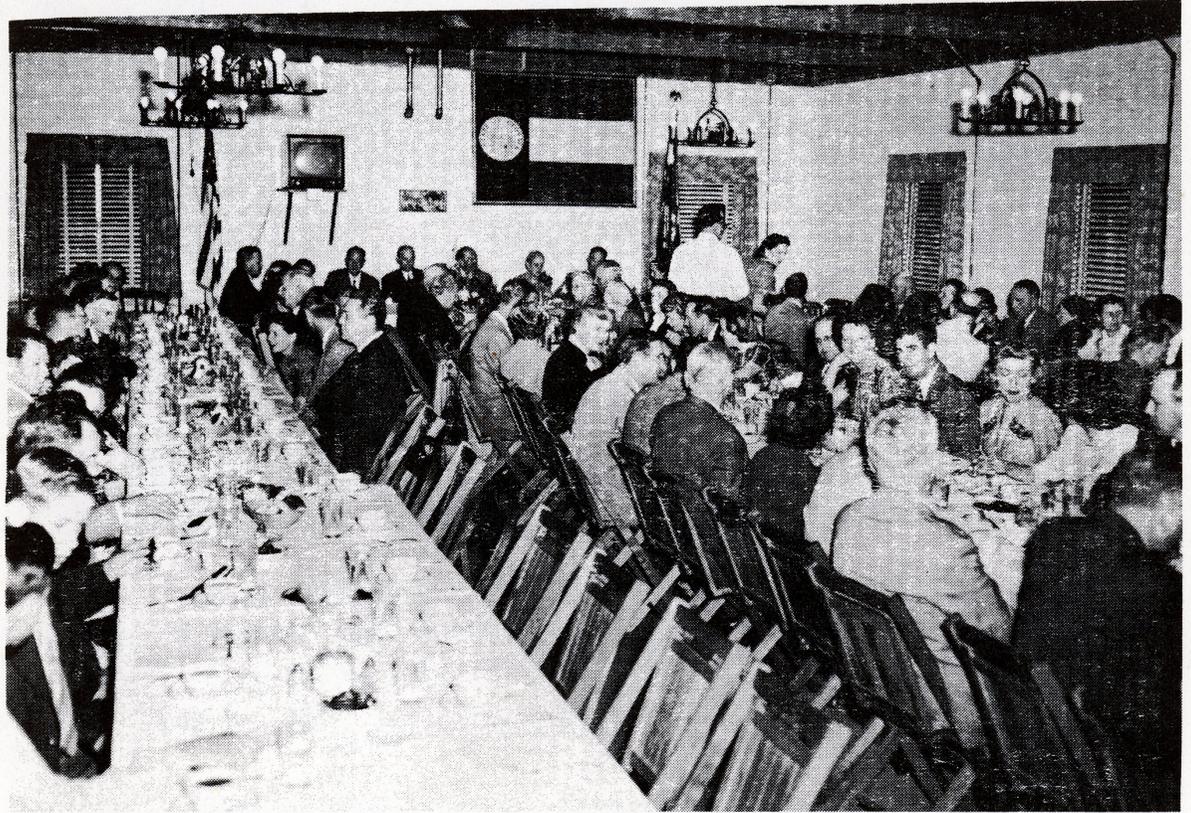


# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Kick-Off Banquet*

March 1951

## World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021 | 10:30 am Traditional Service



# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

Due to high transmission rates of the COVID-19 virus, masks are required for all indoor worship and activities at the church regardless of vaccination status. Disposable masks are available at all entrances to the building. As an added safety measure, we are also employing the use of an EPA approved air treatment technology in the sanctuary called Grignard Pure.



Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code located in the pew racks.

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.

## INTROIT

South African

*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. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today. We ask that you please silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the children's moment at the 10:30 AM worship, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for Children's Chapel. A nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is also available for children from birth to five years.*

## PRELUDE

*Everybody Sing it Out*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Argentinian

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hillary Stringfellow

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

\* Please stand if able.

\*OPENING HYMN 526

Jamaican Folk Melody

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the gift of bread and cup, still we harbor anger against others. Too often, we hoard Your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others. Remind us again, O Lord, that Your love has always and will always be with us. You have called us to be witnesses to the good things that can happen when we follow Your ways. You have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ. Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which You have placed us.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

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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 533

BREAD OF PEACE

*In the Singing*  
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

OFFERTORY

*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.*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.  
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.*

### CHILDREN'S LITANY OF PARTING

Leader: We now go our separate ways.

**Congregation: May God be with you there.**

**Children: May God be with you here.**

### FIRST READING

**Psalm 133**  
*page 970 OT*

Hillary Stringfellow

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Come Before the Table*  
Chancel Choir

Karen Marrolli

### SECOND READING

**Acts 2:42-47**  
*page 1694 NT*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

*Birthday Party: 75 Years of Fellowship*

Rev. Alan Dyer

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we all share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

This morning's affirmation of faith is an excerpt from the Belhar Confession. Written in 1982 in Afrikaans, the Belhar Confession was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa in 1986 as a response to apartheid. In a historic move, the Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted it in 2016 as one of our denomination's official confessions at General Assembly 222.

