This Child, This King
Chancel Choir

*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.*

FIRST READING

Jean Sucher

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)

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.

“People have an idea that the preacher is an actor on a stage, and they are the critics, blaming or praising the preacher. What they don't know is that they are the actors on the stage; the preacher is merely the prompter standing in the wings, reminding them of their lost lines.”

—Søren Kierkegaard

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 505

THE FEAST IS READY

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (113)

GLORIA

Gloria in Excelsis Deo (refrain only)

POSTLUDE

arr. David Johnson

Trumpet Tune in C
Amy Bishop, Organist

The Lord's Supper is not just the celebration of an event that happened long ago and far away—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Supper also looks to the future in hope, because the Christ who died and was raised also promises to come again and to gather all creation around his messianic table. Our participation in this sacrament is a foretaste of what is yet to be.

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 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.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 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: 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.

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

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

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.

Rev. Alan Dyer 937-623-7963

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

SIGN UP FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS 2019



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ON A SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP DURING 2019, 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)

**PIZZA +
MOVIE
NIGHT**
AND SALAD, TOO!

JAN 13TH ALL ARE WELCOME!
SIGN UP ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG

Let's go
BOWLING!

JANUARY 20TH | 6 PM | STRIKE ZONE
WE WILL MEET AT THE BOWLING ALLEY AT 6 PM.
COST IS \$10 PER PERSON. ALL ARE WELCOME!

January 27, 2019
Kirkin o' the Tartans
Guest Preacher: Rev. Alex Browne

REED YER BIBULL
YOUTH BREAKFAST DEVOTION
TUESDAYS 7 AM CHICK-FIL-A
GRADES 6-12

TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL PROVIDED

This Week | Jan 6 - Jan 11

Today, Jan 6

- 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
- 12:15 pm **Membership Team Meeting** - Upper Room
- 12:15 pm **Worship & Music Team Meeting** - Social Hall

Monday, Jan 7

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Jan 8

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 10:00 am **One-derful Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 2:00 pm **Circle of Esther** - Nardis Kellar's Home (137 Colonial Dr)

Wednesday, Jan 9

- 9:30 am **The Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite
- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Jan 10

- 7:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 7:15 am **TSN Land, Air, & Sea** - Meet in Church Parking Lot
- 1:00 pm **Grief Counseling** - 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, Jan 11

- 10:00 am **Book Study & Prayer** - Jann's Office

Communion Greenery: The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Anne Caswell and the Margaret Britt Class.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Drs. Genie and Preston Dyer - retired social work and family studies professors from Baylor University in Texas - will be coming to the island to lead a Friday/Saturday marriage enrichment retreat at SSPC. More info to come, but mark your calendars now for the weekend of February 22nd & 23rd!

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Stephen Fearing and Rev. Nancy Gowler.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Our Purpose

“**T**HE BIRTH OF CHRIST IN OUR SOULS IS FOR A PURPOSE BEYOND OURSELVES: IT IS BECAUSE HIS MANIFESTATION IN THE WORLD MUST BE THROUGH US. EVERY CHRISTIAN IS, AS IT WERE, PART OF THE DUST-LADEN AIR WHICH SHALL RADIATE THE GLOWING EPIPHANY OF GOD, CATCH AND REFLECT HIS GOLDEN LIGHT.”

-Evelyn Underhill

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