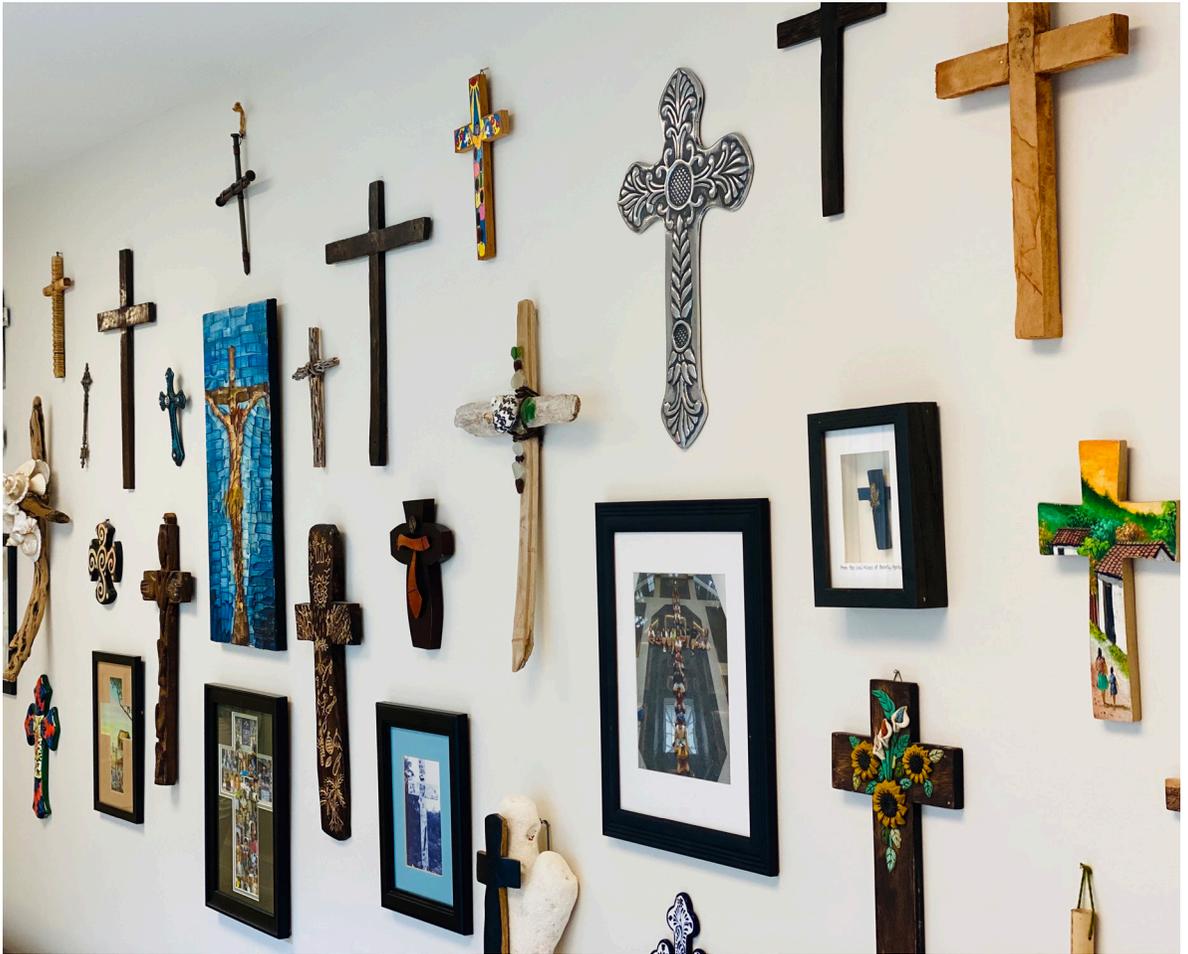


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Cross Wall

Saint Simons Presbyterian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021 | 10:30 am Traditional Service



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.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Chancel Choir

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

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

Concertino
Amy Bishop, Organist

G. Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leslie Hartman

One: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

ALL: we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.

One: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims in the journey,

ALL: each of us seeks to follow Jesus.

One: Builders of bridges in fractured communities,
those who stand on either side of the walls of fear,

ALL: the Spirit calls us together to worship!

* Please stand if able.

*OPENING HYMN 726

KELVINGROVE

Will You Come and Follow Me

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Kate Buckley

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home You are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and the other, we forget that You created us all. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us while ignoring the stranger in our midst. Forgive us, God. Open our hearts to see outside ourselves and to love our neighbors as You have called us to.

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 466

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and Fill Our Hearts
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 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

*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

Genesis 1:24-31
page 3 OT

Leslie Hartman

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Go Into the World
Chancel Choir

Sleeth

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:17-21
page 1819 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Birthday Party: Mission

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

We pray the Prayer for Illumination before reading scripture because we recognize that, without the work of the Spirit, it's impossible for us to truly to hear the good news, especially when that good news includes a challenging word within it.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 761

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen, We Praise Your Name

AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

POSTLUDE

Voluntary for the Horns
Amy Bishop, Organist

G. Young

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.



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.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at sspres.org/livestream. A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit 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.

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.

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

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 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

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 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 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.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

(Resuming This Fall)

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

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.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at 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 or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at 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

TRY SOMETHING NEW

RICHLAND RUM TOUR + DINNER AT SILVER BLUFF

October 14th | 3:45 PM
1325 Newcastle St, Brunswick, GA

limited to 15 ppl

RSVP ONLINE!



The 75th Birthday

CONCERT SERIES

ORGAN RECITAL WITH AMY BISHOP

OCT 24 | 3PM | SANCTUARY

ALL ARE WELCOME!



This Week

October 10 - 15

Sunday, October 10

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

Monday, October 11

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **PW Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room

Tuesday, October 12

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - SSI Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Circle Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **PW Circle Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 12:30 pm **Worship & Music Meeting** - Location Varies

Wednesday, October 13

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 14

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - John Law
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Hospice Grief Group** - John Law
- 3:45 pm **Richland Rum Tour & Silver Bluff** - 1406 Newcastle St

Friday, October 15

No Activities Planned for This Day

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given by Lillian Clarke, to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, Lillian Roberts Deakins.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Lectionary Liturgies originally written by Thom Shuman.

Children's Sunday

JOSEPH

FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

Sunday, October 24 | 10:30am Worship

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



MAP BOX PACKING

MAP PROVIDES LIFESAVING MEDICINE TO THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD.

OCT 25 | 10AM | BRITT ROOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

Try Something New

SIP + PAINT

Guided Painting with Jamie Scott

October 30 | 6PM | 100 Druid Oaks Lane

COST IS \$20 TO COVER MATERIALS

Bring Your Favorite Hors d'oeuvre.
Wine will be provided!

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS



To Ponder Prayerfully

Stay the Course

“**I**N THE SUMMER OF 1946, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF MR. HARNBERGER, MR. HUGH B. CARTER, STUDENT AT THE UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, CAME TO THE ISLAND WITH HIS NEW BRIDE. MR. CARTER PREACHED ON SUNDAY, CONDUCTED THE PRAYER SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY AND WITH HIS WIFE PEDALED BY BICYCLE ALL OVER ST. SIMONS VISITING EVERY PERSON OF PRESBYTERIAN LEANING. HIS EARNEST EFFORTS WERE REWARDED AND BY THE END OF AUGUST THERE WERE THIRTY NAMES ON A LIST OF PRESBYTERIANS ALL INTERESTED IN STARTING A CHURCH.

-An Excerpt From
A History of St. Simons Presbyterian Church (1946-1971)

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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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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