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 306

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*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 598

South African

*Amen, We Praise Your Name*

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

*The Mission*

Morricone

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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship. We would love to get to know you better.



**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.



**To Aid in Worship.** Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



**If You Are in Need of Prayer.** Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor or staff member before or after worship, or by visiting [sspres.org/prayer](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](http://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](http://sspres.org/sermons) or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.



**Ways to Give.** Offering boxes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. You can also give electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the right or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission

### **Manna House**

*First Monday of Every Month.*

*1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA*

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

Will resume in Fall/Winter 2021.

*Chris Pippart at [cpipp109@gmail.com](mailto:cpipp109@gmail.com).*

### **PAL Mentoring Program**

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Will resume in Fall/Winter 2021.

*Richard Hathaway at [thehathaways2@comcast.net](mailto:thehathaways2@comcast.net).*

### **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.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org)*

## Children

### **Children's Chapel**

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

*Wednesdays:* (*Resuming September 8*)

(Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

### **KidZ 2nd Sunday** (Grades 3 to 5)

*Monthly on 2nd Sundays:* Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Youth

### **Youth Group**

*(Resuming August 22)*

*Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.*

Meet on the Veranda.

### **Breakfast Devotion** (Grades 6 to 12)

*Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A*

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at [annie@sspres.org](mailto:annie@sspres.org)*

## Young Adults

### **TGIF/Faith on Tap**

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome. Resuming this Fall.

*Ada Owens at [ada@sspres.org](mailto:ada@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Discipleship

### **Sunday School**

*Begins at 9:15 AM in Various Locations*

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

### **:: Always A Guest**

*By Barbara Brown Taylor - John Law*

### **:: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

*By NT Wright - Upper Room*

### **:: Baseball as a Road to God**

*By John Sexton - Library*

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

### **Men's Bible Study**

*Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

Men's Bible Study led by Rev. Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

*John Matthews at [jhmatthews7@comcast.net](mailto:jhmatthews7@comcast.net).*

### **Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group**

*(Resuming This Fall)*

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

*Gwen Mayberry [gwenmayberry@gmail.com](mailto: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.

*Nardis Kellar at [nardisk@gmail.com](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyconnors1@gmail.com)*

*or (608) 220-8481*

## 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 remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

### **Youth Afterglow** (Grades 6 to 12)

*Sundays at 6:30PM in Music Attic*

Weekly music fun, following youth group fellowship and dinner. Led by Rhonda Hambright.

*Rhonda Hambright at [rhonda@sspres.org](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto:suzanne@sspres.org)*

## Pastoral Care

### **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. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757*

# Ladies Bible Study

resuming October 7th  
EVERY THURSDAY  
10AM | Upper Room

## SILVER BLUFF & RICHLAND RUM TOUR

TRY SOMETHING NEW  
TOUR & TASTING

October 14th | Time TBD  
1325 Newcastle St. Brunswick, GA  
SAVE THE DATE!



## Children's Sunday

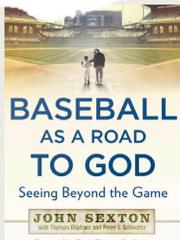
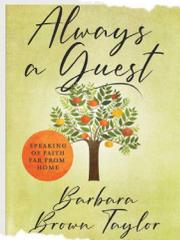
### JOSEPH

FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

Sunday, October 25 | 10:30am Worship

We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Sparrows Nest.

### A SELECTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES October 3 - November 21



MORE INFO AT  
[sspres.org/sunday-school](http://sspres.org/sunday-school)

Available in  
church office for \$10

This Week | October 3 - 8

### Sunday, October 3

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite
- 6:30 pm **Youth Afterglow** - Music Attic

### Monday, October 4

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary

### Tuesday, October 5

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - SSI Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning Committee** - Britt Room

### Wednesday, October 6

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:30 pm **Hands and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 7

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

### Friday, October 8

**No Activities Planned for this Day**

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel greenery is given to the glory of God by the greenery committee.

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Liturgy adapted from Ministry Matters.

## AFTERGLOW YOUTH MUSIC GATHERING

Beginning Sunday, September 19

SUNDAYS | 6:30PM | MUSIC ATTIC

To Ponder Prayerfully

# United Through Sharing

“**W**E ARE UNITED THROUGH SHARING ... OUR LIVES MADE MEANINGFUL ... MADE NEW. ‘TAKE. EAT. THIS IS MY BODY,’ SAID JESUS WHEN HE BROKE THE BREAD AT THE LAST SUPPER. THEN HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US. BEHIND ALL COMMUNION IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE MUST GIVE OUR LIVES TO EACH OTHER, FOR EACH OTHER.”

-Gunilla Norris

On September 29, 1946, a group of faithful Presbyterians gathered for worship at the Casino Theatre in the St. Simons Village. On that day, forty-six women and men formally organized a new church called St. Simons Presbyterian. This year marks the 75th anniversary since our very first Sunday as a family of faith - so naturally, we are ready to throw a birthday party! This five-week series is an opportunity for us to look back celebrate our past, give thanks for our present, and look ahead with eager anticipation for all the ways God will continue to work through the faith, fellowship, worship, mission, and people that are St. Simons Presbyterian Church.



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