

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

Ushers

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Acolyte

Connor Rossiter

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

We are glad you are with us in worship today and we ask that you silence your cell phones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Children are welcome in worship although a nursery is available in the children's hall at the rear of the church. Please ask an usher for guidance. Following the Word for Children those up to 2nd grade are invited to follow a staff member for Children's Chapel.

INTROIT

I Need Thee Every Hour

Lowry

Men's Quartet

Mark Lochstampfor, Tom Haughney, Richard Hathaway, Bud Longley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Laurie Bentley

THREE CHIMES

*The Three Chimes Represent
the Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

PRELUDE

A Quiet Reflection

D. Lasky

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Will Tsai

One: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;

ALL: my soul also, which you have redeemed.

One: I will sing praise with my spirit,

ALL: but I will sing with my mind as well.

One: Rejoice in the Lord, always.

ALL: Really and truly, rejoice!

Psalm 71, 1 Corinthians 14, Philippians 4

*HYMN OF PRAISE 363

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Laurie Bentley

Whatever personal reasons
lead us to church, another
reason, whether we are
aware of it or not, invites our
attention. God has called
the church to assemble
and offer its service as a
corporate priesthood.
-Book of Common Worship
Companion

* Please stand if able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God, Your angels and your prophets consistently tell us not to be afraid. And yet, we are. You promise to be with us no matter where we go. But we feel alone. You have given us gorgeous mountain ranges and marshlands; and yet, we forget to rejoice at your brilliance and love. Help us to know joy; not bubbly optimism or delusional cheer, but real authentic joy. Brighten our eyes to see you at work in all things, not just in the ways we expect to find you. May we be bearers of a brave light; and a joy that is unquenchable because it is not deterred by transient things. God, enliven us. May we pass on this joy to all we meet. Help us to transmit your love and your grace with steadfast joy.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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.

*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.

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship
Leslie Hartman

PRAYER LIST

Deaths

Jack Claiborne

Mother of Melissa

Bowman Coleman

Mary Grove

BB Shelander

Members

Millard Allen

Eric Andreae

Donna Chisholm

Harlan Hambricht

Pat Kent

Ellen Knesek Knowlton

Bill Lueckel

Draper Evans Risi

Betty Lou Schoneker

Deryl Warner

Friends and Family

Martha Armstrong's

twin sister, Mary Whaley

Mike Chapman

Ellen Fixx

Kellie Kelly

Gail Kroeze

Martha Martin's sister,

Eleanor Goodson

Rhett Rhame

Parker Silva

Nancy Smith

Wendy Stephens

Long-term Care

Mary Katherine Arens

Joann Bobb

Lynn Forsythe

Doris Hewell

Bob Stanford

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 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 children's chapel.

FIRST READING

Psalms 16:8-11

pg 854 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Grace in the Moment

Men's Quartet

B. Greene/Lochstampfor

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

pg 1830 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Joy: The Fizz that Never Fades"

Rev. Kate Buckley

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art

Chancel Choir

arr. Andrews

*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.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 305

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come, Sing, O Church in Joy!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Amy Bishop, Organist

D. Lasky

"God calls the church to
join the mission of Christ
in service to the world. As
the church engages in that
mission it bears witness
to God's reign over all life"
-Presbyterian Book of
Common Worship



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 or fill out the friendship register, located at the end of each pew. 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 envelopes can be found in the pews of 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.

Joe Wills at willsjoe@gmail.com

PAL Mentoring Program

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

Richard Hathaway at rshssi24@gmail.com

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.

Children

Children's Chapel

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

KidZ Crew

Wednesdays: (Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ Ensemble (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Before KidZ Fellowship

Meet in the Music Attic at 4PM.

Use the Veranda Door

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun.

Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

(Resumes September 10)

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

Youth

Youth Ensemble

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.

Meet on the Music Attic - Use the Veranda Door.

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:00PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

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

Transportation to school is available.

Adults

Try Something New Ministry

A group that is all about loving, connecting, serving, learning, and celebrating together.

Nat Scott at Nat@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM in Various Locations Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be in the Britt Room.

:: Get Out of Your Head by Jennie Allen

"20/30/40s" Women - Parlor

:: Words of Life by Adam Hamilton

"20/30/40s" Men - Ashantilly Room

:: Surprised by Scripture by N.T. Wright

Discussion Class - Book Study - Upper Room

:: Prayer in the Night by Tish Harrison Warren

Rejoice Class - Book Study - John Law

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the Upper Room

Men's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every

Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10:00AM in the John Law Room

Womens's Bible Study led by Nat Scott every Thursday.

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women are invited to join a PW Circle.

Circles meet for Bible Study each month. See

Something for Everyone for more group activities.

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com

or (912) 672-1916

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Sanctuary 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.

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. Steve Goyer 904-718-7777

Rev. Laurie Bentley 912-580-7903



This Week | October 15 -20

Sunday, October 15

- 8:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 10:30 am **Worship Service** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

Monday, October 16

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, October 17

- 7:00 am **Youth Chick-Fil-A Breakfast** -SSI Chick-Fil-A
- 9:00 am **MAP Packing** - 1700 Glynn Co Pkwy
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law

Wednesday, October 18

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** -Parlor
- 10:00 am **Mens Bible Study** -Upper Room
- 11:00 am **Early Music Ensemble** - Rhonda's Office
- 1:00 pm **Hand and Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 3:00 pm **Sonshine for the Soul** - John Law
- 3:00 pm **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** -Social Hall
- 6:45 pm **Chancel Choir** -Sanctuary

Thursday, October 19

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Group** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given today to the Glory of God and the SSPC Kidz Crew children by the Head family.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Grove who passed away on Sunday, October 8 and BB Shelander on Thursday, October 12. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Mary and BB's family and friends near and far who mourn their passing.

Celebration: Congratulations to Jan and Cathy Rossiter for completing and graduating from the School of the Laity through the Savannah Presbytery.

How Great Thou Art

OH LORD, MY GOD
WHEN I, IN AWESOME WONDER
CONSIDER ALL THE WORLDS THY HANDS HAVE MADE
I SEE THE STARS, I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER
THY POWER THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DISPLAYED

AND WHEN I THINK THAT GOD, HIS SON NOT SPARING
SENT HIM TO DIE, I SCARCE CAN TAKE IT IN
THAT ON THE CROSS, MY BURDEN GLADLY BEARING
HE BLED AND DIED TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN

WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME, WITH SHOUT OF ACCLAMATION
AND TAKE ME HOME, WHAT JOY SHALL FILL MY HEART
THEN I SHALL BOW, IN HUMBLE ADORATION
AND THEN PROCLAIM, MY GOD, HOW GREAT THOU ART

THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART

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