

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Fresh Water Well in Malawi*

Sean Hidalgo serving with Marion Medical Mission.

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## Greeter

Jean Sucher

## Ushers

Brenda Pentecost

Dan Pentecost

Karen Summers

Tod Welsh

## Acolyte

Margaret Ernst

## INTROIT (538)

South African (Sotho)

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

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

Caribbean Melody

*Processional - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Chancel Choir

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jean Sucher

One: Welcome to this place:

**ALL: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,  
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,  
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

One: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**ALL: where we find God's love,  
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,  
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

One: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**ALL: where we bring our hunger, and find food;  
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;  
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.  
Let us worship God!**

## \*OPENING HYMN 65

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

World Communion  
Sunday is an ecumenical  
celebration that  
happens on the first  
Sunday of every  
October. Originating at  
Pittsburgh's Shadyside  
Presbyterian Church in  
1933, it is now observed  
by churches worldwide as  
a sign of Christian unity.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Jann Briscoe

Almighty God, we want to be fountains of hope for others, but people find only hardened hearts. We want to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow You into that kingdom of grace and hope.

*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 (467)

Northern India

*Give Us Light*

### 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

Kenyan Melody (Scheer),  
Bradbury/arr. Hambright

*The Solid Rock*  
Chancel Choir

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as wide as God's love, and as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

\*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

**Psalm 78:1-4**

*Page 914 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

**Exodus 17:1-7**

*Page 114, OT*

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 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. 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 526

LINSTEAD

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 263

CORONATION

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

## \*BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE (538)

South African (Sotho)

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in E Minor*  
Amy Bishop, Organ

Pachelbel

“We don’t come to the table to fight or to defend. We don’t come to prove or to conquer, to draw lines in the sand or to stir up trouble. We come to the table because our hunger brings us there. We come with a need, with fragility, with an admission of our humanity. The table is the place where the doing stops, the trying stops, the masks are removed, and we allow ourselves to be nourished, like children.”  
—Shauna Niequist

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we go out to share that nourishment in the ordinary intersections of our daily lives. The Lord’s Day service is the indispensable event that identifies the church with its Lord and equips it to identify with those whom the Lord has called us to serve.

**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](http://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.

*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*

### 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

*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) Circle

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

*Anne Aspinwall at anneaspinwall@gmail.com.*

*Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.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.

*St. Simons Presbyterian 638-2220*

*Rev. Bob Brearley at 912-399-5957*

*Rev. Alan Dyer at 937-623-7963*

*Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212*

# Manna House

October 2

**Mondays**  
**1st**

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



"Try Something New"

## Sunday Luncheon

Menu:

Tropic Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Asparagus, Roasted Potatoes & Onions, Dessert

Next Sunday, October 8

12 PM | \$10/ person

**RSVP Online!**

Try Something New

**JACKSONVILLE**

# ZOO

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This Week | October 1 - 7

### Today, Oct 1

8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary  
9:00 am **Coffee Hour**- Social Hall  
9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations  
11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary  
12:00 pm **Worship & Music Ministry Team** - Britt Room  
5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic  
6:00 pm **Youth Fellowship** - Youth Suite

### Monday, Oct 2

9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G. Street Brunswick  
10:00 am **Instrumental Ensemble** - Sanctuary  
12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room  
3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - John Law Room  
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Tuesday, Oct 3

7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a

### Wednesday, Oct 4

10:30 am **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite  
4:00 pm **KidZ Crew & Choir** - Veranda  
6:00 pm **WOW Supper** - Social Hall  
6:30 pm **Stephen Ministry** - Parlor  
6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room  
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, Oct 5

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

### Friday, Oct 6

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

### Sunday School Classes

#### Adult

*Britt Class* - Upper Room  
*Come & See* - Social Hall  
*Rejoice* - Chapel  
*Trinity* - Parlor  
*30s & 40s* - Youth Suite

#### Children

*Children's Hall*  
*Preschool & Elementary*

#### Youth

*Youth Suite*  
*Senior High & Mid High*

**Communion Display:** The retable display this morning is given to the glory of God and is provided by Suzanne Morrison.

### WOW Supper Menu (Oct 4) // RSVP online or call the office!

Goulash, salad, rolls, dessert.

*KidZ Friendly Menu:* Chicken tenders, mac-n-cheese, oranges

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Dinner

“**A** FAMILY IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO EAT THE SAME THING FOR DINNER.”

— Nora Ephron

## St. Simons Presbyterian Church

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