

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jacob Wrestling With The Archangel
Unknown Russian Painter - Circa 1000

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter
Anna Henry

Ushers
Sandi Goeldner
Rich Goeldner
Bob Harper
Nancy Harper

Acolyte
Ethan Tsai

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT 399

JOHN BELL

God Welcomes All
Chancel Choir & Congregation

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 worship space, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the entrances to the social hall. Bibles & hymnals are available at each entrance. Please return them to the carts as you exit the social hall following worship. Hymns and scripture will also be displayed on the screens during worship.

PRELUDE

arr. Behnke

Dona Nobis Pacem
Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship, the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship, the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world. – PCUSA Directory for Worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Henry

One: We gather here in anticipation,

ALL: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,

One: who comes among us when we least expect it,

ALL: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

One: who richly blesses us,

ALL: and calls us each by name.

One: Let us worship God.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN 462

HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

O Lord our Shepherd, maker of heaven and earth, we lift up our eyes to the hills, looking for your mercy and forgiveness. You watch over us night and day, and yet our feet go astray; we slip, stumble, and fall into sin. We confess that we do not watch for your guidance, trust in your protection, or offer your comfort to others. Forgive us, O God. Save us from the evil we bring on ourselves and guide us as we go out into the world and come back into your presence.

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.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tate Simpson

Usher & Greeter Ministry

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 306

DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

“If my sinfulness appears to me to be in any way smaller or less detestable in comparison with the sins of others, I am still not recognizing my sinfulness at all.... How can I possibly serve another person in unfeigned humility if I seriously regard his sinfulness as worse than my own?”

–Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Ushers are the first faces members and visitors alike see each Sunday morning. We are undertaking an effort to grow our usher ministry by inviting any and all individuals (regardless of age or how short or long you have been attending SSPC) to consider becoming an usher. The only requirements are a passion for practicing hospitality and a heart for welcoming people to church!

OFFERTORY

Buckwalter

Contemplation
Chancel Ringers

Electronic giving is available by texting the code "SSPC" to the number 73256.

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Prayer of Dedication helps us to make the connection between our giving and the rest of our lives. Of course we give our money to support the work of the church, but we also give as a way of rededicating our lives to God. We are called to turn not just our resources but our lives, all we have and all we are, to the great work of compassion and justice to which God calls us.

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

Anna Henry

Psalm 121
Page 965 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Story, arr. Sorenson

Blessings
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

Genesis 32: 22-31
Page 53 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*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.

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from "A Declaration of Faith," which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation is intentionally written in a form to be easily used to worship.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 450

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 601

DANISH AMEN

Amen
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Paxton

Sing Praise to God
Amy Bishop, Organist

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.

Giving By Text. You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256.

If You Are in Need of Prayer. You may fill out a prayer request card (available in the visitor logs) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

To Aid in Worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals and Bibles may be obtained from the ushers.

Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.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.

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@gmail.com.

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 Children's Hall with breakfast

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship. *(Pre K-2nd)*

Wednesdays Starting August 28th: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. Wednesday Night 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.

Youth

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Youth Suite with breakfast

Sunday Night Fellowship

Sunday evenings in the Youth Suite

Dinner at 6PM

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

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

Young Adults

TGIF/Faith on Tap

Monthly Friday (usually 2nd Friday) at 6PM

A casual social gathering for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location varies. Movie night at church will coordinate for the kids.

Ada Owens at ada@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM

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 (Traditional) - Chapel

Come & See (Discussion) - Upper Room

Rejoice (Sharing) - John Law Room

20s/30s/40s (Conversational) - Youth Suite

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room.

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. 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 (Beginning Oct 10)

Wednesdays at 3PM in the Chapel

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 or 912-399-1101

Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com or 912-580-8754.

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 are an important part of the music ministry for children through adults.

Rhonda Hambricht 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.

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

Usher Ministry

WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US!
MORE INFO. AT SSPRES.ORG

PRAY
OBSERVE
INITIATE
SMILE
SERVE

FALL FESTIVAL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

• ST SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN •

Fall Festival

October 30, 2019 • 5-7pm

With Food Trucks from *Porch & Ibhasi* along with bounce houses, face painting, games, prizes & much more!

Bring Can Food Item as Ticket for Admission

All donations will go to Sparrow's Nest. A List of Items can be found at sspres.org

ANGEL TREE

Volunteers Needed

The Season of Giving is near!

MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG



SHARE GOD'S LOVE AT MAGNOLIA MANOR

3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
3:30 PM

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE BACK? VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME & VISIT WITH US AT MAGNOLIA MANOR AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

This Week | Oct 20 - 25

Today, October 20

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Social Hall
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Britt Room
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Social Hall
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - The Head's House

Monday, October 21

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, October 22

- 7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-A, SSI
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite

Wednesday, October 23

- 10:00 pm **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Youth Suite
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Music Attic

Thursday, October 24

- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 3:00 pm **Women's Video Bible Study** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, October 25

No Activities Scheduled for This Day

Chancel Flowers: The flowers are given by John and Melissa Hallman, to the glory of God and in honor of Haynes Hallman's 10th Birthday!
"We love you, Haynes!" - Mom & Dad

Wednesday Night Supper: Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship this Wednesday, October 23, at 6 PM. Dinner will include chicken tetrazzini, salad, rolls, and dessert. Don't forget to sign up online at sspres.org!

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Adapted from Rev. Nathan Williams.

To Ponder Prayerfully
Meeting Grace

“**H** E HAD MET GOD IN THE RIVER AND IN HIS BROTHER’S ARMS.
AND GOD’S NAME AND FACE WAS GRACE.”

-H. Stephen Shoemaker

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