

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*St. Simons Presbyterian Worship
at the Community Church Building*

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 | 10:30 am Traditional Service



WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

We are currently operating under a mask optional policy for all indoor activities. As such, masks are welcome but not required for worship. We are also continuing the use of an EPA approved air treatment technology in the sanctuary called Grignard Pure as an added safety measure.



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.

INTROIT

Holy Ground
Chancel Choir

Geron Davis

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

Tune for the Oboe
Amy Bishop, Organist

G. Martin

The word worship comes from an old English term that was not originally religious in connotation. Worship simply meant "to ascribe honor to something or someone because of its/their ultimate importance." This is what we do when we worship God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hillary Stringfellow

One: I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

ALL: Our feet are standing within your gates, O' Jerusalem.

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

ALL: We gather to worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Season 2022
Nancy Matthews

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.

OFFERTORY

In the prayer of confession we pause to tell the truth about ourselves and our world. It's not always an easy practice, but we trust that it is grace that calls us to confession and grace that sets us free. The honest speech of confession makes newness possible.

*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 122
page 966 OT

Hillary Stringfellow

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Majesty
Chancel Choir

Hayford/arr. Schrader

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:1-7
page 1938 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Birthday Party: 75 Years of Worship

Rev. Alan Dyer

Though the Bible is the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ and God’s word to us, Presbyterians believe it requires the power and illumination of the Holy Spirit for it to become God’s living word within us. This prayer calls upon the Holy Spirit to silence in us any voice but God’s own, that we may receive with joy what God is saying to us.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God has not taken His people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship Him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 33

LLANFAIR

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

DRESDEN AMEN

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Amy Bishop, Organist

G. Martin

We go forth into the world to serve God in our daily lives as a continuation of our worship so that our work is our worship until such time as we gather again.



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

This Week | October 17 - 22

Sunday, October 17

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge
- 5:00 pm **2nd Sunday (3rd-5th Graders)** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, October 18

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

Tuesday, October 19

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - SSI Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, October 20

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

Thursday, October 21

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

Friday, October 22

No Activities Planned for This Day

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ben Gossett, who passed away on Tuesday, October 12. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Rhonda, Harlan, Joe, Hank, Darrell, Valerie, and the many other family and friends grieving Ben's death.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to Kathleen Haller and family upon the death of her son, Timothy English, who passed away on Tuesday, October 12. Please join us in praying for God's peace and comfort to surround Kathleen and the many other family and friends who are mourning Tim's death.

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given by Dee Davis, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Ed Davis.

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.

The 75th Birthday

CONCERT SERIES

ORGAN RECITAL WITH AMY BISHOP

OCT 24 | 3PM | SANCTUARY

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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

Usher Ministry

TRAINING + BASIC CPR

Saturday, October 30th

Sanctuary | 9:00am - 12:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG/USHERS

PRAY
OBSERVE
INITIATE
SMILE
SERVE

To Ponder Prayerfully
Worship

“**W**ORSHIP DOES NOT SATISFY OUR HUNGER FOR GOD - IT WHETS OUR APPETITE. OUR NEED FOR GOD IS NOT TAKEN CARE OF BY ENGAGING IN WORSHIP - IT DEEPENS.”

-Eugene Peterson

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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